

Board of Directors - Minutes



June 3, 2015

Location: Florence Natural Resource Center
5628 Forestry Drive – Florence, WI

Present: Emily Anderson-WRSIC Coordinator, Angie Stine – Whitewater Associates, Steve Janke-US Forest Svc, Aaron McCullough-WI DNR, Jennifer Johnson-MI DNR, Ann Hruska-Dickinson Conservation District, Tracy Beckman-Lumberjack RC&D, Charlene Peterson-Shakey Lakes Association, Margie Yadro-Florence Co Conservation, Cary Anderson-FCLARA, Brian Bousley-Menominee County, Dick Peterson-Lake Township, Greg Cleereman-Marinette County, Corrin Seaman-UW Extension, Barb Gajewski-Many Waters LLC, Bill Rice-Dickinson Conservation District.

Call To Order by Chairperson Dick Peterson at 12:55pm

1. Introductions – All present introduced themselves and gave their affiliation.
2. Approval of the Agenda – Motion by Yadro/Bousley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
3. Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Hruska/Cleereman to approve the minutes of the 4/1/2015 Board of Director’s meeting. Motion Carried.
4. Board of Directors Election
 - a. Nomination of Board Members – Nominees were Ron Yadro-Florence Schools, Steve Janke-US Forest Svc, Aaron McCullough-WI DNR, Jennifer Johnson-MI DNR, Tracy Beckman-Lumberjack RC&D, Cary Anderson-FCLARA, Dick Peterson-Lake Township, Greg Cleereman-Marinette County, and Bill Rice-Dickinson Conservation District. Margie Yadro – Florence County was also nominated but declined, and John Preuss was nominated but removed as not present. Motion by Yadro/Hruska to close nominations and approve the members. Motion Carried.
 - b. Election of Officers – It was noted that while Hruska is no longer on the board, as the representative of WRISC’s Fiscal Agent (the Dickinson Conservation District) she will remain as the Treasurer.
 - i. Chair – Nominees were Bill Rice and Dick Peterson. Greg Cleereman was nominated but declined the nomination. C. Anderson/Johnson moved to close nominations. Motion Carried. Members wrote down their choice on paper and turned them in. E. Anderson tabulated the vote – 6 votes for Bill and 2 votes for Dick. Bill, being elected as the new Chairperson, took over the meeting.
 - ii. Vice Chair – Nominee – Dick Petersen. Cleereman/Johnson moved to close nominations and elect Peterson as Vice Chairperson. Motion Carried.
 - iii. Secretary - Tracy Beckman nominated. C. Anderson/Johnson moved to close nominations and elect Tracy as Secretary. Motion Carried.
5. Adoption of 2015 By-laws and MOU
 - a. 2015 MOU – Motion by Johnson/McCullough to approved the MOU labeled 2015 Draft2. Motion Carried. Margie Yadro thanked all of those that worked hard on the MOU document. It was noted that there is no hard deadline for Partners to sign the MOU, giving them flexibility and time to review any changes.
 - b. Presentation of Signatory Pages and Signing of New Partners – Those present received their signatory page, signed and returned to Emily. Those not present will receive their page in the mail with instructions to sign and return.
 - c. 2015 By-Laws Update – Motion by Beckman/Johnson to approve the Bylaws labeled 4/15/2015. Motion Carried.
6. Grants/Treasurer’s Report - Ann Hruska presented the report. There were suggestions to look into foundation grants as an income source. Also suggested was to look for partner agreements that will allow for payment delay until grant reimbursement. Hruska felt this is something that could be done and will follow-up.

7. **ACTION TEAMS** – Members received for their information, Action Team meeting minutes from AIS, Terrestrial, Monitoring, Organizational Development, Education and Outreach. Margie Yadro prompted discussion on if any other subjects needed to be addressed and/or any new committees formed.
8. Submit Coordinator Update – Members received Emily’s update for their information. It was noted that most of her update was covered earlier within her presentation at the Annual Meeting.

9. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - a. Landowner and Volunteer forms finalized – Motion by Beckman/McCullough to approve the new forms as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Revised Priority Species List and new “Top Target” list – The Priority Species List revised by the Terrestrial Action Teams was passed out to members. The teams are also working on finalizing a list of top target species for outreach and education.
 - c. Strategic Management Plan – Motion by McCullough/Cleereman to accept the SMP as presented. Discussion: For clarity, Rice directed E. Anderson to place identifiers on each page of documents. Also Johnson suggested developing a way to track Action Team goals so the board can learn if benchmarks are being met as it would help the teams and also would help with future grants. E. Anderson will work on developing this.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** – There was no new business brought before the board.
11. Partner Privilege – Johnson requested to be added to the AIS Action Team.
12. Any other Business: The Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 5th from 10am until noon in Forest County. The location is tba. C. Peterson will reserve space in Menominee County for the October meeting.
13. Future Agenda Items – No future items were offered at this time.
14. Adjourn – Motion by McCullough/Cleereman to adjourn at 2:25pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Beckman, Secretary on 6/4/2015