



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
March 10, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm by President Lisa Conley.

Attendance: Those in attendance were Lisa Conley, Scott Taylor, Patricia Cicero, Suzanne Wade, Ken Wiesner, Tim Reel, Bill Biesmann and Jan Ruster.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 2/23/09 meeting was approved on a motion from Wade and a second from Cicero. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was approved on a motion from Wade and a second from Taylor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Budget Development~ Wade, Conley and Ruster had previously met to discuss and develop a draft for a working budget. Wade walked the board through the income and expense portions of the budget. Discussions involved proposed account amounts, whether or not they were practical and potentially targeting specific membership groups for support. After continued discussion it was resolved that more time would be needed to review the budget. The board's intent will be to present a final draft at the annual meeting.

Strategic Planning~ *see handout. Wiesner put together a "then and now" review of the 2008 and 2009 RRC strategic planning meetings. More emphasis was put on the 2009 items and discussions focused on the highlighted issues. These are items that the board felt was important to continue to put energy and effort into for the future of the RRC. Cicero noted that we "need to take ownership" of certain items of importance. This should be done by board members, issue team leaders etc. The board should work to build on these items. Another strategic planning meeting will be held after the annual meeting.

Part-Time Assistant~ Wade and Conley had previously met with Ed Grunden, Citizen Monitoring Director, to discuss his proposal to for an assistant. Discussion started by handing out a job description that could be advertised for if so agreed. Wade and Conley relayed prior discussions had with Grunden to the board so they could have a better idea on the intent of the position. Discussion involved, where we are at with our positions, where we want to go in the future and is the board providing proper direction to the RRC staff. Thoughts varied from acceptance and posting the position, to holding off until staff evaluations to taking a step back and rewriting the job descriptions. A motion to advertise the position to see what type of candidates would be interested was made by Ruster and seconded from Taylor. The motion passed with one opposing vote.

New Business:

Annual Meeting~ The annual meeting date was set for May 19th at 5:00pm. Reel will make the arrangements for the location and announcement.

Congressperson Tammy Baldwin Appropriations~ Cicero reviewed the process of the appropriations draft and submittal. Further details on the budgetary numbers were needed yet from USGS. This is a more finally tuned version in comparison to the request submitted last year. The deadline for submittal is March 13, 2009. A motion was made to submit the appropriations request upon receipt of a more detailed financial quote from USGS. Motioned by Reel and seconded by Wiesner. Motion carried.

Community Shares~ Conley discussed the Community Shares program. It would require a board member to sit on one of their committees as well as membership dues payment from RRC. Support was shown for the program and a motion was made by Wade with a second from Cicero to follow through with a preliminary application for this program. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Newsletter~ The deadline for the next newsletter is March 31, 2009. Article ideas are: SYLDR and Annual Meeting updates.

Letter of Support~ A letter was drafted by Conley to voice the RRC's disappointment with Gov. Doyle and the reversal of his decision to make the Secretary of the WDNR a hired position vs. an appointed one.

Stormwater Group~ Wade updated the board on the progress of the Community Stormwater Group. They have recently hired a very exciting and talented consulting group to help with stormwater education and awareness in their local communities.

Next Meeting~ April 27, 2009 @ 4:30 pm at UW Extension, Jefferson Co.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Reel and second from Wiesner. Motion carried.

