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**Minutes—LSRWA Board Meeting  
Brodhead Public Library, August 5, 2015, 5:30pm-6:45pm**

**Note: NO WATERSHED FORUM THIS EVENING**

**Board of Directors**

Susan Lehnhardt, President  
Juda, WI

Pat Cardiff, Vice President  
Lake Geneva, WI

Meredith Tripp, Treasurer  
Brodhead, WI

Mindy Reinstra, Secretary  
Juda, WI

Aaron Kubichka  
Juda, WI

DeeAnna Straub  
Brodhead, WI

Ed Kaderly  
Juda, WI

Robert Hansis  
Madison, WI

**Action Team Leads**

Organization  
Lynnette Nelson

Technical  
Meredith Tripp

Science  
Susan Lehnhardt

Education/Outreach  
Carol Aslesen

Grant Writing  
Susan Lehnhardt

**Handouts:**

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- 3\_Treasurers Report

**Agenda:**

**1. Welcome & Introductions—Pat Cardiff**

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Directors present: Pat Cardiff, Meredith Tripp, Mindy Reinstra, Ed Kaderly, Aaron Kubichka, Susan Lehnhardt (call-in)

Directors absent/excused: Bob Hansis

Directors absent/unexcused: DeeAnna Straub

Director Candidates present: Peg Sheaffer

Guests present: Jen Riemer

**2. Secretary's Report—Mindy Reinstra**

Minutes were circulated via email by Lehnhardt for review. Approved minutes will be posted to the website. **Motion by Reinstra to accept minutes, Kaderly second, motion carried 6/0.**

**3. Treasurer's Report—Meredith Tripp**

See appended treasurer's report. **Motion by Kaderly to accept and approve treasurer's report, Reinstra second, motion carried 6/0.** Approval requested by Tripp to make timely payments of regular quarterly bills such as for web hosting, without having to seek approval each time. **Motion by Kubichka to approve quarterly payments of web hosting fees, Kaderly second, motion carried 6/0.**

**4. Action Team/Special Committee Reports**

**A. Organization—Nelson**

1. Staff Replacement—status, DNR consultation (Tripp, Lehnhardt)

Lehnhardt reports consultation with WDNR grant coordinator with guidance to hire replacement versus contracting tasks separately in order to be able to utilize the grant funds allocated for this purpose. A letter was prepared by Lehnhardt to rescind the current contract with Lindsay Andrews. The letter was circulated previously for review. A hiring committee was formed to begin seeking a new part-time Program Director, comprised of Cardiff, B. Sampson, and Lehnhardt. Lehnhardt to re-circulate the original contract to directors. **Motion by Lehnhardt to approve and send letter as written, Kaderly second, motion carried 6/0.**

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2. Workers Comp Insurance—status (Tripp)

Based on consultation with the Dept of Work Force Development contact by Lehnhardt, Tripp recommends allowing our policy to lapse until the new employee is hired. Our policy will be reinstated at that time without penalty.

**B. Education/Outreach—Aslesen**

1. Sugar River Expedition—update (Aslesen)

A third leg of the paddle is being coordinated for August by C. Aslesen. This activity, kicked off at the annual meeting and involving paddlers that had signed up at that time, is open to public participation. Others interested in participating should contact Carol to learn about the last two or so legs of the paddle, which likely will extend into spring 2016.

2. Fall Sugar River Paddle—update (Tripp)

Tripp is coordinating this recreational family paddle event, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 13. The route will commence at Headgates Park and proceed down the race, with a portage at dam and into Sugar for the remaining 5 miles to the takeout on Hwy 81. Meredith proposes to charge 10 dollars per craft for the general fund. Discussion ensued regarding limited participation for safety and coordination reasons. Children under 14 should be accompanied by two adult paddlers. **Motion by Reinstra to limit participation to 20 craft with experienced lead boats to accompany pods of 4 – 5 craft, Lehnhardt second, motion carried 6/0.**

3. New Group “Green County Defending our Farmland”—update (Tripp, Sheaffer)

Jen Riemer of Green County Defending our Farmland provided an introduction to the new organization and initial research, networking, and outreach efforts to challenge a new 5000 cow dairy being proposed in the Searles Creek basin by the current operator of the large Rock Prairie Dairy near Janesville. In light of water quality issues in Searles Creek, a 303(d) impaired stream with a TMDL, and recently listed receiving water bodies of the Sugar River mainstem and Decatur Lake, and significant downstream natural resource assets (Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area, Avon Bottoms State Natural Area, and Swenson Wet Prairie State Natural Area, and a fishery of state significance), LSRWA will prepare a letter to address these concerns. **Motion by Reinstra for Lehnhardt to prepare draft letter for review, Tripp second, motion carried 6/0.**

**C. Technical (GIS, website)—Tripp**

1. Website O&M—update (Tripp)

O&M meeting scheduled for August 28.

**D. Science—Lehnhardt**

1. Green Map and Sugar River Data Collection: (Lehnhardt)

**E. Grant Writing Team—Cardiff, Lehnhardt**

1. River Planning Grant II—deadline extended, update (Lehnhardt)
2. River Planning Grant III—deadline extended, update (Lehnhardt)
3. Janelia Foundation Grant/Soil Carbon Story—update (Lehnhardt)
4. River Planning Grant IV—update (Lehnhardt)
6. New grant opportunities—RCPP (Lehnhardt)

**5. New Business**

**6. Adjourn**

**7. Next Meeting: September 2, 2015/5:30 – 6:45 PM. LSRWA board meetings are open to the public.**

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