



Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: October 19th, 2011

The seventh 2011 meeting of Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) was held Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 at the Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake. Meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attending:

Dick Hollar, N. Pipe; Carl Holmgren, Balsam; Gordon Kill, Big Round; Phil Foster, Bone; Ken Peterson, Butternut; Katelin Holm, LWRD; Karen Engelbretson, Bone; Nancy Knutsen, Lotus; Dan Bergeron, Big Round; Larry Bresina, N. Pipe; Bob Boyd, Bone; Tammi Milberg, Inter-County Leader

Agenda:

Introductions and announcements

Every other year, on the even years, the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute forms a new Lake Leader Crew. The Lake Leader Crew attends a series of three seminars, each lasting two days, which are typically held in May, September, and October. Past PCALR graduates of the program include Karen Engelbretson and Larry Bresina. If you're interested in attending the Lake Leaders Institute in 2012 it helps to have a recommendation from a past graduate.

On the odd years, the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute holds "Advanced Lake Leaders" which are open only to former Lake Leader Institute graduates.

Another printing of the Top Ten Native Shrubs for Wildlife brochures is being done.

Polk County Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) AIS Prevention and Lake Monitoring Report, Katelin Holm.

Katelin's presentation included information regarding the AIS prevention and lake monitoring activities the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department has conducted in the past year. The presentation provided information on identifying and managing purple loosestrife, Japanese and giant knotweed, Eurasian water milfoil, and zebra mussels. Maps depicting known populations of these species in Polk County were provided. When applicable the lakes which were monitored by the Polk County LWRD for AIS populations were shown.

The presentation also highlighted data collected as part of the WDNR statewide early detection monitoring smart prevention protocol, which was conducted by LWRD in 2011 on ten Polk County lakes. Katelin also provided data collected in 2010 with regards to presence/absence of Chinese mystery snails in Polk County lakes with boat landings.

LWRD educational displays and presentations were also highlighted in Katelin's presentation.

Katelin ended by discussing an extensive study being conducted in 2012 by the LWRD in the Horse Creek Watershed which will involve analyzing 1500 soil samples for phosphorus. This work will be used to identify and address any potentially significant non-point sources of phosphorus loading.

A copy of the complete presentation will be made available on the PCALR website.

Ideas for additional AIS grant funding were re-capped including:

- AIS messaging for fishermen and boaters advertising to tune into a radio station which provides AIS information
- Signage placement when leaving/approaching boat landings versus at the boat landing which is a place where folks are busy with their boats
- Presentations at boat tournaments—using professionals to convey the message
- Lake maps providing AIS messaging
- Applying for a small scale grant to do a project similar to the fishing licenses with the “10 Ways to Protect Water Quality for Fish” but with an AIS message

County Supervisor appointment to Lake District Job Description

LWRD sought PCALR's input in a job description prepared for County Board Supervisors appointed to Lake Districts. Comment was used to adjust the job description which will be utilized in the spring of 2012 when County Board is up for re-election.

Carl Holmgren noted that if a P&R District has an inactive County Board Supervisor it is possible to appoint someone to serve in this capacity who is not on the board by sending a letter making the recommendation to Tim Ritten, LWRD.

CBCW Story Hour Tutorial for kids

A short video, located by Carl Holmgren, was shown at the meeting. The video highlights a brief presentation designed for early childhood age children which conveys a CBCW message. The video is available online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/aquatic/cbcwstory/> Carl will be organizing a presentation at the Unity School District and PCALR discussed forming a subcommittee and making this project a focus for next year. Ideas included sending out an email to all elementary teachers and/or sending out the informational materials directly to teachers through snail mail.

County Ordinance Codification

Katelin Holm, LWRD presented a brief report on County Planner Tim Anderson's handout on the Shoreland Ordinance changes.

Polk County is currently in the process of updating, revising, and codifying our land use ordinances. The revision and updating process is being done to ensure compliance with the WDNR's new NR 115 rule passed in 2010 which sets the state's minimum standards for the zoning of shorelands. In most cases, the new NR 115 is more restrictive than the current Polk County Shoreland ordinance, but not always. The county has until 2014 to update its shoreland zoning ordinance and a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is currently working on this process. Dick Hollar is representing PCALR at the CAC meetings.

A concurrent project is the process of ordinance codification. Currently, the ordinances are stand alone, separate ordinances. The intention is to make all the ordinances part of one codified document. When ordinances are in conflict, the more restrictive of the two will apply. There is no hard deadline for this process.

Dick Hollar also presented information from the CAC meetings including a laundry list of recommendations regarding access lots and keyhole development and changes suggested to make the Land Use Runoff Rating (LURR) more restrictive.

Face time with Sheila Harsdorf

Karen Engelbretson shared that Denny Caneff, Executive Director of River Alliance of Wisconsin contacted her about PCALR attending a meeting with Senator Sheila Harsdorf here in her district. This action is in response to Governor Walker calling special legislative sessions to pass bills to weaken Chapter 30 regulations of land near water. Deb Ryan, Executive Director of the St Croix River Association will make the call to Harsdorf's office to set a date and location for an audience with her. Karen will keep everyone updated on when the meeting will be scheduled.

Roundtable

Carl Holmgren asked how other Districts contract for services as noted in State Statue 33. Phil Foster stated that Bone Lake requires more than two bids if they bid out over \$2,500.

2012 Meeting Schedule

Next year PCALR will be switching to four meetings as proposed and passed by resolution at the June 2011 meeting. Meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and will take place in April, June, August, and September. A brief 2012 meeting agenda is highlighted below.

- April: Discuss 2012 WAL Convention
- June: Invite DNR, LWRD, and other officials to talk about invasive species, prevention and treatment, fisheries, etc
- August: Invite assembly and senate legislators and county board supervisors. This would be an opportunity to discuss funding and protection by law and ordinance
- September: End of season meeting, roundtable to share problems/solutions, and plans for the future

Ending Comments

Larry Bresina has an article in the latest edition of The Lake Connection.

The 2012 WAL Convention in Green Bay will take place on April 10-12. Carpooling among members was discussed.

Next PCALR meeting is Wednesday, April 18th, 2012

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