



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"

Rock River Coalition
Board of Directors Meeting
UW-Extension, Jefferson, WI
January 10, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Conley.

Attendance: Those in attendance were Lisa Conley, Scott Taylor, Patricia Cicero, Suzanne Wade, Ken Wiesner, and Ed Grunden.

Approval of the minutes: The approval of the minutes from the meeting held on November 11, 2008 was postponed until the next meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Wade reviewed the treasurers report ending on 1/8/09. A brief discussion was held on the need to formulate a budget for this year. The following Board members will meet to accomplish this task: Wade, Taylor, Conley, and Ruster. Jennifer Hanneman will also be included. The treasurers report was approved on a motion from Wade and seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Membership Update:

Conley thanked everyone for helping with the membership mailing. Board member can continue to send out letters. Taylor and Wiesner will talk to the River Alliance about a joint membership appeal. They will report on this effort at the next Board meeting.

Grant Status:

Wade completed the final report for the lake grant on lawn phosphorus education. Ed presented the portion of his report related to grants. He is working to obtain involvement by the City of Horicon in a grant proposal looking at nutrient and sediment inflows and outflows of the Horicon Marsh.

DNR Budget Cuts:

Wade reported that there may be cuts to the Basin Educators due to the State budget. She will inform us when any final decisions are made.

TMDL:

Reel was not in attendance, but he reported prior to the meeting that the TMDL is scheduled to be completed by August 2009.

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Japanese Knotweed Grant Application:

Taylor presented a proposal by the Friends group to apply for a Department of Natural Resources' Aquatic Invasive Species Grant to control the Japanese knotweed at Riley Road. Wade made a motion to support the grant proposal of the Friends of Badfish Creek. Motion seconded by Wiesner. Motion carried. Cicero motioned to sign the required resolution for the Japanese knotweed grant. Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Grant Application Protocol:

Cicero presented her proposal for how grant applications should be developed and approved by the Board and its employees. After a discussion of the protocol, some editing was done. The final protocol is attached. Wade motioned to approve the Grant Application Protocol. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wade noted that the protocol should be filed with the other Rock River Coalition policies.

Part Time Stormwater Educator:

Wade reported that the Rock River Stormwater Group wants to hire a permanent half-time position to develop and implement a stormwater education plan. A request for proposal will be sent out at the end of January. They are looking for an individual or agency/organization to hire and will pay for salary and operating costs. Wade suggested that the Rock River Coalition could consider submitting a proposal.

Koshkonong Creek Watershed Forum Speaker Grant:

Wade informed the Board that the watershed forum - Koshkonong Creek: An Undiscovered Treasure - will be held on April 26, 2009. In order to hire the Surly Surveyor, a grant for \$750 is needed. The Surly Surveyor would give a presentation on the original land survey methods and findings in the area. Cicero motioned to cosponsor a grant application with the Friends of Cam Rock Park for the Surly Surveyor's fee to present at the Koshkonong Creek watershed forum. Wiesner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Part Time Assistant:

Grunden distributed a project description for Administrative Assistant for Rock River Director of Citizen Monitoring. Wade determine with the time requested (10 hours per week) that the salary for the year would be approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000. Board members agreed that more discussion was needed on how this position would be funded.

Report of Director of Citizen Monitoring:

Grunden presented his report to the Board. He met with other citizen monitor coordinators from the State and some counties. They decided to not hold the citizen monitoring conference this year. Instead the coordinators are devising a effort that will result in the recruitment of new stream monitors. Grunden will continue to update the Board on their plans. The Board was in agreement that Grunden can attend the State Superintendent Conference to be part of the presentation team with the School District of Johnson Creek.

Personnel Reviews:

It was noted that reviews of the Coalition's two employees should be done soon. Conley, Wiesner, and perhaps Ruster will work together to perform personnel reviews.

Display Update:

Conley reported that the Rock River Coalition display is in need of being updated. Wade motioned to spend up to \$150 to update the display. Wiesner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cicero offered that there could be some cost-savings by using the Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department's plotter.

Next Meeting:

The following dates were identified for future Board meetings: February 23, March 9, and April 27. Conley will use the Meeting Wizard to check the dates with all Board members. It was also noted that the annual meeting date is May 12, 2009.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Wiesner and seconded by Cicero.