



**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  
June 3, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Conley @ 4:45pm.

Attendance: Those in attendance were Lisa Conley, Scott Taylor, Jan Ruster, Patricia Cicero, Tim Reel, Suzanne Wade, Tracey Novak, Ed Grunden and Bill Biesmann.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on March 17, 2008 were approved on a motion from Ruster and seconded by Cicero. Motion carried.

Introductions of New Board Members:

**Scott Taylor~** Scott was a founding member of the Friends of Starkweather Creek group in the Madison area. Scott has also been involved in county infiltration and a shoreline management revisions group. Scott is a private consulting forester by trade.

**Bill Biesmann~** Bill is stormwater group manager with Vierbicher Associates in their Madison office. Bill has previously sat on the board for the MAMSWP (Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership) group and is very interested in being involved and learning more about what the RRC has done and can accomplish in the future.

Election of Officers:

Ruster was reelected as Treasurer of the RRC on a motion from Cicero and a second from Wade. Reel was reelected as Secretary of the RRC on a motion from Novak and a second from Ruster. Motions carried. Conley discussed the position of president-elect and asked those in attendance to consider running for this position.

Treasurers Report:

Ruster noted the help of Jennifer Hanneman with the treasurer duties and development of reports. The report was reviewed noting our checking account balance of \$36,740.59 and our Unencumbered fund (operating funds) balance of \$4324.81. Wade reviewed the Lake Planning Grant, dealing with the Phosphorus education, for the board. Ruster then discussed the development of an operating budget for the RRC. This was the "first stab" at the 2008 budget based on 2006 and 2007 actual numbers. This was reviewed as a "draft" format only. A revised copy will be emailed out prior to our next meeting. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Cicero and seconded by Biesmann. Motion carried.

Director Reports:

**Wade~** Michael F.R. is doing good with the development of the Water Star program. Michael will be onboard through September to help with this program. Jim Congdon of the WDNR will be helping in the promotion of our two proposed RRC River Planning Grants (i.e. Phosphorus sampling and Water Star). The deadline for the next newsletter is July 11, 2008. "Climate" will be the topic for this

newsletter. Phase II Storm Water communities are tentatively interested in forming a partnership group for educational purposes.

**Reel**~ Implementation of the TMDL for the Rock River Basin has been postponed by the EPA due to technical errors in the modeling effort. Look for this to be revisited at the end of the year. Reel turned to Grunden to discuss the progress on the Phosphorus Grant project. Ed noted the help of Dan H. and Jim C. from the WDNR in the writing of the 2 year proposed study.

**Conley**~ Lisa reminded everyone of the upcoming RC&D conference on Sept. 12, 2008

**Cicero**~ Patricia discussed the topic of fundraising within the RRC. The RRC did have a fundraising committee that should perhaps meet again to develop a type of standard protocol or checklist for grants etc. It was also mentioned that the entire board could meet specifically on this topic? Patricia also noted the lake leader group and feasible projects that they would be looking to take on.

#### Employee Reports:

**Grunden**~ Eds report will be attached but here are some of the highlights. The nesting surveys conducted in the Zeloski Marsh yielded excellent results in comparison to the DNR previous attempts. The DNR found 4 nests in an 8hr. time period. However, during the RRC survey in a 4hr. period 48 nests were located. Wow. The YSI grant application was denied. The RRC Congressional and Senate funding request is lying idle in the appropriation committees files at this time according to a meeting with rep. Tammy Baldwin. Toyota Corp./ "Together Green" have paired up with Madison Audubon Society. They in turn have contacted the RRC for help on the topic of "rain gardens".

#### Old Business:

- Wade discussed the Friends of Badfish Creek group and their request for a \$500.00 loan for operating expenditures to be reimbursed at a later date. A motion to approve this request was made by Wade and seconded by Cicero. Motion carried.
- A motion was made to grant an additional \$2500.00 (or 100hrs.) towards Ed Grunden time in an effort to generate more funds for citizen monitoring and for operating expenses. Motioned by Wade and seconded by Ruster. Discussion regarding this centered around the certainty that efforts would correlate to the needs and mission of the RRC. Motion carried.
- Taylor was asked by Caroline Werner (Friends of Badfish Creek – President) to mention and ask for support from the RRC in a local issue dealing with developmental concerns and service extensions in the Village of Oregon. In discussions this was thought to be an issue for the local municipality and specific individuals. The RRC took no official stance on this issue. Guidance towards sources of information was discussed as well.
- Membership brochures were handed out

#### New Business:

- Glacial Heritage Area coordinator was looking for public outreach help from the RRC.
- Wade will be looking for quotes from the new members for the newsletter.

#### Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the UW-Extension office @ 4:30pm on July 22, 2008

#### Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Cicero and seconded by Reel. Motion carried.

