

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
COMMITTEE HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018.

Chairman McSorley called the regular meeting of the 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Members Present: Driessen, Gertz, Hietpas, Kalupa, McGinnis, McGregor, McSorley and Van Berkel.

Absent & Excused: Gadow

Also Present: Nowak and Kenney

Minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Gertz made a motion to accept the February minutes. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Kenney presented the January and February Financial Reports. After discussion, McGinnis made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Kalupa seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence ó None

Report from the Friends of 1000 Islands – Hietpas reported that the annual pancake & porkie breakfast went well. The sap is running and is currently being cooked. Preparations for the art fair are coming along.

Naturalist's Report – After review of the written Naturalist Report, Nowak invited the committee to attend her graduation ceremony for the Nonprofit Leadership class at Fox Valley Technical College on Friday, April 27.

Gadow recently installed a HDMI cable from the projector. This will help provide a more consistent connection.

Adm/Fin. Report – McSorley will be calling a special meeting of the committee on Wednesday, March 28 at 2:30 pm. to discuss the possible restructuring of the Business Coordinators job description.

Education ó McSorley reported that the new hydro display is complete and looks great. The seedling sale is going well. Hietpas would like to plant the leftover seedlings on Island #3. A new map for the kiosk is being worked on.

Building and Grounds ó Hietpas asked about having holes filled that are around the grounds. This is something the Friends would like done before the art fair in May. Nowak reported that the Nuisance problem still exists. The Center recently hired and paid a company \$560 to eradicate the rodents. Driessen suggested that the Center discontinue the annual urban deer hunt. With only 3 deer harvested during the last hunt she felt the time and effort to run it was too great for the outcome.

Old Business – Discussion on the Capital Wish List and/or revamping the Strategic Plan were tabled until the April meeting. The use of goats for invasive species control was discussed. The Goat Team, the special committee formed for this issue, have met and been offered the use of goats for a test site. The logistics of using goats will continue to be investigated. When all information is available it will be presented to the committee and then to the City of Kaukauna Council. The progress on the development of an emergency plan was tabled until the April meeting.

New Business – Concerns about cleaning up the river banks in Kaukauna were presented. Nowak suggested that concerned members should contact the Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance about the upcoming Earth Day clean-up they are conducting.

Good of the Center – The committee presented Nowak a plaque to celebrate her 10th anniversary with the 1000 Islands.

There being no further business, Driessen moved to adjourn. Seconded by McGinnis. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Sally Kenney
Secretary