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**Agenda—LSRWA Board Meeting
Microsoft Teams Online Meeting, November 4, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

- 1_Agenda
- 2_Secretary’s Report
- 3_Treasurer’s Report

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions – Lindsay Foy

- Meeting called to order at 5:30pm
- Board Members present (6 out of 10, no quorum): Cardiff, P., Foy, L., Mullen, D., Lehnhardt, S., Schwartz, T. and Tripp, M.
- Absent (excused): Lazorchick-Sampson, J., Sampson, B. and Kaderly, E.
- Absent (unexcused): Reinstra, M

2. Secretary’s Report – Jill Sampson

No quorum present, will approve in December.

3. Treasurer’s Reports – Meredith Tripp

No quorum present, will approve and vote on \$100 membership to USRWA in December.

4. Action Team/Special Committee Reports (*may require action)

A. Organization—Foy, Nelson

1. 2021 Planning (Foy)

To facilitate planning for 2021, Action Team leads should coordinate meetings via email/phone/video conference through the end of the year. Current Action Team membership roster is on Google Drive, and a link to the document was sent out with the agenda for this meeting. Send Lindsay Foy any changes to the roster or ideas for new members for Action Teams. Lindsay will send out the draft strategic planning goals discussed at the session last year.

2. Status of TWR (Tripp)

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Completed walkthrough with contractor who has a list of things to do. There are a lot of little things, but significant list for inside. For the outside, wraparound deck and covered smoker/outdoor cooking area has been built; waiting for the state to approve before can move forward on matching new construction with old part of deck. Outside still needs attention but won't happen until spring. Landscaping needs to be done. Lower level is virtually finished but no furnishings. Currently constructing tables in the shed using wood planks, many of which are from reserve. Website live (www.threewatersreserve.com).

B. Education—Foy, J. Sampson

1. 2021 virtual events (Foy, Lehnhardt)

Will conduct a test of Facebook Live or other technology in December. Connectivity is an issue and will need to determine locations where cell or Wi-Fi reception is good enough to hold a live event. Susan Lehnhardt will initiate coordination of the test event via email.

Virtual events in 2021 should be tied to the educational curriculum created for TWR field station and Get to Know Your Watershed events held previously (walks, birding, field days, etc.). There is significant interest in creating events focused on TWR including a prescribed burn, wetland vs. upland plants and habitats, the conceptual plan for the reserve and others.

2. Child Protection Policy updates (Lehnhardt, Foy)

Updates were made to the policy based on attorney comments. Susan L. is awaiting further guidance from attorney on implications for employees as much as focused on volunteers thus far.

3. Art show proposal submission

Board consensus was to submit the prepared proposal to MAC. Jill Lazorchick-Sampson can send the proposal to the group as a refresher and for any additional feedback.

C. Communications – Tripp

1. Website content

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Content is now 6-7 years old and could use updates. 3 subwatersheds are still missing content. This could be a good 2021 goal for the Communication Action Team.

D. Science – Lehnhardt

1. WAV wrap-up meeting

Webinar November 14, 2:30-3:30 PM. Tonya Gratz (Green County Land and Water Conservation Department) and Camille Bruhn (WDNR) will be on the webinar. Pat Cardiff will send Zoom invite.

2. Additional water testing efforts

Susan L. is working with Camille Bruhn to connect with Illinois EPA/DNR to expand our water quality sampling into Illinois. At this time, a citizen science monitoring program does not exist that would provide comparable data to the WAV program, so we would be creating this along with EPA/DNR. Karen Rivera is who Dave Mullen worked with when he worked for Winnebago County. Illinois has a citizen science program called RiverWatch that focuses heavily on water quality through biotic index sampling. We could potentially participate in this at another time, though this is different data than what we collect in Wisconsin.

3. SARE project updates (Lehnhardt, Kaderly)

Finished water sampling and got soil biology lab results from the lab in Texas. Should have report submitted by end of year. Field day for this project could be another virtual event in 2021.

4. Aquatic Invasive Species program

LSRWA has taken over management of the AIS program in our region, and Susan L. is part of that group. Program is organized in the state as Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas that are made up of multiple counties (LSRW in group with Green, Rock, Iowa, Dane and Lafayette Counties). Volunteers are needed, contact Susan L. Right now, specific populations are being

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addressed, for example, purple loosestrife in Belleville where the group is trying to figure out Early Detection and Rapid Response effort for that specific population. Susan is working with Pearl Island Committee and they have been working with invasive species there. Opportunity to get DLMRA involved in that effort.

E. Development – Lehnhardt, Foy

No current business to report

5. **New Business**
6. **Adjourn**
7. **Next Meeting: Wednesday/December 2/5:30 – 7:00 PM. Location TBD.
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