

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Attending: Patricia Cicero, Jane Carlson, Suzanne Wade, Joe Zakovec, Eric Compass, Jim Kerler, Tabby Davis

Absent: Dan Lynch, Dave Hoffman

Jane called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

1. Introductions: None.

2. Approval of August 26, 2015 Minutes: Postponed until next meeting.

3. Announcements:

- October 28th Rock River Recovery Forum for TMDL implementation with agricultural theme, and possible Monitoring Committee Meeting
- John Deere
 - Public Hearing September 17 Horicon DNR Office
- Suzanne sent e-mail - Joe Van Rossum is new to Rock River Education Officer
 - Suzanne is meeting with Joe next week

4. Treasurer's Report:

- Net unrestricted of \$770
- Amount from DNR \$665.50
- One municipal membership was added for Johnson Creek - this will be added to 2016. One individual as well.
- We went into 2015 with \$3,000 unrestricted
 - Next year our goal is closer to \$7,000
- Added expense of a computer that costed approximately \$700

Motion to accept-Patricia. Seconded-Joe. Motion carried.

5. Membership Report:

- A Mail Chimp will be sent out before the November meeting encouraging people to renew.
 - Patricia will compose the letter
- Brochure Modifications
 - Reduce free tickets for the annual meeting for donors at \$500-\$1000 level (agreed upon by board)
 - Change to "all" editions of newsletter instead of 4
 - Expand the citizenship stream monitoring section
 - Remove water star/wetland monitoring/ groundwater sections
 - New Map
 - 3 week deadline for board members to provide comments for any other modifications

6. Stream Monitoring Report:

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

- Budget was discussed.
- Patricia will follow up with discussion of areas of improvement for Nancy.
 - Positive feedback
 - Nancy would like more feedback (since she cannot always attend meetings)
 - Possibly include her in group emails
 - Be sure it's clear it's just for her information, not action

The Guidelines/Price Sheet was discussed and still needs Nancy's review comments.

- Pricing for equipment
 - \$25 fee to rent gear. Those borrowing will pay the difference for broken items
 - Not a deposit but a fee (they do not get the money back)
 - Universal
 - Fee applies if Nancy is present and if they are members
 - Jane and Patricia will work on wording

7. Chapter Liaisons:

- Jane (FBCW)
 - Coachmen's for meeting on October 28th (more convenient for some members)
 - Nothing more to report
- Jim (MRA)
 - Nothing further to report
- Patricia (JCWA)
 - Stream cleanup update ~~at~~ next meeting
- Remind these chapters of the Newsletter deadline

OLD BUSINESS

8. Community Shares:

We will be in their private campaign this year. This could potentially draw in \$2,000 - 3,000.

9. Fundraising:

The board will need to renew efforts along with the fall membership drive. Board members were reminded to review their assignments provided several months ago by Patricia.

10. Board Member Recruiting:

- Looking for a representative in agriculture in particular, but not necessary (bring in names of candidates)
- Tabby will ask around the CSA/Organic Farming Community
- Also someone to fill a potential vacancy in the spring.

11. Rock River Recovery updates:

- Forum on October 28 from 9-12
- Yahara WINs Meeting
 - 2016 will be a "gap year" for Yahara with continued citizen monitoring, working under the expired Memorandum of Understanding. In 2017 the new intergovernmental agreement for a full-scale adaptive management program should be in place.
- Class at Whitewater is doing EVAAL modeling for Sugar River Watershed

12. Testing the Waters a Paddle and Probe Adventure:

- From Theresa and Waupun to Rockford
- 2 weeks/ May 15-29, 2016

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The Rock River Coalition is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides equal opportunity in employment and programming.

- Rock River Trails is a sponsor, and that is why we are going into Illinois
- Budget is now \$51,000
- Suzanne's goal for next three weeks is fundraising

13. John Deere Wetland Issue:

- New program with fee that goes to DNR
 - Taking money away from wetland banks (Cuts out 3rd party)
 - RRC should consider potential newsletter article on wetland banks
- Suzanne moved to write a letter suggesting the ~~DNR uses credit on project should look to local wetland banks versus other potential uses of the funds (not sure about wording?)~~
 - Joe seconded
 - Discussion
 - Jane suggested more specific wording with a restated motion
 - We ~~want to be sure that the wetland banks are considered for mitigation~~ prefer wetland mitigation take place in the same subwatershed as the project
 - Eric will compose letter/Jane will send it
 - Vote passed

NEW BUSINESS

14. Data Analysis/GIS Consultant Contract:

- Data analysis and GIS for WDNR river planning grant
- Grad student from UW Madison is doing this work for \$4,000
 - Extra money (\$600) will go towards more time for Nancy
 - This will start October 1st-February 15th
 - Items for thought
 - How can we score rivers?
 - Hopefully this system motivates by providing feedback for monitors
 - This will expose gaps in the data which we can then discuss filling
 - Vote passed

15. Next Newsletter:

- Deadline to Suzanne from Editors is January 8th
- Deadline to editors is January 6th
- Tall grass prairie wetland bank
- UW-Whitewater students summer project
 - We could ask them to make brief presentation at the October Meeting

Next Meeting: October 28, 2015, Possibly at Coachman's and with Friends of Badfish Creek and UW Whitewater Students.

Patricia moved to adjourn meeting at 7:15; second by Joe: motion carried.