

FBCW Minutes

June 19, 2012

Attendees: Al Sweeney, Christine, Sharon, Jim D., Marsha

Old Business:

Adopt a Highway reschedule: June 30 9am -12:00 Park in triangle at Hogie & Hwy 138. Rain date July . We expect to be done in less than 3 hours.

Had good parsnip pick at Old Stone on DNR land (thistles too); we got new FB friend from contact there. Four attended and cleared out the canoe landing and the area around it.

Government presentations:

Rock County: Land Conservation Committee meeting, 1st Wed. of each month at 7 or 7:15; USDA Service Ctr on west side of Janesville, 7 members and 2-3 staff usually attend; try for August 1st. Land conservation committee head is Tom Sweeney (no relation).

Sharon handed out materials for us to give out at the presentations.

Usage Survey: Marsha to send link for the survey to Al to send to Rock County Board along with ipaw.org link. Marsha will also make the survey page open to visitors of website and invite those who signed up for it at Canoecopia.

New Business:

Al Sweeney of the Rock County Board of Supervisors visited. He is on the Land Conservation Committee and lives in the watershed.

The LC Committee is looking to update noxious weed list for county and towns.

PACE - Purchase of AgriCulture Easements with 50% funding from USDA. Uses scoring system on soils, developed map with 8 polygons;

The Planning Dept. has had a shoreland ordinance that regulates 300 ft from water for 15-18 years and they are updating it now to utilize a mitigation process (backing off on hard and fast regulations particularly for small tracts). It requires native plants if making improvements and/or imperviousness over 50% of value, permits required county has 1000 ft to the water; DNR takes over at water's edge.

Main invasive concerns: Knotweeds, mustards, new one: pokeweed. Marsha told him about the IPA W list of the worst invaders (link sent).

Badfish corridor has lots of potential, wildlife movements, fishery: muskie population comes up in the spring from Yahara!!

Phosphorus loading – working with cities to create plans for mitigation.