



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
September 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Scott Taylor at 4:38 pm.

Board Members in Attendance

Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, Suzanne Wade

Approval of Minutes

Cicero motioned to approve the minutes from July 26, 2011. Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed. **Action: Cicero will communicate with Kerler regarding sending minutes to Marsha Vomastic in pdf format, and also to e-mail them to a distribution list of past Board members and partners.**

Treasurer's Report

Wade reviewed the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Koepke and seconded by Carlson. Motion passed. The annual membership drive will occur in November.

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is October 3.

Waterstar

Wade provided a reminder that all of the Waterstar webinars are on the Waterstar website.

Rock River Recovery Forum

The next forum will be September 14 and it titled "Working with Land Owners on Water Quality Issues". It highlights the Pecatonica River buffer initiative and the Horicon and Fox River comprehensive conservation plans.

Wisconsin Wetlands Association

No action was taken to become a member of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association.

Shoreland Restoration at Executive Residence

Cicero updated the Board on this project. The Lake Leaders group is making progress on achieving approval of installing a native shoreland restoration on the Executive Residence on Lake Mendota.

Rock River Recovery

The DNR has submitted the Rock River TMDL to the EPA and approval is expected in a couple months. There was discussion on a possible RRC role including: education talks, newsletter, being a broker to facilitate nutrient trading. This discussion will continue as the plan for implementation moves forward.

Volunteer Monitoring Director/Coordinator

A few tasks were highlighted that need to be taken care of as we figure out the direction of this position in the future. These items include reports on Snapshot monitoring, organizing the confluence for 2012, communicating with monitors, recruiting new monitors. **Actions: Wade will communicate with Jennifer Hanneman regarding working on some of these items in the interim. Grunden will be drafting a letter to the monitors and will send it to Wade and Taylor for final editing by the middle of October. The Board will discuss at the next meeting who will contact Perry Rosa at Mead and Hunt about wetland ecology monitoring.**

Confluence

The Confluence next year will also coincide with the 10th year of our citizen stream monitoring program. **Action: There should be a planning committee meeting in October.**

Send Your Legislator Down the River

Cicero provided a handout detailing the final actions needed for the Send Your Legislator Down the River event.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm on a motion by Cicero and a second by Koepke.

Upcoming Meetings & Newsletter Deadlines

Board Meeting - October 19, 2011 at 4:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline – October 3, 2011