



Our Mission:

"To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources of the Rock River Basin"

Rock River Coalition
Annual Meeting
1855 Saloon & Grill, Cottage Grove, WI
May 4, 2010

Call to Order

The business meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by President Lisa Conley.

Attendance

Directors in attendance: Patricia Cicero, Lisa Conley, Peter Hartz, Jim Kerler, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, and Suzanne Wade. RRC staff in attendance: Ed Grunden.

Welcome, Introductions, Recognize Volunteer Monitors

Conley welcomed everyone for attending and recognized volunteer monitors in attendance. A total of 23 people were present at the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 5-19-09 were approved on a motion from Caroline Werner and a second from David Carpenter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Suzanne Wade reported on the RRC Financial Summary which was included in the Annual Report handout.

Water Star

Suzanne Wade provided information about the Water Star Program. April 22, 2010 was the kick-off of the program which recognizes municipalities who work to protect surface and ground water.

Volunteer Stream, Wetland Monitoring

Ed Grunden stated that there are 70 stream monitors and 18 wetland monitors (with 30 who might participate in the future). He reported on training workshops. In addition he announced that Snap Shot Day, when all stream monitors do their testing on the same day, will be held on May 8th and likely the second Saturday in September.

Chapter: Friends of Badfish Creek

The Friends of Badfish Creek reported that they are working on the following: control of Japanese knotweed and wild parsnip, and signage for the Badfish Creek.

Send Your Legislator Down the River

Patricia Cicero reported on the upcoming Send Your Legislator Down the River event which will be held on Monday, June 7 at the Cherokee Lake and Marsh.

Election – Board of Directors

Lisa Conley noted the current Board members not up for election: Lisa Conley, Peter Hartz, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, and Suzanne Wade. She presented the following slate of candidates: Paul

Benjamin (Rock County Director of Planning, Economic and Community Development), Patricia Cicero (Water Resources Management Specialist, Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department), Jeff Hruba (Project Water Resources Engineer, Montgomery Associates), and Jim Kerler (retired, Lake Mills citizen, Volunteer Monitor). A motion to accept all nominations with a unanimous ballot was made by Carl Glassford and seconded by Jim Koepke. Motion carried.

Thank Outgoing Board

Lisa Conley thanked the following outgoing Board members: Ken Wiesner, Jan Ruster, and Bill Biesmann.

Other Business

Liesa Lehman-Kerler announced that the Rock River Coalition was recently given an award by the Department of Natural Resources as part of the 10 year anniversary of the DNR River Grants Program in recognition of the RRC work accomplished through the grant program. In addition, Senator Mark Miller recognized this work and award through a resolution.

Adjourn

The membership meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Conley called the meeting of the Board to order.

Election of Officers: The following slate of candidates was presented by Conley: Scott Taylor for President, Peter Hartz for President Elect, Lisa Conley as Past President, and Patricia Cicero as Secretary. A motion to approve the entire slate of candidates was made by Suzanne Wade and seconded by Jim Koepke. Motion approved.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned.

Announce 2010 Officers and Special Presentations

The newly appointed officers were announced to the membership.

Jim Congdon, DNR, gave a presentation on the Rock River Recovery Plan which is the plan that will be written to implement pollutant reductions in the Rock River Basin as part of the Total Maximum Daily Load program.

Erv Lesczynski gave a presentation on his work to implement conservation practices in the Upper Rock River Basin to reduce sediment and nutrient delivery to water.

Patricia Cicero gave a presentation on the DNR grant project that involves sediment and nutrient sampling at 2 inlets and 1 outlet of Horicon marsh, comparison of sampling data with that done in the late 1990s, and information on the conservation practices implemented in the watershed to achieve what is postulated to be water quality improvements. Partners in this project include the Rock River Coalition, the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, the Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the City of Horicon.