



Our Mission:

"To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources of the Rock River Basin"

Board of Directors Minutes Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Next Regular Meeting: TBD, 4:30 PM – UW Extension, Jefferson

Attending this meeting: Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Jim Kerler, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, Joleen Stinson, Suzanne Wade

Absent: None.

Call to Order: President Patricia Cicero called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM, thanking board members for attending on short notice.

Approval of Minutes from May 14th (annual membership board) and June 19th (regular board) meetings: Following corrections to the 5/14/12 attendance and some typos from 6/19/12, both previous sets of minutes were motioned, seconded and voted for approval.

Potentially Restorable Wetlands Project: Scott talked to Tracy Hames, of Wisconsin Wetlands Association, who asked to see Zeloski Marsh. A tour will be provided on August 18th. Scott will ask Jeanne Scherer to accompany. Suzanne suggested we share our wetland monitoring fact sheet with Tracy.

Executive Residence Project: Patricia stated the Department of Administration is planning to do a lighting project but has delayed it, so plantings are also delayed until Spring 2013. Patricia noted the handout rendering, which received some negative feedback, will be updated. Native plantings will look more formal than is typical but the design will meet standards.

Water Star: Per Suzanne, page 3 of our newsletter kicked off the announcement of Water Star webinars which will begin in September, 2012. Town and Country RC&D is supposed to have a contract to work on Water Star. We sent a draft signed by Patricia but they did not respond. Patricia will follow up with Lisa Conley or Jim Gage. The contract with UW has been signed but we can't pay the RC&D until we get money from UW Extension. Roxanne is working with TCRCD to on how to invoice it and pay Beth Gehred. We can hold up to \$3/hour of the \$25/hour allotted, with the rest going to Beth at the RC&D.

Treasurer's Report: Per Suzanne, there is no report due to the short notice for this meeting. It has been a quiet month with respect to expenditures and revenues. Jeanne was able to get a citizen monitoring grant to pay for almost all of her time.

Stream and Wetland Monitoring Reports: No reports due to late meeting notice, but both of our coordinators are doing good work. Jim Koepke asked about phosphorous monitoring by citizens. It is expected that P concentrations will be low, and water quality high during drought years. There have been fish kills due to low flow though.

Environmental Law Institute (ELI) Wetlands, Wildlife Habitat and Flood Hazards Webinar: Scott described the intent of the webinars ELI is conducting, and which are available to us.

Fundraising: We will solicit our members to financially support the Monitoring Program and other activities. Patricia, Suzanne and Joleen will work on this. Patricia will also discuss some budgetary constraints with Nancy.

New Employees: Per Patricia both of our new employees, Nancy and Jeanne, are doing a great job.

Drop Box: Suzanne will look into options for online document storage, management and sharing.

TMDL: Suzanne has been hired by UWEX for education and outreach associated with the Rock River TMDL.

Send Your Legislator Down the River: Patricia discussed status of plans for this year's event, scheduled for Monday, August 27th. Registration begins at 4 PM.

Newsletter: Deadline for the fall issue is October 5th. Scott and Joleen will take the lead in assembling articles.

Next Meeting: Patricia will use Doodle to set up the September meeting.

Adjournment: Following a motion, second and vote to adjourn, Patricia adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 PM.