

Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2025

1:30pm

Belgiumtown Restaurant, Stephenson MI



Members Present: Scott Goodwin, Shawna Dishaw (Florence County LCD), Sheri Denowski (Marinette County), Aaron McCullough (WI DNR),

Members Absent: Kayla Littleton (Forest County LWCD), Sherry Pethers (Forest County), Connie Westrich (Menominee County), Tracy Beckman (Lumberjack RC&D)

Guests: Susan Krage (USFS)

Staff: Lindsay Peterson (Coordinator), Natalie Hunding (Project Manager)

Meeting called to order at 1:31pm by L. Peterson.

Board of Director Elections

1. Review Voting Results

- a. L. Peterson reviewed the Board of Directors ballots and voting results, which were submitted during the WRISC Annual Meeting on June 6th, 2025. All votes for Board Members up for election were in favor with no contentions, and there were no additional nominations for board members from the ballots.
- b. L. Peterson did call three times for any additional nominations or votes at this time. There were no additional nominations.

2. Officially Elect New Board Members

- c. Hearing no additional nominations, L. Peterson called for a motion to approve the current nominations and officially elect all Board Member positions. Motion made S. Denowski/S. Dishaw. Motion carried.
- d. The following board members were elected:
 - i. Shawna Dishaw (2 years); Aaron McCullough (2 years); Sherry Pethers (2 years); Kayla Littleton (2 years); Connie Westrich (1 year); Scott Goodwin (2 years)
 - ii. Susan Krage (1 year – designated alternate for N. Shutt)

Election of Officers

2. Nominations and Election for Chair

- a. The following members were nominated for Chair:
 - i. S. Goodwin – accepted
 - ii. S. Dishaw – declined
 - iii. S. Pethers – not present
- b. Since not all nominated parties were available to accept/decline their nominations, voting for this office position was postponed until the next WRISC Board Meeting (August).

3. Nominations and Election for Vice Chair

- a. The following members were nominated for Vice Chair:
 - i. S. Denowski – declined
 - ii. S. Dishaw – accepted
 - iii. K. Littleton – not present

- b. Since not all nominated parties were available to accept/decline their nominations, voting for this office position was postponed until the next WRISC Board Meeting (August).

4. Nominations and Election for Secretary

- a. No nominations were received for Secretary. This position can be filled later on if there is interest.

5. New Officers assume duties

- a. Since not all members were present to accept/decline their nominations, officer elections were postponed until the August meeting.
- b. L. Peterson continued to lead the meeting.

Note: Financials are handled through the WRISC fiscal agent, Dickinson Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

1. Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by S. Dishaw/ S. Goodwin. ***Motion carried.***

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from the February and April meetings were presented.
 - i. Motion to accept the February minutes as presented made by S. Goodwin / A. McCullough. ***Motion carried.***
 - ii. Motion to accept the April minutes as presented made by S. Goodwin / S. Denowski. ***Motion carried.***

3. Grant/Treasurer's Report

- a. L. Peterson presented the grant report and reported that the WRISC undesignated fund had a current balance of \$11,347.09.
- b. Motion to place the grant report on file was made by S. Goodwin / S. Dishaw. ***Motion carried.***

4. New Business:

- a. Approval of new partners

- i. Application for partnership was submitted by S. Goodwin's design business – Goodwino Studios. Motion to accept the new partners made by A. McCullough / S. Dishaw. ***Motion carried.***

b. WRISC Rebrand & 501(c)3 updates

- i. As presented during the annual meeting, WRISC will be making a name change and rebranding the non-profit organization as the Roots and Rivers Collaborative! The board briefly discussed the name change and general consensus was positive and approving of the change. L. Peterson will work on incorporating this change into the filing paperwork and will work on design mock-ups for a new logo.
 - ii. L. Peterson will be submitting the applications for incorporation for each state shortly. Once these are approved, the federal IRS filing can be completed with an accountant. L. Peterson has some leads and will continue to follow up on those and move forward with the process.

5. Any other Business: Updated Board Photo!
6. Future Agenda Items: Contingency Plan, Officer elections
7. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 2:06pm

Minutes compiled and submitted by N. Iwaszek and L. Peterson.

Minutes approved as presented on August 6, 2025 on motion by S. Pethers / K. Littleton.