

Coon Creek Community Watershed Council (CCCWC)

January Meeting Minutes

Coon Valley Conservation Club

51005 Knudson Lane, Coon Valley, WI

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Eat & Greet! Food Served: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order @7:00pm (Nancy Wedwick)
2. Introductions of attendees
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Debbie Andre reported that there is currently \$400 in the checking account
4. Marc's Fascinating Flashbacks
 - a. Marc Moilen shared information about a binder on the CCC from 1944-45 at the CV Library that contains oral narratives from that time.
5. Updates
 - a. Events/conferences
 - i. Kevin Traastad, Maggie Traastad & Debbie Andre shared an update from the Producer-Led Grants Workshop that was held in the Dells on December 13th
 - ii. January 5th 11:00-1:00 - Presentation by Karyl Fritsche from NRCS at Retreat Sportsman Club
 - iii. January 18th - Joint Watershed Meeting (CCCWC, Bad Axe, Tainter & Rush Creek) at Eagle's Club in Viroqua - If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Maggie Traastad.
 - iv. January 25th - Tainter Creek celebration of completion of Wallace Grant - Brad Robson is finalizing the information for this event and we'll send out when we have it.
 - b. Update on Greener Pastures/Oral Narratives project
 - i. First round of interviews concluded -completed 37 interviews
 - ii. Nancy Wedwick traveled to Madison and presented certificates to the students in Caroline's class. The students presented their projects. They will be sharing these projects with us over the next months.
 - iii. Next steps - May/June they will present the themes to us that came out of the interviews
 - iv. Nancy read a few of the Thank You notes from the students
 - c. Update on grant submissions
6. New Business:
 - a. Tucker Gretebeck shared information on the Climate Control Task Force. He passed around a flier of all the accomplishments. Discussion that we need to quantify what we are doing to show success.
 - b. The VSN Conservation On Tap that Nancy was speaking at has been rescheduled to January 31st.

- c. Jen Schmitz shared information about the Focus on Energy website with the group. Households are eligible for a free box of items once a year. Discussed solar installations, heat pumps, roofs, adding insulation, & windows. Can contact Dave Maxwell @ Vernon Electric if questions. Also if interested in House Energy Assessments, contact Jen.
 - d. Nancy Wedwick reviewed the DATCP Grant budget
 - e. Nancy Wedwick presented the first CCCWC Annual Report and passed out copies to those in attendance.
7. Next Meeting date and location - Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ Coon Valley Conservation Club- Mini Garden Expo with Andre from Firefly Farm
8. 2023 Meeting Schedule:
- a. Board (5:00 Legacy Sky Box):
 - i. January 11, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 24, June 21, July 19, August 23, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.
 - b. General (7:00 Location to be announced month prior to meeting):
 - i. January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6.
9. POSTPONED TO APRIL DUE TO PRESENTER ILLNESS - Presentation - Scott Stipetich, Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist, Pheasants Forever, Inc.
- "Precision ag technology is used to make a variety of agronomic management decisions on farms. Increasingly, this technology has become critically important in identifying underperforming acres within farming operations. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever support agricultural producers by assisting them in understanding how their farm specific data can serve as a guide to identifying areas where management changes and conservation programs can improve the profitability of low-yielding areas. Changes that are implemented as a result of this analysis are beneficial for wildlife habitat, building soil health, increasing water quality, and improving sustainability.
- As stewards of the land and business owners, growers need access to all options, including conservation, when analyzing ROI negative acres. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever will demonstrate resources to explore those options"