

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 26, 2015**

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015

**Attending:** Patricia Cicero, Jane Carlson, Suzanne Wade, Joe Zakovec, Eric Compass, Dave Hoffman, Jim Kerler

**Absent:** Tabby Davis, Dan Lynch

Call the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**1. Introductions:** None.

**2. Approval of July 22, 2015 Minutes:**

Eric will make changes to finalize minutes. Patricia moved to approve the 7/22 minutes as amended; second by Suzanne: motion carried.

**3. Announcements:** No new announcements.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Suzanne proceeded to go over the budget summary. RRC has not met our fundraising goals as budgeted for 2015. There is currently \$2,284.00 in unrestricted funds, which will be lowered in September's report due to bills being paid in August. Total accounts receivable income are \$1,400.00. Suzanne estimated that \$1,905.00 will be needed for repeating annual expenses for the rest of the fiscal year. Patricia moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Eric: motion carried.

**5. Membership Report:**

Eric updated the board on the e-mail letters sent through MailChimp to current, past, and potential members for possible contributions and donations. We received \$190.00 in donations from MailChimp, \$100.00 dollars from a mailed-in donation, and \$40 from PayPal.

Eric mentioned we should have more informative emails discussing recent RRC activities. The board confirmed this would be useful for our members.

**6. Stream Monitoring Report:**

No new updates from Nancy. Jane and Patricia will be meeting with Nancy in September to discuss the Citizen Stream Monitor Coordinator's guidelines and complete Nancy's annual review.

**a. Guidelines/Price Sheet:** Subcommittee is composed of Jane, Suzanne, and Patricia. They will work on the guidelines to help the coordinator respond to entities requesting proposals/assistance. The subcommittee will request Board approval at the next meeting.

**b. Annual Review:** Better reporting on phosphorus data is possible, but all monitor activity will be hard to formulate due to new DNR SWIMS system and lack of monitor

data. Citizen monitors tend to procrastinate with entering their data into SWIMS program.

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

MRA: nothing to report. JCWA- will host a Clean Sweep program on 9/12. FBCW: talk on possibly inviting them to our September meeting.

Dave will continue conversations with Friends of Turtle Creek who have shown some interest in being a chapter/affiliate of RRC.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **8. Community Shares:**

Suzanne reported that Community Shares will be doing some restructuring of their organization due to inadequate operations with their funding. We will be in their private campaign this year as we've completed our audit which was needed to participate. This could potentially draw in \$3000.00. This is money donated to Community Shares, but not a specific group, so it's divvied up amongst other non-profits involved with Community Shares.

#### **9. Fundraising:**

As previously discussed under the Membership Report: Eric updated the board on the e-mail letters sent through MailChimp to current, past, and potential members for possible contributions and donations. We received \$190.00 in donations from MailChimp mailings, \$100.00 dollars from a mailed-in donation, and \$40 from PayPal.

#### **10. Board Member Recruiting:**

Eric mentioned a friend that could become a board member. He thinks she should attend a stream monitor training in advance to see if she is still interested in becoming a board member after that.

#### **11. Rock River Recovery updates:**

DNR had a meeting in July that Jane, Suzanne, and Patricia attended. They reported the nine key elements is still in the planning process and not in the implementing stage of the TMDL. They also reported there were good brain storming sessions on work with the agriculture sector, farmers, and related groups.

Patricia talked on the nine key elements plan that state and local agencies will eventually need when applying for grants. She has had limited contact with the DNR regarding this subject.

Next quarterly meeting in October. No plans for the annual meeting yet.

The 2015 budget reflected expenses and income from the Rock R. Recovery programs, but RRC has not helped with registering this year so no expenses or income accounted for.

#### **12. Testing the Waters a Paddle and Probe Adventure:**

Suzanne reported the Paddle and Probe committee has a logo and possible color schemes. Angus Young sponsored \$500 for event. Tentative dates are May 15-28. The paddlers will average about 14 miles a day (146 in total) for 12 days. The goal is to engage the communities of the Rock R. basin by exploring water quality issues, recreational opportunities and the public in water conservation by: collecting, analyzing and sharing water quality data; educating students (grades 4-8); and educating the public with community programs throughout the 12 day adventure.

Eric mentioned the probes are working very well and has had UW-Whitewater students out all summer sampling different rivers/streams.

**13. Dodge County Buffer Ordinance:**

Ruth Johnson (retired DNR) asked to have RRC way in on this ordinance. Dodge County was supposed to have a public input session but the committee banned public comments. Dodge decided not to proceed with the ordinance, but will consider it in future.

Email vote from RRC to back the county ordinance was unanimous from RRC board members.

**14. Senator Baldwin's Resiliency Bill:**

Jane sent a request to the board via e-mail to vote on supporting Senator Baldwin's bill that would support efforts to revive waterfronts on the Great Lakes, rivers, oceans, and lakes to promote its economic, ecosystem, and community resiliency. With little time to respond we did not have enough votes to meet a quorum. No new information regarding the introduced bill and not sure where it presently stands.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15. John Deere wetland permit:**

Patricia reported the Wisconsin Wetlands Association contacted her on their concerns with John Deere's application for filling a wetland at one of their plants near Horicon.

**16. Wisconsin Lakes Partnership:**

The theme for next year's Wisconsin Lakes convention is citizen monitoring and citizen impacts to watersheds. This might be a good opportunity to talk about and advocate for our Citizen Stream Monitoring Program and "Testing the Waters: Paddle and Probe Adventure."

**17. ELI webinars:**

Suzanne mentioned Beth Ghered has been hosting the webinars and she is available for more help if needed. The webinars started in August with topics on Wetland Restoration and will continue on the following dates: 9/17, 10/29, and 11/12.

**18. Farm Tech Days:**

Suzanne staffed the RRC booth and reported about 30-50 people an hour were showing up and she saw great interest from folks who attended.

**19. Reschedule September Meeting:**

Sept 23 is original date and will be moved to Sept 16 at 5:15. Board discussion on possibly beginning meetings at 5:15 instead of 5:00.

Dave moved to adjourn meeting at 7:05; second by Jim: motion carried.