



**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  
April 27, 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 Ed Grunden.

Approval of Minutes: Two changes were noted on the minutes from 3/10/09 by Conley. The minutes were then approved on a motion from Wiesner and a second from Biesmann. Motion carried.

Employee Report:

**Ed Grunden~** \*see attached report. Ed briefed the board on the upcoming Snapshot Day June 13, 2009. This is being coordinated through the UW-Extension. Ed also discussed the possibility of a Basin Educational Center in Johnson Creek. Information on this was preliminary and details will be discussed after future meetings. Ed will be attending non-profit meeting in WI Dells on 6/2/09. A note was made to ask Ed to attach dates for the events he is involved with in his report so the board could be better informed and attend if able.

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

Executive Session: A motion was made by Wiesner and seconded by Wade to move into executive session. Motion carried @ 5:00pm. A motion was made to exit the executive session by Wiesner and seconded by Reel. Motion carried @ 5:45pm

OLD BUSINESS:

**Budget Development~** Wade reviewed the updated "draft" version of the 2009 budget. The budget was approved on a motion from Cicero and a second by Reel. Motion carried.

**Annual Meeting~** Wade briefed the board on the Award Committee selections for 2009. Awards are given every 2 years. Protector Awards will be given in the following categories: individual, group, legislator and educator. Friends Awards will be given to 6 individuals this year. All nominations were accepted on a motion from Wiesner and a second from Cicero. Motion carried. The majority of the awards will be presented on May 19, 2009 at the Annual Meeting @ 1855 Saloon and Grill in Cottage Grove. Elections will also take place at the meeting. Wiesner, Reel and Novaks seats are up for election this year. Reel and Novak will not be running and Wiesner has committed to stay one additional year to help carryover an outstanding position. Conley will be putting together the postcard style invitations. The Zeloski Marsh Birding DVD will be presented at this years meetings as well.

**Appropriations Request~** Cicero explained the where we were at with this process. Requests have been submitted to both Tammy Baldwin and Herb Kohl.

**River Grants~** The Oak Creek grant proposed in 2008 was not reapplied for this year. Emphasis was put on the Rock River / Horicon Site Assessment Protection Grant. A motion to approve the resolution supporting this application was made by Reel and seconded by Wade. Motion carried. Wade brought another resolution to the board regarding the Water Star Program. Utilizing a river planning grant time would be spent to develop survey and media links to be used in the administering of the Water Star Program. A motion to support this resolution was made by Reel and seconded by Wiesner. Motion carried.

**Joint Membership~** Taylor briefed the board on a past meeting held with the River Alliance (RA). The RA approached the Coalition about this venture. Basically, two organizational memberships would be offered at a reduced price. It was determined that the RA would handle this “one time” mailing while the Coalition would handle the return mailing end of things. This would be targeted at individual members, not corporate, and would not include current members of either organization. A motion to move forward in discussions with the RA regarding combined membership was made by Wade and seconded by Biesmann. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Computers~** Biesmann will be looking into the specifications for a PC capable of running the new GFLOW database program. A motion was made to support the expenditure of \$400 towards a laptop PC for RRC staff by Wade and seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

**Programs~**

- Wetland Incentives – Scott & Lisa reported on their meeting from 4/23. Discussed utilizing value incentives.
- Watershed Districts were discussed
- Nature Conservancy/Monsanto grant for Buffer Initiatives - \$600,000 available
- Project RED- River Alliance will be putting on required trainings (3-4hrs.) prior to participants helping in events to ID and prevent invasive species. Events are already being set up. Cicero is attempting to get a training put together for the Rock River Basin. The board expressed interest in this program with a motion from Wade and a second from Wiesner. Motion carried. Cicero will communicate with Ed Grunden regarding this.

**Koshkonong Creek Forum~** Wade updated the board on the success of the forum held April 26<sup>th</sup>. 70 people were in attendance. Joleen did an excellent job and will continue work on this project.

**Next Meeting~** Annual Meeting, May 19, 2009 @ 1855 Saloon and Grill in Cottage Grove, WI 5pm

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm on motion from Reel and second from Wiesner. Motion carried.

