

Minutes of the Iron County Watershed Coalition

June 16, 2026, 4:00 PM

Conference Rm., West Iron District Library

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

Call to Order at 4:05

Attending:

Bette, Rich, Doug, Don Lintner and Becky Jorgensen, Dodi Felger, Jim Fogarty, Dorian Howe, David Martwick.

April & May meeting minutes have been approved earlier.

Approval of Treasurer's report; moved by Jim; supported by Dave. motion passed

Approval of Agenda; moved by: Dave; supported by: Jim. motion passed

Old Business:

- Purdue program in May; feedback: The program was informative and attendance was perhaps better this year.
- Cook's Run update:
 1. Review Final Proposal submitted to county, June 2nd. Brock VanOss submitted a proposal for Forest Park School. Pete Judd, commissioner for Bates Township, commented at two public meetings that he would like to see the best of both proposals put into one proposal. Don has merged the two proposals, showing that the friends group, the school, and the county can enter into a partnership. The county would retain ownership; Forest Park could offer students forestry stewardship education under Brock VanOss's direction; and Brock could still manage the forest, in consultation with the Friends Group which would deliver on recreation access, programming at the historical cabin, fund-raising, ecological data collection, and trail development. The Draft (D) of a merger proposal was reviewed for feedback and clarification.
 2. BOC vote on RFP and public comments: Commissioners voted to send both proposals to Jennifer Mistak, DNR, for guidance.
 3. FOIA and MEPA direction? Tabled

New Business:

- Annual Float event : Saturday, August 1st, meeting at Golden Lake at 11 a.m. Paddle for two hours, potluck picnic at the campground/park; visit Cooks Run Cabin and island for a walk.

Meeting adjourned at:

Next meeting: July?