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Annual Meeting Notice and Board of Trustees Meeting Saturday June 26, 2021

The next board meeting of the Pine River Association will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the Pavilion adjacent to the Mill pond in Luther. This would normally be our annual luncheon meeting, however due to the Corona Virus Pandemic and the uncertainty of indoor gatherings it was decided to hold the meeting outdoors. With indoor dining and gathering discouraged the board felt this was a more workable alternative. This past year has been a challenge for everyone and the Pine River Association is no exception. We appreciate all our members patience and support during this time and hopefully we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully in the upcoming year we can get back to some sort of normalcy. We encourage all members to attend.

The M-55 Highway Clean-up by "The Friends of the Pine River" will be held on the below listed dates. . If you would like to assist in this worthwhile project, please contact Richard or Kathy Stanek at 231-862-3248 or email: riverbendbluff@gmail.com

May 3/4 - Monday, May 3 and rain date Tuesday May 4. 9 AM July 19/20 - Monday, July 19 and rain date Tuesday, July 20, 9 AM. September 27/28 - Monday, September 27 and rain date Tuesday, September 28, 9 AM.

The association would like to thank the following member for their generous donation to the association:

Renee Izard

We have additional PRA window stickers available. We have two types, one that goes on the inside of the glass and one that goes on the outside. These are the same ones that were mailed out to each of the members. If you would like additional stickers, please contact Fred Goetz.

Approximately half of our members receive the newsletter and minutes via email. If you have and use email please provide us with your email address even if you prefer the newsletter mailed to you via the USPS. Occasionally information needs to be sent that that may be important to our members but using the USPS won't allow it to reach our members in a timely manner. Your email address will not be shared or given out to any third parties. Please send your email address to: fredjgoetz@aol.com Also, if you would like your minutes and newsletter emailed let me know.

PINE RIVER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10:05 P.M. by President, Fred Eyer

Directors Present – F. Eyer, F. Goetz, G. Weiers, D. Hansen, M. Gerke, T. Kromer Absent- D. Hilfinger, C. Martin, S. Williams, B. Hess, T. Johns

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda T. Kromer Second D. Hansen Motion passed

Announcements

Trout Unlimited is looking for items to be donated for a virtual auction. No banquet will be held.

Approval of Minutes from 10/17/2020

Motion to approve minutes by G Weiers Second D. Hansen

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by D. Hansen Second T. Kromer Balance in PRA account is \$6901.05 Balance in Pine River Watershed Enhancement Fund is \$17097.22 as of 3 /31/2021

There have been two deposits since 3/31/2021.

The Pine River Watershed Enhancement Fund has received approximately \$3800.00 from our generous donors.

Announcement of New Members

None

USFS actions regarding OHVs

There is a proposed option to have all Forest Service roads that connect to county roads open to OHVs. The comment period for this proposal has passed but no decision has been made.

Being considered is the infringement on quiet time.

Currently, only licensed vehicles such as cars, trucks, etc. are allowed.

Board Vacancy

Jake Miltner has been recommended by T. Jobson and R. Stanek

Motion to offer the board seat to Jake Miltner by D. Hansen Second T. Kromer Motion passed

Status of 2017-18 Silver Creek – Lincoln Bridge Project

CRA wants detailed engineering requirements by DNR. DNR wants assurance that the construction will last.

If there is a tangible need, we will consider spending more on this project.

Are there other projects to fund?

"To Preserve and Protect the Pine River and its Environs"

PRWEF Report

Nothing to report. T. Kromer shared that he would like to update the grant people on the progress on the Silver Creek-Lincoln Bridge project.

PRA Window Stickers

We are currently out of window stickers. F. Goetz will contact R. Stanek for information to get more stickers.

Natural River Variance Board

There is a request for a variance in Burdell Twp. On the north branch of the Pine River. There were some questions the variance board had regarding a previous variance and they tabled any decision until B. Bury and get with the property owner and have the questions resolved.

Old Business/New Business / Next Meeting

M. Gerke will look at the website to consider updates. Information should include Pine River Watershed Enhancement Fund.

Website should be easy to navigate.

Next Meeting

Board meeting 6/26/2021 at the pavilion in Luther at 10:00 AM. Motion F. Goetz Second M. Gerke Motion passed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D. Hansen Second T. Kromer Motion passed Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Goetz

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