

WAUPACA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION
Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2016
Waupaca County Courthouse

Chair Phair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chair Pat Phair, Treasurer Clyde Tellock, Secretary Jim Hlaban, Linda Kassera, Ben Durfee, Joe McClone, Robert Besaw, Al Wichmann. Others present: Roger Holman, John Francis, and Ryan Brown.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Hlaban, seconded by Besaw to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Kassera, seconded by Wichmann to approve the March 30, 2016 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Introduction - John Francis: Holman introduced John Francis, Park Supervisor. Francis provided background information.

Appoint New Agent: Holman explained that with his retirement he will no longer be serving as the agent for the Foundation. Holman stated he is recommending Francis as the new agent for the Foundation.

Motion by McClone, seconded by Besaw that John Francis be appointed the Agent for the Waupaca County Natural Resources Foundation upon Holman's retirement. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Francis noted he is looking forward to working with the Foundation. Tellock stated he would get the paper work completed.

Waupaca Friends of the Park - Aaron Jenson: Aaron Jenson provided the Board with an update on the City of Waupaca park projects, including improving the South Park boat ramp and installing a fishing pier.

Phair thanked Jenson for his update.

Friends of Waupaca County Trails: Holman updated the Board on the formation of a County-wide Trails Friends group, noting that there is a lot of interest in connecting the Communities.

Ryan Brown reported on a County-wide trail meeting. Brown noted there is a lot of interest in trails and they plan to update the County Bike & Pedestrian Plan to include possible routes.

Correspondence: There was none.

Treasurer Report: Tellock handed out and reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Motion by Durfee, seconded by Kassera to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Simpson Land Donation: Holman updated the Board on the Simpson Land donation. Holman stated that after the election the City is willing to accept the property and the Foundation will no longer need to receive and hold the property for the City.

Committee Reports: There was none.

Project Updates:

Besaw updated the Board on the New London Veterans Memorial Park, with the fund raising on track and future fund raising scheduled.

Hlaban reported that the Little Wolf River Trail group is investing sturgeon habitat developments, working to improve public access below the dam, working on extending the Pat Wade Trail, organizing fundraisers, and had some trail damage due to high water.

Phair reported the Waupaca Community Garden is applying for a grant, the garden is planted, partnering with ThedaCare and hosting school groups.

Wichmann updated the Board on trail work from Clintonville to New London, which involves using DOT land as a part of the WIOUWASH Trail system.

Francis updated the Board on the Winter Multi-use recreational trail.

Francis described plans for signage at the Sturgeon Trail.

Presentations/Contacts: There was none

Review Brochure: Holman asked the Board to review the brochure for changes.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for August 31 at 3:30 p.m., with a possible tour of the Clintonville area.

Adjourn: Motion by McClone, seconded by Wichmann to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Solid Waste/Parks Director