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July 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

DeForest Public Service Building

1. Vicky called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Vicky Porter, Shaun Shirley, Joleen Stinson, Kay Preston, Franco Milani, Doug Porter and Jim Simpson were present. Sherri Milani was absent. No appearances.
3. Joleen made a motion to approve April 6, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Doug seconded, motion passed unanimously. Joleen made a motion to approve May 4, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Jim seconded, motion passed unanimously. Joleen made a motion to approve June 1, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Kay seconded, motion passed unanimously.
4. A draft Treasurer's Report from May 4 to June 29, 2015 was shared. Kay just received the checkbook a week before the meeting will fill in final details and update for August's meeting (to run from May 4 to July 31).
 - a. Doug made a motion to purchase a new lock for the storage locker. Doug, Shaun, Franco and Joleen to have keys. Joleen seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Kay will purchase the lock and have 4 keys made for the next meeting. All old keys are to be brought back at the next meeting.
 - b. Shaun purchased a new kayak for \$189.88 to be used during river blockage scouting trips. Doug made a motion to reimburse Shaun and add the kayak to the list of the Friend's assets. Jim seconded, motion passed unanimously. Doug will research DeForest Area Foundation grant to purchase more kayaks.
5. Old Business
 - a. Barry worked with Scott Taylor to finalize the Strategic Plan. Doug made a motion to approve the plan as presented with a few changes: strike community of Morrisonville and DAP from the potential partners list. Vicky seconded. Motion passed 6-0 with Joleen abstaining. Doug made a motion to make a final payment to Scott Taylor, Shaun seconded, motion passed 6-0 with Joleen abstaining.
6. New Business
 - a. There was consensus that we do not provided any financial assistance at this time to the River Alliance of Wisconsin and we will continue to gage funding requests that come in from other organizations and make decisions on an annual or semi-annual basis on which organizations to support and at what levels. Examples: River Alliance, Clean Lakes Alliance, Rock River Coalition, etc... Next review to be January 2016, which will probably catch end of the year appeals sent from other organizations.
 - b. United Way Day of Caring workday Thursday, Aug 20, 9 AM – noon, partnership with Village. Joleen will lead, Vicky may help. Day will be based out of Sunfish Pond and tasks will be selected based on the number and interest of volunteers.
 - c. There was consensus to pass on the opportunity to help staff the Farm Tech Days booth; we would prefer to focus on more localized outreach opportunities. There was also consensus to pass on the kayak education tour. If that opportunity is available again in 2016, we should consider offering a spring trip when the water levels are high and use the Recreation spring announcement to advertise and the Village to assist with registration.

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- d. Doug made a motion to submit a letter of support for the Village's updated Stormwater Management Plan as presented. Franco seconded, motion passed 6-0 with Joleen abstaining.
 - e. Yahara Riverfest is Saturday, September 12. Three volunteers are needed at the Friends tent from 1 – 4:30 PM. Doug and Shaun will lead the fishing clinic. The Rock River Coalition's financial request to host the river macroinvert display was pretty pricy. Joleen recently heard about a free check-out for the same display from UW-Extension Dane County and it is available. Doug emailed Gwen Boettcher at the High School to see if FFA students are interested in volunteering to man the display. He is waiting to hear back from Gwen.
 - f. River Clean-up date was decided: Saturday, September 26. Franco will lead the charge! Joleen will reserve Veterans Memorial Park. Franco will be in touch with board members to see if they're still willing to lead specific parts of the workday.
 - g. Meeting posting protocol: Vicky moved that agendas be posted one week in advance of both the working meetings and regular board meetings on facebook and the website. Doug seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Any other business allowed by law
 - a. We should have a thank you plaque made for Barry in honor of his tenure as president. Kay will order one from Ron's Engravables.
 - b. The July issue of active living highlights the Upper Yahara River Trail and the work of the Friends on the water trail.
 8. Meeting adjourned 7:22 PM.

Next Regular Meeting:
August 3, 2015 5:30 PM
DeForest Public Service Building

Next Working Meeting:
July 22, 2015 7:30 AM
DeForest Public Service Building

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