

June 18, 2025, 4:00 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 4:00

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

Review and Approval of Minutes & Agenda: Doug motioned and Jim 2nd; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Preview report in email from Doug). Doug hasn't received the statement from the bank.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

- **Cooks Run:** Rich reported that the county might be working on the road this fall or next year, which could include the access drive into the cabin, on the condition that the county commissioners foot the bill for the access road. The Parks and Rec committee will meet on the 24th at 5:30 in the county board room. Bette advises referring to "Old Growth Forest" in defense of conservation of the site. She recommends focusing on the educational, recreational, and monetary values to the county. Brock VanOss (forester) has recommended to the county board to select-cut timber on the 120-acre site, and some trees have been marked. ICWC takes the position that the 65 acres west of the stream be left alone, with emphasis on five of those acres that are particularly environmentally sensitive areas. An environmental/economic assessment needs to be done to determine the net value of logging the site. We will have representatives attending the meeting to ask Brock for an assessment.
- **Work Day at Shelter:** Discussion on what can be accomplished in a day with 6–10 volunteers. Prior to a workday, Rich is going to resolve a problem with the door. On the workbee day, help will be needed to move and distribute sand, remove cordwood, and put a door on the outhouse. Date to be determined for July.

New Business:

- **August 2nd "Float on Fire":** Event with Silent Sporters. Launch at 10:00 on Fire Lake. Meeting at the shelter after paddling for a picnic with ICWC providing hot dogs or subs, plates, and utensils. Bette and Dean will provide music. Maggie will put out a press release by July 24th.

Date of Next Meeting

July 16th.

Adjourn at 5:35 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Maggie Scheffer