

## **Naturalist Report January 2024**

### **Admin/Finance**

- Internship applications have been received as of February. Terri has contacted the candidates for phone screen. Nathaniel and Terri will work together for hire.
- Cassandra's first day of employment was February 12.
- Nathaniel's first day of employment is February 19.
- Washer and Dryer installed.

### **Education**

- The Eagle Days event went smoothly and had an approximate attendance of 2,000 people throughout the day. A huge Thank You goes out to all the staff and volunteers to helped make it happen. This was almost double our 2023 attendance! Thank you to Brad for organizing!
- New snowshoes form has been created and is ready to be utilized.
- Art fair vendor applications are coming in. Terri, Sarah and Brad are working on entering applications.
- Pancake and Porkie event. Volunteers needed. Terri is working with Andrea, Communications Manager on press release.

### **Building & Grounds**

- Director Neumeier received approval from the Board of Public Works to seek bids for the 1000 Island Boardwalk project.
- Director Neumeier received approval from the Board of Public Works to submit the 2024 grant application for the 1000 Islands Boardwalk to the Greenway Fund and a Nelson Fund Grant on behalf of the City of Kaukauna.
- What's up in the upper woods? A small pond located near Hillcrest Drive is being modified to meet DNR standards for stormwater pollutant removals. Thanks in part to a DNR grant, what we call the Company Woods Pond at 1000 Islands is getting upgraded and will be restored with a large wetland area near the pond safety shelf, native prairie plantings, and a few new trees.