

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Wendigo, 121 E. Main St. Stoughton, WI**

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** TBD

**Attending this meeting:** Jane Carlson, Joe Zakovec, Suzanne Wade, Dave Hoffman, Tabby Davis, Eric Compas, Jim Kerler

**Absent:** Patricia Cicero, Dan Lynch

**Others Present:** Lynne Diebel of Friends Badfish Creek, Sharron Bell of Friends of Badfish Creek, Katie Taylor of Sweet Water

President Jane Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:17

**1. Introductions:**

The board and guests introduce themselves. Lynne and Sharron were there to talk about Friends of Badfish Creek and their work over the past year. Katie, representing Sweet Water, was attending to learn about the RRC and how we function to take back to Sweet Water.

**2. Approval of 8/26/15 & 11/16/15 Minutes:**

Suzanne moved to approve minutes; Joe seconded; motion carried.

**3. Announcements:**

Suzanne stated, because of additional charges we will switch from a credit to a debit card.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Suzanne reported we have a total of \$26,189.00 in restricted funds and \$1,616.00 in unrestricted funds. There is still a need to "zero" out the Yahara WINS Year 2 account. There are two WE Energies grants for \$1,000.00 that aren't reported in this treasurer's report.

Dave moved to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Tabby; motion carried.

**5. Membership Report:**

10 renewals from mail chimp. Board will send letters during next month's meeting.

**6. Stream Monitoring Report:**

Jane reported on updates to the guidelines and price sheet. Nancy submitted notes on the guidelines and price sheet that Jane, Suzanne and Patricia haven't had time to look at, but plan to shortly and will meet with Nancy soon to discuss.

Suzanne proposed to arrange advanced training with some monitors.

Suzanne moved to instruct Nancy to develop an advanced monitoring training for all monitors within the basin with WE energies grant money with the guidance of the board; Joe seconded; motion carried.

Eric mentioned a staff member left the DNR's WAVE program. Eric is wondering if we should support or advocate for a new position. Suzanne said that other staff members are sharing that position's duties until a new position is hired, and the DNR plans on hiring someone by early '16.

## **7. Chapter Liaison Reports:**

Friends of Badfish Creek- Lynne and Sharron reported FBC is working with the DNR to construct a canoe/kayak launch along with a kiosk, bench, and picnic table off Old Stage Rd. in the Badfish Creek Wildlife Area. Looking for shoreline stabilization materials to prevent erosion. Stoughton high school students helped clear brush (mainly boxelder) for the landing and to prevent invasion into wildlife area.

Other projects: Pulled knotweed and planted 1200 native grasses at Reilly Rd. bridge. FBC will continue to work on wild parsnip eradication in watershed. They have about 20 active members. Lastly, Lynne thanked the RRC for their assistance and support, and in return the board thanked Lynne, Sharron and the Friends of Badfish Creek for their hard work.

Katie had a question on the structure and relationship between RRC and FBC.

Suzanne explained how it's a mutually beneficial relationship for several different reasons.

MRA- No new updates. Jim will speak with them.

JCWA- No new updates. Patricia will update board at a later date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **8. Brief Updates:**

a. Community Shares: they are modifying the structure of their organization which could be more beneficial to us financially. 2016 dues are \$250.00.

b. Fundraising: Jim is working on his list.

c. Board Member Recruiting: 2 vacancies coming up in May. Tabby emailed her boss about potential names, and she will email her high school teacher who is starting an ecology unit and has worked with the Sugar River Watershed Association. Open to suggestions from other board members and chapter members.

### **9. Rock River Recovery Updates:**

Suzanne and Patricia went to the meeting. Three different speakers: a farmer led council from St. Croix area; PARM- great lakes initiative to work with Ag businesses; Bob Uphoff (pork producer from Town of Dunn). About 45 people were in attendance including several MSD and DATCP representatives. Suzanne would have liked more in depth discussion on the agenda topics- not enough time.

### **10. Paddle and Probe Updates:**

Suzanne is continuing to fundraise for this event. New website is available for viewing. So far the times and dates are tentative and firmer dates/times will be established at a later date. Looking for board members to help Suzanne and to create a committee to help with all aspects.

**11. Documentation of votes on Letter of Support for Town of Westport storm water pond and Bark River Hwy 106 boat launch:**

Board agreed on supporting Town of Westport and the Hwy 106 boat launch. Letters were sent on behalf the RRC. Public forum on Hwy 106 boat launch was tonight and a letter was sent to the appropriate authorities stating the need to keep it open.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Trust (Sweet Water) Survey- guest Kaitlyn Taylor:**

Katie brought each board member a questionnaire to fill out regarding our work with RRC and how the organization functions. She intends on using this to help better organize Sweet Water because they will be creating an action plan for the Milwaukee TMDL scheduled for early 2016.

**13. Contract with Patty Lynch for grant-related accounting services:**

The contract will be for financial assistance for 24.5 hours at \$20.00/hour for a total of \$490.00.

Suzanne moved to enter into a contract with Patty to do grant-related accounting services; Eric seconded; motion carried.

**14. MOU for survey of volunteer monitors:**

Jane passed out the MOU between the researchers of San Diego State University and the RRC. This MOU sets forth the terms and understandings between both parties to evaluate the motivations behind volunteerism.

Dave motioned to accept the MOU; seconded by Joe; motion carried.

Joe moved to adjourn at 6:58 pm; seconded by Dave; motion carried.