

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 15, 2016 via Tele-conference

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25th, 5:15 PM at UW-Extension- Jefferson Office

Attending this meeting: Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Joe Zakovec, Dave Hoffman, Eric Compas

Absent: Lindsey Schreiner, Andy Selle, Carl Korfmacher, Karl Brandstaetter

1. Approval of 10/26/16 minutes and 11/16/16:

Patricia moved to approve 10/26/16 minutes; Dave seconded; motion carried. Patricia moved to approve 11/16/16 meeting minutes; Joe second; motion carried.

2. Announcements:

None to report.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Project summaries for open grants were discussed- Yahara WINS 3 has been zeroed out and is now complete. Yahara WINS 4 has \$7,809.00 remaining and we received Yahara WINS 5 grant funds and will be included in upcoming financial reports. Remaining Brandt Quark funds will be spent soon. Eric moved to accept Treasurer's Report; seconded by Dave; motion carried.

4. Membership Update:

Tara and Suzanne met last this week to discuss entering all membership data.

5. Stream Monitoring Report:

Nancy put out the report card she was working on from the river planning grant. Eric will review how the maps are accessed and presented on our web site. Nancy has also confirmed most of the dates and venues for citizen stream monitoring spring training workshops.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Brief Updates:

- a. Rock R. Recovery (TMDL Implementation): Nothing new to report.
- b. Rock R. Stormwater Group & working together: Andy wasn't present so agenda item was tabled until next meeting.
- c. Database update and gift for Justin Marthaler: Justin from Strand Associates worked on database to get it in shape for the time being, donating 6 - 8 hours. More work will need to take place. Jane re-gifted him some PDQ gas cards. We agreed to give him a tee shirt and a couple RRC glasses and a free membership for a year.
- d. Fundraising and Membership Drive: Jane sent out list of businesses to contact before November meeting and Patricia updated it with more contacts and sent it out to the board. Each board member expected to make at least 5 contacts.
- e. Water Words that Work potential training: no new developments with WWW.

f. Technology Needs: Eric discussed how RRC can better protect our site from being compromised by unwanted malware and increase our website security. Eric will look into options to better protect the RRC website and word press website.

g. Membership Survey: Tabled until 2017, possible budget item.

Eric motioned to allocate \$100.00 to support the February 8 healthy soils, healthy water seminar in Dodge county; Patricia seconded; motion carried.

7. Next Newsletter- Winter 2017:

The winter '17 newsletter editors are Jane and Andy who are soliciting articles and have a good amount lined up already. They will get articles into Suzanne by early January.

8. Next Phase of Actually Restorable Wetlands Project:

Surface Water- River Planning Grant application was submitted to DNR. This grant is to take the "Potentially Restorable Wetlands" (phase one) to the "Actual Restorable Wetlands" (phase 2) by refining the WDNR's Potentially Restorable Wetlands map, using GIS; by potentially field-inspecting a subset of the ARWs that were identified in the first phase; and creating an interactive GIS system on a web-based platform so that members of the public can find ARW's.

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association has committed \$1,500.00 match for this grant. Scott's company, Taylor Conservation has committed \$750.00 of in-kind consulting services, and Ducks Unlimited has also committed \$1,000.00 of consulting services to assist with completion of this project.

We should be notified by DNR on grant results in late January or early February.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Grant Wrap-ups:

TTW final report made by Suzanne and sent around for the board. Eric had good suggestions to include in the conclusion. This will be the final report of TTW. Suzanne also working on a shorter report for WDNR.

10. 2017 Preliminary Budget:

Patricia will begin this process soon and will discuss more in-depth during next board meeting. Send any budget items that will need to be reviewed during the next meeting. Need to budget for possible new wages for employees. Patricia and Jane to meet with employees for reviews.

Next newsletter- comes out in late April. We will need to announce annual meeting and awards. Dave offered to help with next newsletter. Jane will check with Lindsey to see if she can assist.

Motion to adjourn at 1:21 by Patricia; seconded Eric; motion carried.