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# **FRIENDS OF THE YAHARA RIVER HEADWATERS, INC.**

## **Working Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

**DeForest Public Service Building's Conference Room**

- Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.
- Jim Simpson, John Ackley, Doug Porter, Gary Schutte, Joleen Stinson and Matt Goplin (DeForest Park and Recreation Intern) were present. Franco Milani was absent. Enough board members were present for a quorum and posting requirements were met, so this is an official board of directors meeting and items may be voted on.
- Yahara Riverfest planning
  - Jim will order 6 new polos and new hats for board members. He will also order 20 new t-shirt (both short and long sleeve) of a variety of sizes for the River Clean-up. Jim will reach out to DMB, Dan Jardine and Paulson & Associates for \$100 sponsorships to cover the cost of the t-shirts.
  - Those available should be at the park at 11:30 AM for set-up. Jim and John will be there all day. Doug will be there even earlier as he's on the Riverfest planning committee. He will also set-up the Carry Creek display (including pick-up in Madison the week of the event) and bring everything from the Friends' storage locker to the park. Gary will be at the fishing clinic and will recruit 3-4 Yahara Fishing Club members to assist. Joleen will be out of town.
- Treasurer's report
  - Gary made a motion to approve the 2015, 2016 Q1, and 2016 Q2 treasurer's reports as presented. John seconded, motion passed unanimously.
  - John made a motion to approve paying the Cardno invoice for \$2,084.85. Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously. Because the project was already approved by the board, future invoices may be paid prior to voting as long as the project coordinators (Doug and Joleen) agree that the work was satisfactorily completed. Voting may also be completed by email. The Village of DeForest is processing an advanced payment of the \$20,000 water quality grant to cover project costs; we expect to receive the check in the next week or two.
  - Jim hopes to transition out of the treasurer's role by August. Gary, Jim and Kay (past treasurer) will meet at DMB Bank this afternoon to add Gary and remove Kay as authorized signers. Jim will ask if Franco can be added without being present; he may just be able to sign paperwork.
  - Jim will check with Ace Hardware to update authorized purchasers.
  - Joleen will re-send Jim the paypal information; he never verified his email address so is unable to log in to the account.
- Bollig Property
  - Jim spoke to Kevin Connors and Dane County is interested in working with us for us to use one of the buildings for storage in the future. They are currently rented to a farmer. Jim will set-up a site visit. Kevin said best contact in the future is Darren Marsh, Dane County Parks Director.
  - Dane County also seemed interested in partnering to clean that stretch of river. We will add this topic to the next meeting agenda.
- Appreciation for Past Directors
  - Vicky and Sherri will be given framed river pictures with a note thanking them for their service to the Friends. Shaun will receive an engraved plaque (similar to what

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we gave to Barry a year ago) because he has been instrumental in the success of the Friends for many years.

- Public Relations
  - Citizen's erosion concerns (through facebook comment) – Gary forwarded the citizen's email re: erosion concerns at the DeForest Village Hall construction site. Joleen already shared with the proper Village staff to correct some of the issues. Gary will follow back up with the citizen.
  - Capitol Water Trail Yahara River-Clean up on June 25<sup>th</sup> recap – no update, none of the board members went to the event.
  - How to inform the public about the upcoming Streambank Enhancements
    - Already done: press release in local paper re: grants project concept, included in FYRH newsletter
    - Once the project plans are complete, we should post on our facebook page and website.
    - Jim volunteered to walk a 1 page info sheet/FAQ page to Prairie Fire Ct property owners. He'll also bring membership brochures and recruit new members.
  - John invited everyone to the Friends of the DeForest Lakes information meeting on Thursday, August 11 at 5:30 PM in the Library's lower level conference room. The meeting will have guest speakers to discuss details on forming a lake association, show pictures of Little Lake Mendota's water issues and hopefully encourage lake neighbors to organize a clean-up date and form a group to work towards improving water quality.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.