

# Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes



**June 7, 2017**      12:45pm      Florence Natural Resource Center  
5638 Forestry Drive – Florence, WI

**Partners Present:** Justin Bournoville (USFS), Angie Stine (White Water Associates), Darcy Rutkowski (UP RC&D), Greg Cleereman (Marinette Co), Amanda Nelson (Dickinson CD), Bill Rice (Dickinson CD), Aaron McCullough (WI DNR), Dick Peterson (Lake Twp), Pam Schroeder (FCAL), Jennifer Johnson (MI DNR), Ben Determan (Dickinson CD), Scott Goodwin (Florence Co)

**Partners Present via Teleconference:** Tracy Beckman (Lumberjack RC&D)

**Staff Present:** Lindsay Peterson (WRISC Coordinator)

## Call to order at 12:46pm for the New Board Member Election

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Nominations open:

- There are four board seats up for nomination this year. L.Peterson presented “letters of intent” from current members who expressed interest in continuing as board members via email. J.Johnson was asked in person at the present time and indicated willingness to continue on the board.
- The following Partners were nominated for Board positions: Dick Peterson, Aaron McCullough, Scott Goodwin, Jennifer Johnson, and Pam Schroeder
- G.Cleereman/D.Peterson moved to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

## Called to order at 1:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

1. **The following Slate of Officers was elected:** Chair – Bill Rice (S.Goodwin/G.Cleereman moved to approve nomination, motion carried), Vice Chair – Aaron McCullough (G.Cleereman/D.Peterson moved to approve the nomination, motion carried), Secretary – Pam Schroeder (J.Johnson/S.Goodwin moved to approve the nomination, motion carried). The newly elected officers assumed duties. A.Nelson will record meeting minutes for today’s meeting until P.Schroeder is more comfortable with the organization and meeting format.
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – J.Bournoville/S.Goodwin moved to accept. Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of the 4/6/16 Meeting Minutes** – D.Peterson pointed out one spelling error which will be corrected. A.McCullough/J/Bournoville moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as amended. Motion Carried.
4. **Presentation of Signatory Pages and Signing of New Partners:** L.Peterson introduced new Partners: Lake Antoine Association, Carney Lake Association, Hamilton Lakes Association, High Falls Chapter – Wild Turkey Federation, and NORMENCO Sportsmen’s Club. Signatory pages will be mailed to new Partners for official signature.
5. **Grants/Treasurer’s Report** was given by A.Nelson (Dickinson Conservation District) and L.Peterson. All grants, current and pending, were addressed. Many grants are just getting

started for the year as field season wraps up and there isn't much to report. L.Peterson expressed concern over the Forest Co. Knotweed grant but T.Beckman reassured by clarifying the end date of the grant funds, which was unclear in L.Peterson's files. Partner Darcy Rutkowski mentioned that there has been some work regarding the GLRI EPA fund, which has been on hold since January 2017. WRISC may hear something on this grant in the next few months.

L.Peterson reported that the WRISC undesignated fund was currently at \$370.13. This sparked discussion on options for building up this fund to have a solid base of funding if need be. This is difficult to achieve beyond donations, seeing as you cannot make profit using grant funds. Lots of discussion was had regarding different events and possibilities. It was decided this conversation could be had at another time after everyone had a chance to brainstorm ideas or look into the matter further.

6. **Action Teams** – L.Peterson noted that most action teams have ceased formal meetings for the field season. She provided updates on what the teams have discussed via email, such as finalizing the Wild Parsnip brochure. The Organizational Development Action Team will continue to meet as regularly as possible.
7. **Coordinator Update** – L.Peterson presented the coordinator's report which included past and upcoming events, grant progress updates, and reports on website/social media reach. Summer staff are starting to get into a routine and are all getting along very well. They are all enthusiastic and passionate, making the field days fun. Outreach and education events have been falling into place and materials are being developed.
8. **OLD BUSINESS** –
  - a. **By-laws Amendment** – The proposed bylaws changes had been sent out for 30-day review in April. L.Peterson reported that A.McCullough noted one capitalization error but that no other members suggested further edits during the review period. There was no further discussion of the presented bylaw edits. T.Beckman/A.McCullough moved to amend the WRISC Bylaws with the presented edits. Motion carried.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Strategic Management Plan** – L.Peterson presented the current WRISC Strategic Management Plan. She noted that there won't be much discussion today on this document but instead wants Board Members to review the current plan as we move forward with the rewrite. L.Peterson suggested taking the plan section by section and would like to have a working draft by December 2017, seeing as this is when the current plan will expire.
  - b. **Grant opportunities – CD3, Phragmites:** L.Peterson gave a quick update on a project that was brought to our attention by Wildlife Forever and the Clean Drain Dry Initiative. It is a pilot project seeking MISGP funding to install several permanent boat cleaning stations at boat landings. WRISC would be a partner and would help deploy units in the UP. There isn't much detail at this time as no draft proposal has been received. Darcy Rutkowski also gave an update on the Phragmites cost-share grant and the pending proposal for MISGP funds for another phragmites grant, where WRISC would essentially fill the position of UP RC&D in Menominee and Dickinson Counties regarding phragmites and promote local, sustainable phragmites management.
  - c. **Partner Input – Special Events for Staff?** L.Peterson briefly asked the Board if there were any events that they felt the summer staff should attend. These events could include trainings, presentations, or other such educational events. If anything comes up as the

summer progresses, Partners and Board members can feel free to contact L.Peterson.

**10. Round Robin Updates:**

- a. A.McCullough: Upcoming knapweed control, pulled Garlic Mustard in Wausaukee, will be continuing Phragmites work this year.
- b. J.Johnson: WRISC was featured in the DNR Fisheries newsletter "Reel In," VHS was found in Lake St. Clair which is the primary lake for musky brood stock so stocking is on hold for now. J.Johnson will be occupying the Norway Field Office through August while the Crystal Falls office is being renovated.
- c. S.Goodwin: Work has started for CBCW program – manning 7 landings with 8 staff this year, with AIS grant they plan to do at least 20 lakes but are shooting for 30. Did not get wetland/interpretive trail grants.
- d. G.Cleereman: Marinette has 2 CBCW staff, will be continuing DASH efforts on a few lakes, ED/RR on Lundgren, issues with phosphorus which is puzzling give the effort to reduce input.
- e. D.Peterson: Checked Shakey for zebra mussels while the water was low and did not find any, water level is now back up and it came up quick this year with all the rain, there will be work to fix several of the culverts in the area around the lake as several have washed out or been damaged
- f. P.Schroeder: Gave update on FCAL (22 lake associations in Forest County), milfoil is an issue for many of the lakes in the county, FCAL holds an essay contest with local schools, Kentuck Days and the Fall Forum are coming up.
- g. J.Bournoville: Was able to hire 3 crew members for 2017, currently working on Garlic Mustard treatments
- h. D.Rutkowski: Ongoing and upcoming phragmites projects and work
- i. A.Stine: White Water Associates has a full summer planned, Iron County Assoc. of Lakes is hosting an event for watershed and river health.
- j. B.Determan: Feels strongly that WRISC should not accept donations (per previous discussion under "5. Grant/Treasurers Report."
- k. No other updates were given.

11. The next meeting date & location is August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the Forest County Court House in Crandon, WI.

12. Future Agenda Items – L.Peterson noted that the Strategic Management Plan will be on the next agenda. No other items were brought forth; B.Rice noted any other items that come up should be forwarded to L.Peterson.

13. Motion by S.Goodwin/G.Cleereman to adjourn at 2:33pm. Motion Carried.

*Approved August 2, 2017*