

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 8, 2009

Board members present: Robyn Morin, Lynn Englehorn, Dick Rueckl, Diane Bassett, and Ted Ludwig. Absent: Ted DeZurik, George Brewere, Dick Lamers, Russ Ziebell, and Justin Kemp.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Robyn at 7:10 p.m.
- II. A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Lynn, seconded by Dick R. Motion carried.
- III. November action items:
 - A. Robyn received the report from the health department check. The readings were not significant. We will work with the DNR to get more sampling next year.
 - B. Robyn attended the TMDL meeting on November 10th. They have changed their name to "Phosphorous Reduction and Education Program (PREP)" so it would be more meaningful to those they work with. The idea of a basin coordinator was discussed. Melanie Baumgart of RCRC&D and Lance Klessig of the Dunn County Land Conservation Division will be speakers at the January meeting of TMLIA.
- IV. Robyn distributed a calendar for the upcoming year which lists the known scheduled items. The next meeting will be January 12th at the Dunn County Fish & Game Association Clubhouse in Menomonie. The above speakers will discuss the Grant Township project. Dan Prestebak of the Land Conservation Division will also attend.
- V. Russ Ziebell arrived at 7:20 p.m.
- VI. Dick R. presented the treasurer's report. Ted L. motioned, Russ seconded to approve the report. Motion carried. Some discussion of the budget followed and will be continued at the next meeting. It was felt the budget is a tool and projects will still have to be individually approved.
- VII. A tentative Code of Ethics prepared by Robyn and Allison Werner of River Alliance was discussed. One issue was who the Code should apply to. It was decided it should apply to the Board of Directors and members of all committees. In essence, anyone who has direct influence over our activities. Robyn, Russ, and Ted L. will meet January 16th to refine the wordage.
- VIII. Discussion on the TMLIA project survey for 2010 was held. The many line items were evaluated and after combining some of them the following 6 projects/goals were selected by the Board to be the primary focus of our efforts in 2010:
 - A. To support the formation of an alliance to coordinate the water quality efforts within the Red Cedar River Basin. This would be a pilot project for the basin and we would encourage support from all governmental levels.
 - B. The TMLIA will continue our efforts in stream monitoring and add lake monitoring to this effort. We will continue to support the Water Action Volunteer stream monitoring program and work for the future goal that all streams in the basin will be monitored. We will work to get P levels monitored in these streams.
 - C. We will work to increase membership by 50% in 2010 and to increase active membership.
 - D. Continue to support the 'Clean Boats, Clean Waters' program and expand actions to control AIS.
 - E. Explore/analyze short term fixes to the algae levels.
 - F. Secure and coordinate the funding of an economic impact study regarding the current condition of the lakes.A motion to select these items was made by Russ, seconded by Lynn. Motion passed.
- IX. Committee reports:
 - A. Robyn and Justin met with Mayor Kropp to discuss a support letter from the City of Menomonie regarding the efforts to improve water quality.
 - B. Nothing new from Town of Tainter.
 - C. Finance: Budget will be presented in January.
 - D. Membership: Several new members. There are 157 members with 15 of them business members.
 - E. Education: Prepared DNR FAQ for the website. Ted will work on getting it on.
 - E. Environment: Colfax Schools let engineering contract for the erosion site.
 - F. Red Cedar Basin Monitoring Group: Group met and is working on getting equipment ready for spring. Ted L. picked up USGS low level monitors. These are surplus and have to be rebuilt. He is working on that.
- X. New Business: On January 23rd, at UW-Stevens Point, the Citizen Based Stream Monitoring 2010 Symposium will be held. Ted L. is going and Robyn encouraged others to attend. Ted L. will send info to BOD. Robyn received an e-mail from Ronald Visness requesting we do test for him which may show phosphorus containing biomass materials concentrate in deeper water during the winter. The info was passed to the Clean the Green Committee for evaluation and possible action.
- XI. A motion to adjourn made by Ted L., seconded by Lynn. Motion passed at 9:48 p.m.