SPECIAL 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna **Nature Center Building** 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

In-Person

I. Call to Order

Chair Pautz called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

II. Roll Call - Verification of a quorum

Members Present: Breitzman, Eggleston, Jakel, Manion, Pautz, White

Also Present: Feldt, Garrity, Nowak

A quorum is present.

III. New Business

a. Update on the hiring and transition plan for the Naturalist position: Pautz provided a summary of the meeting with the Mayor and several department heads regarding the process for hiring a Naturalist and plans for the transition. Eggleston, Manion, and Breitzman, who also attended the meeting, shared their input from the meeting as well. Community Enrichment and Recreation Director, Terri Vosters, will serve as the interim director of 1000 Islands for a 6 month trial to explore realigning 1000 Islands under the Community Enrichment department.
The interview process was discussed. The Committee will be invited to have up to 3 members attend the second round of interviews which will take place at the Nature Center.
The group discussed the interim between Nowak's last day and when the new staff member will start. It is estimated that it will likely be mid-February before another staff member is on-board. Maureen's request to postpone her retirement until February 2nd in exchange for additional hours and compensation was granted by Common Council. This will help greatly for building coverage and transitioning tasks to new staff members.

IV. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Manion made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Breitzman. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

NOTICES

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. IF REQUESTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

1000 Islands Environmental Center Mission Statement: To provide children, adults and families the knowledge and skills needed to build a sustainable balance among the environment, economy and community through education, conservation and recreation.

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