

Coon Creek Community Watershed Council (CCCWC)
January Meeting
Coon Valley Conservation Club
January 8, 2025
Eat & Greet! Food Served: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call @6:30pm

- a. 6:37pm meeting called to order. Introductions - discussion point was “something you are happy for”... approximately 30 attendees

highlights include - absence of snow, cold weather, new work position, not being at school, being together again, being part of the world, happy to be here, good weather, this watershed council is so positive and feeling encouraged, being able to take care of grandsons, happy to be here, that there is a little la crosse watershed group, health, happy everyone is here, longer days

2. Marc’s Fascinating Flashbacks -

1957 - Ed Gene connections to La Crosse 1906 - George and Augusta were his parents, his grandparents died in a flash flood

-it’d be nice to have a timeline of these historic events

3. Secretary's Report

4. Treasurer’s Report - propose to move to the annual report

5. Updates

- a. *County tree sales - order before Jan 15th - you receive 10% off and the CCCWC can support 80% that includes tubes and stakes (Monroe County reimburse for trees only, there is a tree sale option with La Crosse). Hot tip - fiberglass rods last longer.*

Jim is willing to donate to this cause. University funding to support tree funding.

b. Conferences

- i. *WWASH - Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference - Wi State Farmer - there is funding to plant prairies. Many conferences are merging together for this event. Runoff and reduction through the planting of prairie strips. FSA may be able to assist. Inquiries directed to Kevin, Brad, and Sydney.*

Brad shared about planting prairie strips on his property. Pollinator versus prairie strips is mostly the seed mix (forbes heavy, flowers, tall grasses). Burning determines the make up down the line - forbes versus grasses, fall or spring burning. Pollinator plot: you can move it, harvest it. Big question is what do you want out of it.

Would encourage everyone to attend. Downside, less farmers attending (only about 10%) and it is geared towards farmers. Typically hosted in the Wisconsin Dells.

- ii. DATCP - Feb 25, 2025 *Anyone want to attend? The CCCWC will sponsor enrollment in the conference, although there may not be a charge. The CCCWC has funding should folks want to attend another conference or workshop - let Sydney know if interested.*

DATCP likes that we support education opportunities.

- c. *Grants - DATCP wrapping up in Feb and the Nature Conservancy Grant. We reenrolled in both, We were also awarded a \$15,000 Travel Wisconsin grant (JEM) in support of the May 3, 2025 event. 117 days away from the Molly B extravaganza... Tucker provided an update about this event. We had carry over funds to partially pay for Molly B to secure her again and agreed to do the Kids pre-show. Still processing how to organize this event. Last year, we had temperature concerns, rain, and uneven floor. Camping and bathrooms will be available. Lots to talk about in planning. Lots of planning with Jason Crume. We need a committee started and last year it came on fast and while it worked out for the most part, we need to begin planning. Maybe do a pre-sale for dinner then general fare... We packed over 300 attendees into the tent and that may not be possible this time. Could provide tvs for improved audio/visual. Chelsea offered to assist with the youth activities.*
- 6. New Business
 - a. Survey
 - b. Annual Report
 - c. Strategic Planning
 - 7. Next meeting date and location – 6:00 Feb. 5, Coon Valley Conservation Club

Topic: ?