

April 23, 2025, 4:30 pm West Iron District Library Minutes of the Iron County Watershed Coalition

"ICWC works to ensure the highest possible water quality in Iron County lakes, streams and wetlands by educating and engaging our communities in projects that will restore and preserve our watersheds for future generations."

Call to Order at 4:30

Attending: Bette Premo, Dorien Howe, Jim Fogarty, Doug Felger, Rich Sloat, Dodi Felger, Tom Plummer, Maggie Scheffer.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Tabled.

Approval of Agenda and Treasurer's Report: Rich moved and Jim 2nd to approve Agenda. Doug Felger presented Treasurer's Report; Dodi moved to approve, Tom 2nd; passed.

Old Business:

- **Wild River Road Project Update:** (Bette) Tabled.
- **Dober Pit Actions:** No developments.
- **Status of Cooks Run Historical Site:** Bette, Rich, Tom, and Maggie attended the County Commissioners meeting on April 15. Bette read the report from the study completed in March by Whitewater, recommending no timber harvest should be done on sensitive lowlands. Timber harvest wasn't discussed by the board other than to assure those in attendance that the advice of the county forester would guide their decisions. The board also did not schedule or discuss having a special meeting in regards to Cooks Run. Rich will attend a Parks and Rec meeting and inquire about why or if a special meeting will be scheduled. Meanwhile, it was brought to Tom's attention by Mike Golas that Trout Unlimited has an interest in purchasing the property. Mike will be asked for clarification.
- **Miskwaagamiwiziibi Shelter:** Trail work, canoe launch, and interpretive signage remain to be accomplished. A date will be selected and a notice sent out to volunteers. Silent Sporters and ICWC will join forces on August 2nd at 10:00 to paddle on Fire Lake and go to the shelter for potluck and social time afterwards.

New Business:

- **Annual Membership Meeting and Program:** Whitewater Associates will present results of the Cooks Run study to the public. The meeting portion will begin at 5:30, with the program to follow at 6:00 on May 22nd at the West Iron District Library. Refreshments will be organized.
- **Board Elections:** Current officers will be up for re-election, and elections for board members will be held.
- **Website Updates:** Doug will meet with Angie to finalize content; final discussion by the board will be at the meeting on May 22nd.
- **Purdue Students Presentation:** Students will be invited to give conclusions of their fisheries studies on Friday, May 23rd at the Windsor Center at 5:30.

Date of Next Meeting

May 22nd at 5:30, WIDL.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourn and 2nd; motion passed.

Submitted by Secretary, Maggie Scheffer