

## **Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**Members Present:** Brietzman, Carlson, Eggleston, Gertz, Hietpas, Manion, Pautz, and Van Berkel and White

**Not Present:** Jakel

**Also Present:** Debra Nowak and Maureen Feldt

Chair, Pautz called the September Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum is present.

### **August 17, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Manion made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the August 17, 2023, Committee Meeting minutes with the correct spelling of *Ahlstrom*. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

**Public Appearances:** None

### **August Financial Report**

Eggleston made a motion to approve the August Financial Report. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Two more memorial donations came in for Nancy Green and one was received for Mai Plzak. Louise Van Harpen donated several wildlife art prints that were her husband's. Culver's donated individual custard cups for "A Very Jabber Thank You" event and Gary Roehrig designed and built the butterfly enclosure and a multi-level bird display.

### **Friends of 1000 Islands Report**

A new Treasurer is in place and looking into moving checkbook and CD accounts around to better serve the Friends group.

### **Naturalist's Report**

Focus on the Fox is Saturday (Sept. 23) and volunteers are still needed.

Goats will be here for two weeks starting Sept. 25. The high school Environmental Topics class will once again evaluate the effectiveness of the goat browsing. All City employees and Council members have been invited to two "meet and greet" sessions with the goats.

Brad is working on getting quotes to replace windows in the Nature Center building.

Nowak further explained the Credit Card Service Fee that is being passed on to a customer who utilizes a Credit Card or Debit Card for a gift shop purchase, pavilion rental or field trip payment.

Gertz made a motion to accept the August Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

#### **Admin and Finance Sub-Committee**

Van Berkel made a motion to receive and place on file, with a spelling correction, the July 20, 2023 Admin and Finance Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Proposed resolutions 5397 and 5398 have been drafted but they need to be reviewed and edited. The Committee agreed that this task needs to go back to the Admin and Finance Sub-Committee to complete before Committee review and approval.

#### **Education Sub-Committee**

Nothing to report.

#### **Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee**

Manion made a motion to receive and place on file the June 28, 2023 Building and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

#### **New Business**

October Committee Reappointments: Hietpas has agreed to stay on for another three-year term. Gertz has decided to retire from the 1000 Islands Committee and to have someone else represent the Kaukauna School Board. Nowak is reaching out to all School Board members for interest in being on the 1000 Islands Committee.

#### **Good for the Center**

Jabber is doing well and the medicines are helping him from falling off his perch. *Grover the Goat* book is printed and available for purchase in the gift shop. Honey from the hives is also available now.

#### **Next Committee Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Carlson moved to adjourn the September 21 Committee Meeting at 7:36 PM. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,  
Acting Secretary