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## Minutes—LSRWA Board Meeting

Brodhead Public Library, October 7, 2015, 5:30pm-6:45pm

**Note: NO WATERSHED FORUM THIS EVENING**

### Handouts:

1\_Agenda

2\_Secretaries Report

3\_Treasurers Report

### Agenda:

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Directors present: Pat Cardiff (call-in), Bob Hansis, Mindy Reinstra, Ed Kaderly, Aaron Kubichka, Susan Lehnhardt, DeeAnna Straub (call-in)

Directors absent/excused: Meredith Tripp

Director Candidates present: Bob Sampson

Action Team Members present: Jill Sampson

Guests present: John Winters

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

Copies of the September minutes were read individually. Motion by Hansis to accept minutes as read, Kaderly second, motion carried 5/0 (call-in participants Cardiff and Straub abstain). Approved minutes will be posted to the website.

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

Treasurer's report submitted via email by Tripp was read by Lehnhardt. In summary, no expenses this past month and revenues of \$120 added to the General Fund from the canoe/kayak trip on Sept 13. Our Sugar River Bank checking account as of 9/30/2015 has \$26,166.14 and our General Fund is \$2,042.12. Motion by Kaderly to accept and approve treasurer's report as read, Hansis second, motion carried 7/0.

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

##### A. Organization—Nelson

1. Part-time Employee—update (Hiring Committee: Cardiff, B. Sampson, Lehnhardt)

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Lehnhardt reported that two applications have been received in response to the eblast announcement and website posting of the Program Director position. All applications will be taken up by the Hiring Committee for review following the October 12 deadline. The Committee will coordinate interviews shortly thereafter.

2. Board Application Submittals—review, approval (Tripp)

The board application of Lindsay Andrews was discussed. **Cardiff moved to accept Andrews as a new member of the Board, Reinstra second, motion carried 7/0. The applications of Bob Sampson and Peg Sheaffer were not available for review at the time of the meeting, therefore their applications will be circulated via email as soon as they are available so that voting can be done electronically.**

3. QuicikBooks Accounts—update (Lehnhardt)

Lehnhardt reports that quotes are being sought for an accounting professional to provide services for helping LSRWA complete setting up their QuickBooks accounts and other periodic reporting services. One quote has been received thus far by Northern Lights Accounting. Two additional quotes will be sought for consideration by the Board.

4. Annual Member Meeting (Feb 29)—planning update: meeting theme “Sustainable Ag Summit” (Lehnhardt)

Lehnhardt will ask the Organization Team to assist in planning the Annual Member Meeting. Mindy Reinstra volunteered to participate on the planning team as last year.

**B. Education/Outreach—Aslesen**

1. Meeting Schedule—update (Aslesen)

2. Fall Sugar River Paddle—update (Aslesen)

Lehnhardt reported that the paddle was a success, with a small group of 5 or 6 kayakers and the two LSRWA lead canoes enjoying the great weather, scenery, and wildlife along the race and Sugar River to the Clarence Bridge Park at Highway 11. Carol Aslesen wrote and posted a detailed article with colored photo on the website and to local press.

3. Green County Defending our Farmland—update (Tripp, Sheaffer)

Lehnhardt provided a brief update with the reported passing of the Sylvester Township 6-month moratorium to allow the Township time to investigation health and human safety issues associated with large livestock operations. Additional discussion touched on the groundwater sessions sponsored recently by UW-Extension.

**C. Technical (GIS, website)—Tripp**

1. Website O&M—update (Tripp)

2. Website Map Resources—update (D. Aslesen, Lehnhardt)

Lehnhardt reported that Dave Aslesen has developed an interactive subwatershed map on the map resources page (also accessible via the ‘Your Watershed’ page. This map will allow visitors to click on any of the 13 subwatershed basins to get to a separate ‘child page’ where more maps and narrative information will be available.

**D. Science—Lehnhardt**

1. Phosphorus Sampling Schedule 2016: (Lehnhardt)

Hansis inquired about the status of the additional sample points recommended and discussed at the last meeting. Cardiff will share electronically the current map of the sample point locations where phosphorus and other WAV data collections are being done throughout the LSRW and parts of the MSRW. Board members and others will be asked to propose additional sampling locations, which may or may not be associated with the 409 WRAS sample point locations established by LSRWA in 2011/2012. Kubichka inquired about the interpretation of the phosphorus sampling results and if any interpretation of this data can be ascertained. Lehnhardt suggested that Jim Amrhein might be

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approached about presenting a discussion on the 2014/2015 sampling results at our February annual meeting. Hansis will share a recently developed fact sheet with water quality related information.

**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)
5. New grant opportunities—RCPP (Lehnhardt)

**5. New Business**

John Winters invited LSRWA to consider partnering with DLMRA on a project to place paddling related signage at Sugar River public access locations, which they have been pursuing in discussions with the DNR. The board requested more information in the form of a prospectus or concept plan for further review and consideration. Lehnhardt expressed interest in reaching out to other watershed partners and stakeholders. Cardiff proposed revisiting an earlier discussion about the River Trails program sponsored by the National Park Service, which recently worked with stakeholders to develop a trail on the Rock River. Bob Hansis provided John with the contact person for the River Trail program.

**6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

**7. Next Meeting: November 4, 2015/5:30 – 6:45 PM. LSRWA board meetings are open to the public.**

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