

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

Next Board Meeting: 4/22/15

Attending this meeting: Patricia Cicero, Jim Kerler, Joe Zakovec, Dave Hoffman, Suzanne Wade, Dan Lynch

Absent: Jim Koepke, Jane Carlson, Eric Compass

Call meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Introductions: None

Approval of 2/25/15 Minutes:

Joe moved to approve 2/25/15 minutes, second by Jim K. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Jim K. reported about 250 people attended an Endbridge pipeline conference in Lake Mills. Endbridge was invited but did not attend.

Treasurer’s Report:

Full report isn’t available yet. Patricia and Suzanne will work with Roxanne to figure out report.

Suzanne proceeded to go over grant summary:

Invasive species reimbursement is still being processed by DNR

WINS year 2 is almost complete. Patricia will check with Lynne Diebel to see what is required to finalize this grant.

Brandt Quirk has \$1535 remaining to be spent by UW-Whitewater. If they don’t spend it we will use for RRC conference.

WE grant will be used for trainings and equipment.

DNR linking communities will be for the “paddle and probe.”

ELI webinars monies will be used for printing and possibly mailing costs of newsletter.

Membership Report:

Low on memberships. We will send out invoices to municipalities.

Stream Monitoring Report:

Patricia met with Tom Steinbach. He is interested in phosphorus monitoring and seeing what waste water treatment plants would be interested in analyzing phosphorus.

Rock River Storm Water Group is developing curriculum for teachers and schools within the basin. Nancy’s involvement is projected to be 12-13, plus mileage. Nancy is considering setting up an “equipment use fee” for educators to use. The board thought this may be difficult to coordinate picking up and returning supplies for teachers. Further talks will be needed to hammer out the details. Motion to go forward with contract with Rock River Storm Water Group by Dan, second by Suzanne. Motion carried.

\$4800 for consultant to get data compiled for reports. RRC will create a RFP to get bids from consultants for this work.

Nancy will work on the volunteer stream monitoring website making it more user friendly. She also wants to create a paddling page, and has referenced other similar pages to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Shares:

\$707.43 total amount donated, not including \$675 donated from board.

GAP (General Acceptance Procedure) review is still required. The GAP review is required to receive donations from private and public campaigns from Community Shares outside the "Big Share" campaign. One consultant said it would cost \$2000, and two other companies didn't want to do it.

Retreat Planning:

The annual board retreat will be April 11th at Jim and Marie Rubietta's Whispering Wings Game Farm. Patricia proceeded to go over agenda, which includes: talks on reaffirming RRC's mission and priorities; board transitions, goals and skills; citizen monitoring; and fundraising. Nancy will join after lunch.

Annual Meeting:

Annual meeting will be on May 12 starting at 5:00 PM. The agenda will include: approval previous annual meeting minutes; treasurer's report; activity reports; election of board of directors; award ceremony; and keynote presentation from Scott Taylor on wetland preservation and restoration.

Award recipients were finalized. Protector awards will go to Joe Parisi (elected official), Linda Reid (educator), City of Beloit (organization), Rock River Trail Initiative (organization), and Eric Eilertson (individual). No business protector award was given this year. The Friends Awards will go to Joleen Stinson, Scott Taylor, Rock River TMDL Group, and Jim Koepke.

A venue is still needed for annual meeting.

Environmental Law Institute Webinars:

Patricia and Dan are working on this and will have more to report the following meeting.

Governor's Budget and RRC Response:

Email vote to send letter to Joint Finance Committee on our concerns with Governors budget was passed. RRC's concerns will be expressed in upcoming newsletter as well.

Rock River Recovery Updates: no updates

NEW BUSINESS:

Student Board Member:

Jane has been talking with Tabby Davis who is interested and would be a great candidate as a student board member for RRC. It will be a one year appointment that begins/ends on the Annual Meeting date. She will be elected at Annual Meeting.

Linking Communities with Water Grant:

Suzanne reported we received the grant for \$5172. \$1500 for probes, \$1500 for GIS/mapping and \$200 for placards. Leftover funds will go towards miscellaneous expenses.

Conservation Buffers: Tabled until next meeting.

Adjourn: at 715