



**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  
Lake Mills Community Center, Lake Mills, WI  
December 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Scott Taylor at 4:00 pm.

Board Members in Attendance

Patricia Cicero, Lisa Conley, Jim Kerler, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, Suzanne Wade

Staff in Attendance

Ed Grunden

Guests in Attendance

Tim Reel, City of Whitewater; Jeff Woods, City of Fort Atkinson

Approval of Minutes

Conley motioned to approve the minutes from November 16, 2010. Wade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IBM Smarter Cities Challenge

Reel and Woods explained that the Rock River Stormwater Group will be applying for an IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Grant. If obtained, the grant would include 6 consultants for 3 weeks working on how an urban and rural partnership can be developed to achieve sediment and phosphorus reductions to the Rock River Basin. Cicero motioned, with Conley seconding, to provide a letter of support for the Rock River Stormwater Group's IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Grant application. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Wade reviewed the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Conley and seconded by Kerler. Motion passed. **Action: Wade will tell Jennifer to send the board the treasurer's report a week prior to the meeting.**

Volunteer Monitoring Director's Report

Grunden presented his report to the board. The RRC received \$2,000 from ATC for monitoring work on the Zeloski and London marshes.

Water Star

Wade reported that there are now 21 municipalities who achieved Water Star status. That number of municipalities is now over the original goal, and a few more should be added soon.

Rock River Recovery Update

Wade reported that the public information hearing on the Rock River total maximum daily load was done earlier in the day. Implementation meetings should start in January.

The Board started generating ideas of what the RRC should be in the process. Some ideas include: presentations to local groups and business organizations, and sponsored events with guest speakers throughout the basin. It was acknowledged that the RRC role is still evolving.

#### RRC Board Calendar

Cicero reviewed the calendar of Board activities and asked for input. **Action: Board members should send Cicero input. Cicero will provide a final copy at the January meeting.**

#### DNR Grant Planning

A number of possible ideas for future DNR grants were mentioned and include: a Rock River leadership program, and a project to identify restorable wetlands for targeting Wetland Reserve Program funds in the basin. **Action: These items should be considered at the Board retreat.**

#### Facebook Update

Cicero and Stephanie Hoffman have been working on the facebook page. They plan to have it completed in January and announce it's availability in the next newsletter.

#### Horicon Project Summary

Cicero gave the Board a handout summarizing the Horicon sampling project and the 2 DNR grants received.

#### Closed Session

Conley motioned, and Cicero seconded the motion, to go into closed session.  
Wade motioned, and Koepke seconded the motion, to end the closed session.

#### Awards Ceremony

**Action: Conley, Wade, and Taylor requested that the Board think about nominees for the awards.**

#### Jefferson County Methane Digester Pilot Project

Kerler summarized the project for the Board that proposes to use algae for manure/sewage treatment and will continue to follow the progress on the project.

#### Johnson Foundation

The Johnson Foundation is requesting commitments from organizations as part of their Charting New Waters – A call to action to address U.S. freshwater challenges. **Action: Conley will provide them with information on the Water Star Program.**

#### Upcoming Meetings

Possible Board meeting – January 19

Possible Board retreat – February 12 or February 26 **Action: Taylor will send out a Meeting Wizard for the retreat and also talk to Hartz regarding holding it at Johnson Creek.**

Annual meeting – May 10, location TBD

#### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for sending articles to Wade for the winter newsletter is January 7, 2011.

The meeting adjourned after a motion by Conley, and a second by Kerler.