Coon Creek Community Watershed Council (CCCWC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Coon Valley Conservation Club
S1005 Knudson Ln, Coon Valley, WI 54623
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Zach King, Eric Weninger, Tim Hundt, Tucker Gretebeck, Orlan Bakkum, Sydney Widell, Marc Moilien,Matt Canter

2. Open to everyone *(5:00 pm to topics covered)*
    a. Secretary's Report

    b. Treasurer's Report

- Three $2,400 payments paid out to SARE trial managers
- $80,000 from RCP confirmed

Eric mentions that he and Sydney spoke to Maria and Aidan from RCP, and that they spoke about fundraising.

The challenge is the mismatch between the value of relationships we're building, and the quantifiable metrics funders are looking for. Relationship building takes time, but it is the most important work. However, we should probably work on quantification. Also, messages about carbon sequestration are more impactful on a national level than messaging about flood mitigation.

Tim mentions that this is exactly why we need strategic planning. We should be looking toward individual donors, as well as larger sponsors.

    c. Old Business
        i. County updates

There is a survey about dredging Sidie Hollow for 3 million dollars

Eric thinks this is an unwise investment, given that Sidie Hollow is too old, has the same technical vulnerabilities as the failed dams, and the project fails to address upstream impacts.

Coon Creek will make an informational public comment.

ii. Bree Breckel and Strategic Planning Survey
iii. September and October Meeting updates
iv.

d. New Business
   i. Monroe County Tipping Bucket Sponsorship in Rulland's Coulee ($5,000) and possible linked fundraising campaign
   ii. Anniversary program and speakers

Orlan reports that Sheri Schwert has been placing double layered pans around the farm, above and below Orlan's buffer strips, to measure the amount of soil that buffer strips capture. She's developing this method, and trialed it at Orlan's farm in May and again in July.

iii. DATCP grant asks

3. Other business

4. Next Board Meeting: September 16, 2026, Coon Valley Conservation Club

5. Adjourn