



**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  
September 30, 2008

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, Ed Grunden, Ken Wiesner and Bill Biesmann.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on July 22, 2008 were approved on a motion from Wiesner and seconded by Cicero. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Suzanne reported that there are unencumbered funds in the amount of approximately \$1,500. This is very low and less than anticipated. Membership needs to be increased to improve this. Water Star payments should be \$0 for next meeting. Ed's time for funding research needs to be included. The reference to the Quirk foundation should be removed from the project summary. GFLOW- some money will be coming in from this. The fund raising committee has not been active. A suggestion was made to dedicate the next board meeting to writing letters to get new membership. The treasurers report was approved on a motion from Biesmann and a second from Wiesner. Motion carried.

Director Reports:

**Wade~** \*see attached report and proposal. Water Star; The water star FAQ will be taken to the communities. The next step is to write-up case studies. An example would be the Fitchburg Pledge Program. The program will be web-based. There will be gold, silver, and bronze ratings. Currently the program is for communities, but could extend to business'. The RRC is the host of the certification. In the future governor support would be sought. Suzanne is looking for help to; write case studies, examples and activities, links to sustainable development resources. This help is needed to keep continuous movement for this program. Suzanne is meeting with work groups throughout the state to get input. Need articles for the newsletter; Patricia has some research on fish ladders. Lisa has industrial waste spreading. Scott can provide an article on Friends of Badfish Creek. Jefferson County Cuts; Board response? May lose support staff which may impact Suzanne's office location. A public hearing will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The news of the cuts seemed to be sudden and without much notice. Budget crunch is due to the 2% cap. Ed has a voice at the City Council. It is OK to mention cuts will affect water quality efforts. Lisa will attend the public hearing and Suzanne will help with examples.

**Reel~** No report

**Wiesner~** SYLDR; Ken will write an article for the newsletter. DNR Funding; The DNR funding is not going anywhere this year. Ken will meet with DNR, Todd Ames to determine if next year is a possibility, such as through River Protection Grants. Regarding the bike tour at Tyrennia, Ken doesn't have any involvement with this. The bike tour is full, but anyone can still show up and participate. There is an upcoming Yahara Lakes Conference. Dane County has \$15 million in spending in the upcoming budget. Wisconsin Associations of Lakes; The association has a new executive director. There will be a listening session in Dane County and eastern part of south central Wisconsin. The question for the board is should help be provided to coordinate the listening sessions. Can this be

combined with other meetings? Lisa and Suzanne are not aware of any upcoming meetings. Suzanne offered to help coordinate.

**Conley~Town and County RC &D;** This went well. There were about 200 participants. There is a new issue team and a new grazing specialist. Water Table; Met on the 16<sup>th</sup> with discussions including the Great Lakes Compact, High Cap. Well limits (need to strengthen requirements), money for Sewage Treatment Plants, and ballast water issues. See Lisa for more details. Industrial Waste spreading is a problem since Wisconsin has “loose” regulations.

**Cicero~** The discussion was related to membership drive to occur at the next board meeting. Board members should bring a list of contacts to send letters to. A basic letter from the president will be sent out. There are 4,000 contacts in the data base. A review of the membership data base should be done to avoid duplication. Letters could be sent to individuals and businesses. The discussions on the agenda items will be held to a minimum for the next board meeting to allow time for the membership drive.

**Taylor~** The Badfish Creek stream clean-up was held last weekend. About 40-volunteers (youth plus adults) participated. Scott was interviewed by W.O.W. and article was in the Oregon Paper. Clean-up participants included 4-H Chapter, Boy Girl Scout Troops, and a High School Group. Scott said the clean-up effort was very successful and exceeded expectations! Scott will write an article for the newsletter on the clean-up. Other activities; A canoe trip was done in August to access stream banks and identify invasive. Badfish members also attended an MMSD open house regarding an increase in flow to the Badfish Creek. The members will continue to monitor this and stay involved.

**Novak~** No report

**Dorava~** Report by Suzanne; GFLOW is done in October. Phosphorus Grant application is to Suzanne and she will review it.

**Biesmann~** Bill will attend the Yahara Lakes Conference that was mentioned earlier. Other board members that will attend are Scott, Ken, Suzanne, and Lisa. All board members will help in the RRC booth at the conference. The upcoming membership drive will be a good opportunity to get more Dane County Municipalities involved in the RRC.

#### Employee Reports:

**Grunden~** \*see attachment

#### Old Business:

- No Discussion

#### New Business:

- Horicon Outlet sampling proposal; Discussion on RRC support and involvement with this proposal. RRC support was thought to be possible with interest in volunteer effort and connection to phosphorus grant. Should RRC attend the information meeting to be held October 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>? The board agreed it was appropriate to have Ed attend to find out more details on the proposal.
- Army Corps Meeting; the meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup>. RRC will participate. The meeting will discuss educational efforts and grant funding. Lisa and Suzanne will attend. Scott will attend if available.
- Support letter for Governor Shoreline Restoration; Many letters have been received already. The RRC Board agreed to send letter on a motion by Wade and seconded by Ken. Patricia will write the letter.

#### Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the UW-Extension office @ 4:00 pm on Nov. 11, 2008.

The Board retreat is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9 AM.

TREASURER REPORT  
7/20/08 - 9/28/08

**INFLOWS**

8/4/2008	DEP	Deposit	Stoughton Hospital Donation for T-Shirts	34,041.58
8/12/2008	DEP	Deposit	Patricia Cicero	85.00
8/22/2008	DEP	Deposit	Advance Payment	15.00
9/26/2008	DEP	Deposit	Tim Reel - City of Whitewater	7,500.00
			Mike Kakuska - Capital Area RPC	50.00
			Barry Ashenfelter (Less \$1.07 Paypal Fee)	50.00
				33.93

**BALANCE 7/20/08**

FBCV Income:Stream Clean-Up Donations	85.00
Gift Received	15.00
Grant Income:Water Star Community Program 09	7,500.00
Membership:affiliate	50.00
Membership:affiliate	50.00
Membership:family	33.93

7/31/2008	1749	Department Of Financial Institutes		7,733.93
8/4/2008	1750	Jennifer Hanneman	WI nonstock corp annual report filing fee	

**OUTFLOWS**

8/4/2008	1751	Jennifer Hanneman	Jennifer - July Payroll	(10.00)
			Jennifer - July Payroll	(17.31)
			Jennifer - July Payroll	(17.31)
			Jennifer - July Payroll	(28.82)
			Jennifer - July Payroll	(17.31)
			Jennifer - July Payroll	(5.80)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(17.31)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(4.66)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(1.00)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(1.00)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(1.00)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(1.00)
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			Jennifer - July Mileage	(1.00)
			Jennifer - July Mileage	(1.00)
8/4/2008	1752	Excel Net	1 month email service	(7.50)
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8/4/2008	EFT	M & I Bank	WI DRL License Renewal	(15.00)
8/12/2008	1753	DOI - USGS	ground-water model	(18,226.00)
9/3/2008	1754	Jennifer Hanneman	Jennifer - August Payroll	(11.45)
			Jennifer - August Payroll	(9.23)
			Jennifer - August Payroll	(11.45)
			Jennifer - August Payroll	(4.81)
9/3/2008	1755	Jennifer Hanneman	Jennifer - August Mileage	(1.75)
			Jennifer - August Mileage	(1.77)
			Jennifer - August Mileage	(1.75)
			Jennifer - August Mileage	(1.75)
9/3/2008	1756	Excel Net	1 month email service	(5.00)
			1 month email service	(5.00)
			1 month email service	(5.00)
9/3/2008	1757	Office of Jeffrey Filter	2007 Tax Return Preparation	(262.50)
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9/9/2008	1758	Michael Forster Rothbart	Payment 5 of 6	(262.50)
9/11/2008	1759	Capital Newspapers	printing for newsletter	(1,216.67)

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

(21,117.53)

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 9/28/08**

20,657.98

	Budget Summary 9/28/08
Accounts Balance	
Checking Account	20,657.98
Money Market	\$15,836.66
Encumbered Funds	
Grant Funds* (\$20,012.72 - \$5,750.00)	(\$14,262.72)
Memorial Funds	(\$140.00)
GFLOW Funds**	(\$16,316.47)
Project Funds (Conference, Newsletter, CM brochure)	(\$4,280.10)
Unencumbered Funds*	\$1,495.35
Accounts Receivable	
Various GFLOW Funding is continuing to come in	
\$750 Lake Planning Grant	
\$2,500 Water Star Community Program	
\$2,500 Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	

\*All Grant accounts receivables are calculated into Grant Funds under encumbered funds.

Project Summary as of 9/28/08

	<del>Citizen Monitoring</del> (Citizen Monitoring)	Wetland DNR 07	Lake Planning
Grant ends	Open	6/1/07	6/30/2008
Grant Advanced Pmt	\$6,390.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Final Payment Recd	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
Grant Amount Awarded	\$6,390.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00
Expenses 2002 & prior	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2003	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2004	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2005	(\$2,063.84)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2006	(\$3,394.51)	(\$3,328.19)	\$0.00
Expenses 2007	(\$931.65)	(\$3,671.81)	\$0.00
Expenses 2008 to date	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)
Expenses known not pd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internal Transfer			
Balance Remaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amount Funded by RRC	\$6,026.63	\$3,310.77	\$0.00

	Water Star Community Program 08	Water Star Community Program 09	River Planning Grant - Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	Alliant Energy 2007 River Watch
Grant ends	12/31/2009	1/1/2009	12/31/2008	6/15/2008
Grant Advanced Pmt	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00
Final Payment Recd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Amount Awarded	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
Expenses 2002 & prior	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2003	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2004	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2005	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2006	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2007	(\$25.69)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses 2008 to date	(\$6,312.65)	\$0.00	(\$424.19)	(\$481.91)
Expenses known not pd	(\$4.36)	\$0.00	(\$3,211.55)	(\$2,518.09)
Internal Transfer			(\$8.84)	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$3,657.30	\$10,000.00	\$6,355.42	\$0.00
Amount Funded by RRC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Suzanne Wade September 30, 2008 Report to the RRC Board

#### Water Star Program

Michael completed his contract responsibilities and is now in Chernobyl. I sent him a card and some items for children and some candies for himself. He has submitted his final expense reports, so we should be able to get an interim budget completed shortly.

I have taken over the program, and have been reorganizing the charts and have begun the task of program logistics.

Next step is to bring together the work groups and others to continue to vet the activity listing.

Attached is the current listing of activities.

#### Status of Backfill

With my spending 8 hours a week or so on Water Star, certain aspects of my plan of work (which is contracted work with DNR) would not get done without backfilling my position. The reason it is included with my RRC work is that many of the activities this person will do, is in partnership with the RRC.

I plan on offering the position to Joleen Henneman, a 2006 graduate of UW-Stevens Point in Environmental Education. If she accepts she would be working from Oct 15, 2008 to may 15, 2009 at \$14.50/hour.

#### Rock River Stormwater Group

A number of municipalities with a stormwater permit have been meeting to establish a group focusing on working together on implementing a stormwater education and outreach plan. They are looking at three levels of membership: permitted municipalities, unpermitted municipalities and partners. As it currently stands permitted municipalities would pay an annual fee based on population, unpermitted municipalities would pay an annual fee and partners would not pay any fee, but would be expected to participate in the development and implementation of the activities.

The funds will be used to hire a 20 hour a week stormwater education coordinator. They are currently developing an rfp. They expect that proposals could come from consulting firms, individuals interested in a contract position, or from groups or municipalities who will propose hiring and housing the coordinator. They hope to have someone available at the beginning of March, 2009. The RRC could write a proposal to hire and house the person, or just be a partner in the effort.

I will send out the education plan and the group's 66.30 agreement as soon as it is completed. If you want to get the materials as they are under development let me know and I will add you to the list.

#### Newsletter

Newsletter articles are due by October 10.

#### Groundwater Foundation Conference

I was invited to represent the Rock River Coalition on a stormwater management panel at this conference being held in November in Desert Springs California. The invitation was based on the work the RRC has done as a Groundwater Guardian Affiliate.

#### Jefferson County Budget Cuts

The Jefferson County Finance Committee has recommended that the UWEX office eliminate it's Dairy and Livestock Agent, its 4-H Assistant and two of the support staff (leaving one). There is a distant possibility that if these cuts go through, especially the two support positions, that they may not be able to host me as the administrative burden may be too much. Also Kim does most of my database work and process some of my financial paperwork.

## **Board Report**

September 30, 2008  
Ed Grunden

### Projects in progress worked on:

- General Motors funding continuation of Janesville Craig & Parker water quality field experience 'Project Green - Earth Force'. Secured \$3000 for payment of spring of 2008 and fall of 2008.
- Established contact and project with Watertown High School environmental class to conduct a wetland field experience next spring at Zeloski Marsh. The day will consist of bird watching in AM - followed with an educational program on restoration - then bag lunch with WDNR biologist and Conservation Officer talking about their programs and career information - the PM will be a 2.5 hr program on stream monitoring and actual sampling of the drainage ditch water. Class will then begin monitoring a stream near the high school in Watertown.
- Fund raising: Brochure is completed and ready for board input before printing.
- Contact with Dan Heim regarding potential partnering with River Protection Grant due in May.
- Wetland studies of Birding (Nolan Kollath) and UW/Madison citizens in Odonata surveys.
- Continued progress with UW-Whitewater to monitor at Zeloski Marsh.

### Projects to be worked on during October:

- Janesville Parker & Craig field day experience in water quality monitoring
- Phosphorous Grant: meeting, field testing - write up to occur in November
- Active fund raising field activities (i.e. contact with business)
- Meeting regarding continued funding support after GM closes
- Meeting with WDNR regarding River Protection Grant
- Contact of active monitors
- Mapping wrap-up activities
- WWOA presentation at State Convention