

# **Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022**

**Members Present:** Breitzman, Carlson, Eggleston, Hietpas, Jakel, Manion, Pautz, Van Berkel and White

**Not Present:** Gertz

**Also Present:** Debra Nowak

Chair, Manion called the September Committee Meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum is present.

## **August 18, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Van Berkel made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the August 18, 2022 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Eggleston. Motion carried.

**Public Appearances:** None

## **August Financial Report**

Pautz made a motion to approve August's Financial Report. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

Nowak shared a note from Abbie Carney regarding help that she received from Brian Jacobs for a bee issue. As a thank you for that service, she made a \$50 donation to 1000 Islands.

## **Friends of 1000 Islands Report**

Hietpas shared that the Friends group will be running a food stand at the Focus on the Fox event on September 24<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to volunteer.

## **Naturalist's Report**

In regards to the new performance evaluation process Nowak was asked to invite Human Resources Director Swaney to the next meeting to share details of the process.

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

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

Nothing to report

## **Education Sub-Committee**

Goats are arriving on September 26 for the Fall browsing session. The Environmental Topics class at Kaukauna High School will be conducting a vegetation survey. Brad will be building a basic shelter in the night enclosure so that Farmer Pat does not need to transport a house. Online "Goat Team" apparel orders went well.

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

Nowak gave an update on the HVAC projects and the foundation repair. Hietpas reported that Ahlstrom-Munksjö retrieved 5 grinding stones from the river along Island #3. 4 of these stones have

been placed along the driveway at the Nelson Overlook. The other stone will be placed at the Ahlstrom-Munksjö office.

### **Old Business**

Van Berkel made a motion to approve the quote from Concrete Cutters in the amount of \$987.35 to remove the broken section of concrete slab in the Nature Center. Seconded by Eggleston. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Van Berkel inquired about the Prairie Garden and plans to reseed. Nowak explained that the garden was seeding before the first snowfall last winter and the volunteer working with our native plantings has continued to work in that area. Additional seeds can be spread before snowfall again this fall.

### **Good for the Center**

Hietpas shared some pictures of vandalism on trees along the river past the Nelson Overlook.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Hietpas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Seconded by Van Berkel. Motion carried.

Debra Nowak,  
Acting Secretary