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Minutes of August 13, 2016

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The Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council (WCWLC) August meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by President Gary Wisbrocker; The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, Gary introduced the 2016 WCWLC Board Members:

Gary Wisbrocker, President - Long Lake, Saxeville
Dan Trudell, Vice President - Huron Lake
Francie Rowe, Secretary - Pleasant Lake
Bill Van Dongen, Treasurer - White River Flowage
Mel Heaney - Round Lake
Marty Wilke - Spring Lake
Barb Bartel - Silver Lake

Twenty-seven individuals attended the meeting representing 17 lakes. County Board members in attendance included: Everett Eckstein, Mike Kapp, and Bernadette Krentz. UW-Extension was represented by Patrick Nehring; Waushara County Land Conservation & Zoning was represented by Ed Hernandez and Terri Dopp-Paukstat.

Public Comments

Mike Geier reported on the White River Flowage's battle with Purple flowering rush. Purple flowering rush was found in the White River Flowage in July, 2015. It is thought that it was brought by geese to the river and is growing a foot a week. He asked for help on hand pulling August 18-19th. In addition to "pullers" they need a fleet of kayaks and paddlers to help collect the plants. Chemical treatment is scheduled for September and again next spring. Mike emphasized that flowering rush is a "nightmare" as it grows rapidly, pushes out native vegetation, and clogs the water way. He also noted that it has invaded the wild rice beds.

Denis Sutton shared that Mt Morris Lake is having a serious problem with yellow iris. Yellow iris is a new plant on the AIS list.

Agenda, Minutes, Treasure's Report

The May minutes were amended to change Ted Johnson's phone number area code from 620 to 920 and add Janis Ringhand, Senator, District 15 as an attendee. Denis Sutton moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Mike Geier seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

Marty Wilke moved the agenda be approved as written; Dan Trudell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer - Bill

Bill Van Dongen reported that 30 Lakes have paid for 2016 dues; 11 have paid 2017 dues; 3 have paid 2018 dues; and one has paid 2019 dues. He noted that the budget numbers to-date had been sent with the agenda for the meeting. Bill reported that the Educational Fund is in good shape as the CD will reach \$10,000 in August, 2016. From August on, accrued interest will be applied to the annual award.

Per Bill's written report account balances as of July 24, 2016 are listed as:

Total Useable Funds Available:	\$ 1,790.37
Environmental Education Fund	\$ 9,647.68
Savings Account Balance	\$ 1,880.37

Mel Heaney moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as written. Barb Bartel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Grant Resources Presentation - Patrick, Nehring & Chris Hamerla

Patrick began his presentation by providing to those present a copy of his PowerPoint slides. It included web sites to locate grant information at UW libraries. Patrick noted that grants are available from GuideStar, DATCP, Dept. of Health & Human Services, as well as DNR. [see PowerPoint handout].

Patrick and Chris provided hints on writing grant proposals: Chris noted that it is important to use the same vocabulary the grantor uses in writing your proposals. Patrick noted, that the grant preparer should not use acronyms unless they are explained in the proposal. Grant reviews will no longer be local DNR staff connected to the water bodies seeking funding; grants will be reviewed by DNR staff in Milwaukee who do not know the lake or river. Therefore, he noted the importance of making sure geographic and ecological background that describes the lake are included.

Chris Hamerla noted that DNR is in the process of changing their entire AIS grant process. He noted that the DNR staff are currently meeting with counties and individuals to develop a new process, criteria for review, awards system, etc. The goal is to have a new grant system process in place by winter 2019.

Ed Hernandez suggested that grant preparation should include communication with your lake biologist. Sharing a plan scope early on in the process is to your advantage.

Patrick noted the goal of the grant (deliverable outcome) needs to be measurable and reasonable. For example, if not likely that a EWM will be eliminated, therefore use words such as "manage" or "control" rather than "eliminate". Patrick directed attention to the "Existing & Proposed Partnerships" section of the guide and noted this was an important element of the grant proposal.

Chris spoke to the importance of Appendices and Budget. Appendices provide the opportunity to include additional information, letters of support from neighboring communities. This is particularly true if there is financial support from others. Critical elements to consider in proposals:

- Where are you going to get your match?
- The cost of boat rental or other equipment
- Volunteer time (\$12.00/hour)
- Professional time (scuba divers, expert biologist or hydrologist time, etc.)

DNR's AIS pool for 2017 is \$4.5 million - \$2 million for lakes, \$2.5 for rivers.

Patrick pointed out that the grant scoring criteria are included in the grant guide documentation. Chris noted that in order to be funded, a grant request must have a rank of at least at a 23 to be considered.

Environmental Education Committee Report

Gary Wisbrocker reported that the Waushara Conservation Field Day event was the recipient of the \$250.00 Education Award for 2016.

Election of 2016-17 WCWLC Board Members

Gary opened nominations for WCWLC Board Members for 2017. Mel Heaney, Sandy Oemichen, and Francie Rowe were nominated for the three open positions on the Board.

Denis Sutton moved the slate be elected, Mike Geier seconded. The vote was unanimous.

DNR Request

No one present

AIS Grant Program - Ed Hernandez

Nothing to report

Land Conservation Request - Ed Hernandez

Ed provided a handout that addressed the following topics:

1. Lake Management Plans Project.

- Information for all the Waushara County lake plans is on the Waushara County web site.
- Five plans are awaiting lake group approval
- Seven plans are awaiting DNR approval
- 18 plans received DNR approval

Ed and Patrick are working on a "Lake Guidance for Updating a Lake Plan Guide. They hope to have it completed by November, 2016. Lake groups will need to report progress on Lake Plan goals to the County. Lake groups should plan on a five-year report and renewal of each plan. As plans are lake specific, reports will need to be so as well.

2. DASH Project

- Johns, Huron, Marl, Lucerne, Upper WRF have been selected for the DASH piolet project to remove Eurasian Water Milfoil.
- Ed will provide an update at the November 2016 meeting

3. Stream Base-flow and Lake Level Monitoring Wells:

- The project is in progress
- Monitor needed for Gilbert Lake

4. Conservation Field Days

- Over 200 students attended
- Combined forestry and wild-life stations
- Thanked WCWLC for the financial support

Vouchers

Bill reported that there were no outstanding bills at this time. Gary moved that if any new expenditures occur that Bill be authorized to pay them upon arrival; Marty Wilke seconded the motion, it passed.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am by Pres. Gary Wisbrocker.

Respectfully submitted,
Francie Rowe, Secretary

2016-17 WCWLC Meetings:

Nov. 12th @ 10:00 - Post-Election Update on Wisconsin's legislators: Senate & Assembly

Feb. 18th @ 10:00 - DNR new AIS grant proposal process

May 13th @ 9:00 - Sample websites (for a possible WCWLC site) using Wordpress - Marty Wilke, Richard DeLisle, Karen Reynolds

Aug. 12th @ 9:00 - Program TBD

WCWLC Board Members:

Sandy Oemichen (term2016-19)
Mel Heaney (term2016-19)
Francie Rowe (term2016-19)
Dan Trudell (term2014-17)

Bill Van Dongen (term2015-18)
Gary Wisbrocker (term2014-17)
Marty Wilke (term2015-18)