

# Board of Directors - Minutes



**December 2, 2015** 10:00am Florence Natural Resource Center, Florence WI

**Members Present:** Bill Rice-DCD, Dick Peterson-Lake Township, Greg Cleereman-Marinette County, Ron Yadro-Florence School District, Steve Janke-USFS, Aaron McCullough-WI DNR, Cary Anderson-FCLARA, Tracy Beckman-Lumberjack RC&D.

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Johnson-MI DNR

**Partners:** Charlene Peterson-Shakey Lakes Association, John Preuss-AIS Coordinator, Ann Hruska-DCD & WRISC Treasurer, Angie Stein-Whitewater, Scott Goodwin-Florence Co. LCD, Justin Bournoville-USFS, Greg Matzke-WDNR

**Guests:** James Blignaut –Public/DCD

**Staff:** Emily Anderson-Coordinator, Lindsay Peterson-Project Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - by Chairperson Bill Rice at 10:00am. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Bill Rice asked for additions/deletions. There being none, motion by Dick Peterson/Ron Yadro to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
3. **APPROVAL 10/7/15 MINUTES** – Motion by Tracy Beckman to accept the 10/7/15 minutes with the adjustments presented. Second by Greg Cleereman. Motion carried.
4. **GRANTS/TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Ann Hruska gave the report. A spreadsheet dated 11/27/15 was circulated and is available online. Hruska forecasts 2016 staff and programming will be similar to 2015 because the approximate amount of grants of \$192K is similar. The Petty Cash amount is \$299.31. Motion by Dick Peterson/Greg Cleereman to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion Carried.
5. **ACTION TEAMS** – Emily distributed minutes of the Action Teams, all of which conducted work during November. The minutes are also available online. Emily complimented the Action Teams on their good works last month.
6. **PROJECT UPDATES/REPORTS**
  - a. WRISC Coordinator Update was circulated and presented by Emily Anderson. This report is also available online and members are encouraged to review as it contains several updates with metrics. Emily explained much of their work at this time of year is reporting to the various grantors.
  - b. MISGP Reporting/Lake Quotes Update was given by Lindsay Peterson.
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. 2016 Meeting Schedule was circulated by Emily. All dates/locations have been confirmed except the Annual Meeting time. Charlene Peterson/Terry Anderson moved to approve the schedule as presented. Motion Carried.
  - b. MOU Signatory Status was given by Emily Anderson & Aaron McCullough of WI DNR. McCullough stated approval for the DNR MOU is proceeding. All other MOU Signatures have been received and will be submitted to the US Forest Service once the DNR page is received.
  - c. Partner logo request update was given by Emily and she explained that using logos looks better than just a list when recognizing partners. To date 13 logos have been received and 2 partners have responded that they do not have logos.
  - d. Draft Roles & Responsibilities documents for Coordinator, Board of Directors, and/or Partners (Org/Dev Action Team). Emily presented the Draft Coordinator Roles/Responsibilities document. Some suggestions were given by members and will be reviewed and refined by the Org/Dev AT.
  - e. WRISC herbicide storage update was given by Emily Anderson. She attended a conference and was able to talk to an herbicide professional who gave her clarity regarding winter storage of herbicides.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Emily Anderson attended the Michigan Invasive Species Coalition Annual Meeting in Gaylord, MI and explained the meeting was geared specifically toward CISMAS. She distributed general WRISC information and took away a lot of great information.
  - b. Emily asked for volunteers to help plan the 2016 Annual Meeting. Greg Cleereman, Ann Hruska, Justin Bournoville, and Cary Anderson volunteered and Emily will be in touch with them to begin this process.
  - c. Emily updated the members about the 2016 Road ROW Planning and her timeline for talks with DOT and others about what each group is able to do so it is easier to coordinate control efforts.
  - d. Emily explained there is a possible opportunity with WDNR Rapid Response Funding for Crandon Knotweed(s). Several areas were identified and photographed earlier in the year by Rosie Page which had formerly been thought to be Japanese (restricted) but are in fact Bohemian (prohibited).
  - e. New grant funding options/discussion – Members shared ideas for future grant opportunities and Emily will follow up with those.
9. **ROUND ROBIN** – Partners took the opportunity to share their own updates. Scott Goodwin gave an update on Florence County’s grant reporting and plans for CBCW at 7 landings in 2016. Greg Cleereman reported on the completion of Marinette County’s DNR Ducks unlimited Phragmites control work. Ann Hruska gave updates from the recent WE Energies Land Management Meeting. Dick Peterson brought up invasive species and utility right-of-ways, particularly the American Transmission Company. Steve Janke shared that the Forest Service will be hiring seasonal employees very early this year and will pass on more information regarding the job postings. Emily reminded Partners that in preparation for 2016 hiring there is a portion on the WRISC website job postings page reserved for Partner job postings.
10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – The next Board Meeting is on 2/3/16 in Dickinson County. For further details, members should refer to the 2016 Meeting Schedule approved in 7a above and available on the WRISC website.
11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – There were no future items at this time.
12. **ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn by Greg/Dick at 11:40am. Motion Carried.

**Following the meeting, Emily gave a Mapping Presentation.** The handouts and PowerPoint will be posted on the WRISC website.