

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5th, 2015



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Venue: Festival Foods, 1001 Main Avenue, De Pere

6:30pm Program

6:00pm – Officers arrive, organize, get set up for presenter and program

6:30pm – Guest Speaker – Tim Landwehr, Tight Lines Fly Fishing Co. will be presenting on his recent fishing trip to Bolivia

Comments about future work projects by Lee Meyers – possible extra work days including another in the middle of the work week

- Peshtigo/Oconto

7:15 – 7:30pm – Food (fried chicken with two sides and drinks)

7:30 – 8:00pm – Chapter Business

Approval of Prior Minutes

FIRST – DOUG & SECOND – ADRIAN

Treasurers Report: **Total on Hand** \$4,659.59 **Checking** \$817.62 **Money Market** \$3,841.97

Items needing action/votes:

None

Added Discussion Regarding Legislative Items effecting Trout Unlimited

Aaron Frailing Provided the update regarding Legislation

A lot has happened since we met last month for the BOD meeting.

The Governor has released his 2015 budget and there are some serious concerns.

First, the new budget is looking to cut stewardship funds and freeze the program for the next 13 years. We are still diving into this and I am looking to confirm how all-encompassing the language is, but I think we have some serious concerns to watch for around the new easement program and this program being frozen.

Second, the new budget is aiming to make the DNR board an advisory committee which would cede most of it's power to the Governor appointed DNR Secretary. I don't think I need to go into much detail here, we all know how dangerous that will be if it comes to fruition.

SB15 and AB15: Protecting the Great Lakes from Plastics

This is a positive piece of legislation looking to ban microbeads in the Great Lakes. The State Council has already taken a positive position on this and Henry sent a letter to all of the committee members in support. Here is the WLCV breakdown:

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"Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters urges you to support SB 15 & AB 15, which are before the Assembly Environment and Forestry Committee on Tuesday and the Senate Natural Resources and Committee on Thursday.

Twenty percent of the earth's fresh water is in the Great Lakes. We depend upon the Great Lakes for our drinking water, to fuel our economy, and as habitat for fish and aquatic wildlife. In recent years, tiny plastic microbeads from personal care products such as soaps have begun to accumulate in the Great Lakes. These plastics absorb pollutants such as DDT and PCBs posing a risk to fish communities and human health when they are ingested. SB 15 & AB 15 would prevent further plastic microbead contamination in the Great Lakes by requiring manufacturers to phase out the use of microbeads in their products in the next few years."

LRB-1446 - High Capacity Wells Bill (Replacement, reconstruction, and transfer of an approved high capacity well.)

Introduced by Senator Gudex and is currently being shopped around for co-sponsorship. The short of it is that Gudex aims to put well permits in "perpetuity" and be able to transfer these permits with land sales. With continued court cases on cumulative impact, this bill will continue to eliminate safeguards in the system.

Announcements/Information/Progress/Results

Green Bay TU Raffle Tickets

- Only 100 available!
- \$50.00 each...pays out 10 spots including a top prize of \$1000

Wisconsin State TU Banquet

- Saturday February 7th at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center, at 1 North Main Street, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- The event will start with cocktails at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and awards at 7:30 p.m.
- Tickets are \$35.
- This year's banquet will include two class offerings...a DNR Fishing Instructor Certification Class (11a-4p) and the Wisconsin Women's Fly Fishing Clinic (9:30a-1:30p). Becoming an Outdoor Woman has been cancelled.

40th Annual Conservation Banquet

- Thursday, February 19th at Stadium View Bar and Grill. Doors will open at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Our goal is to wrap up the evenings' festivities by 9:30pm.
- Tickets are \$35.

Cabela's Fly Tying Community Outreach Event

- Community outreach at Cabela's in Green Bay tentatively set for March 14th and 15th from 11a-2p. We could use a couple more volunteers.

8:00pm – Adjourn

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Banquet Meeting with discussion regarding program order was discussed.

Discussion over current status of ticket sales was discussed

Thank You !