



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
Board of Directors Meeting
UW-Extension, Jefferson, WI
January 20, 2010

Attendance: Board members in attendance: Lisa Conley, Patricia Cicero, Peter Hartz, Jim Koepke, Jan Ruster, and Suzanne Wade. Staff in attendance: Ed Grunden.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved on a motion from Ruster and second from Wade. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted by a motion from Cicero and a second from Koepke. Motion carried.

Membership Update: The membership update was handed out to the board members.

2010 Operating Budget: The 2010 budget was discussed. A few changes were proposed. The 2010 budget will be considered for approval at a future board meeting.

Staff Reports: Grunden handed out an "End of the Year Report 2009" and the outline for the 2010 Confluence. Grunden reported that there are over 60 stream monitors that are submitting data. In addition over 100 businesses were sent requests for funding. **Action: Grunden will e-mail list to Board members prior to the February 6th retreat.**

Waterway Trail Map: A request was made for the RRC to consider placing an advertisement on a waterway trail map of the Glacial Heritage Area. Ruster motioned and Koepke seconded the motion to pay \$300 for an advertisement for the waterway trail map. Motion carried.

Director Reports

a. Patricia Cicero

Cicero explained that the River Alliance of Wisconsin requested that the RRC provide a letter of support for their DNR grant application to continue their work on Project RED. Hartz motioned and Wade seconded the motion to provide a letter of support for the River Alliance's Aquatic Invasive Species grant application to continue their work on Project RED. Motion carried.

Cicero also announced that RRC and the River Alliance will be partnering with Dane County to offer another Project RED training on April 24. The morning training will be followed by an option paddle of Bad Fish Creek in the afternoon. Those wanting to attend should contact Cicero to RSVP.

Cicero handed out an initial planning document for the Send Your Legislator Down the River event. Cherokee Marsh is the potential location. Monday, June 7th is the potential date of the event. **Action: Cicero will work with Hartz and Wiesner to continue planning the event.**

b. Suzanne Wade

Wade reported that the Water Star program will have a kick-off meeting on March 24 or 25. Municipalities will be invited to this meeting to fill-out the questionnaire. The intent is to present the Water Star signs to the municipalities during Earth Day week.

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report is now expected to be released in July. On March 10, there will be a meeting to introduce invited participants to the process for determining a TMDL implementation plan. The intent is to then invite people to participate in a planning process (once-a-month meetings for two years) for the various topics involved in the TMDL implementation.

c. Lisa Conley

There will be a board retreat on February 6th. Cicero motioned and Wade seconded the motion to spend \$200 to have the River Alliance of Wisconsin work with us on fundraising during the retreat. Motion passed.

d. National River Rally Scholarship

There is a chance for a RRC board member to receive a scholarship to attend the National River Rally in Utah in May. Wade may be interested in the scholarship.

e.i. Letter of Support – SEWRPC Buffer planning initiative

Cicero motioned and Hartz seconded the motion to send a letter of support for the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's buffer planning initiative. Motion passed.

e.ii. Letter of Support – Ashippun/Oconomowoc Agricultural Enterprise Zone

Wade motioned and Koepke seconded a motion to send a letter of support for an application for the Ashippun/Oconomowoc area to be an Agricultural Enterprise Zone. Motion passed.

f. Legislative Lobby Day

Conley reported that Legislative Lobby Day will be on January 26th. Wade and Conley will be attending and providing a RRC display.

g. New RRC E-Mail

The new general e-mail for the RRC is now info@rockrivercoalition.org.

8. Dates for Next Board Meetings

Board Retreat – Saturday, February 6

Board Meeting – end of February

Annual Meeting – May 4

Action: Conley will contact Board regarding upcoming meeting dates.

9. Adjourn

Koepke motioned to adjourn. No objection.