



Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO)

Board of Directors Meeting

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Safari Bar

ATTENDEES:

- Tim Garrigan Mike Paul Carey Abel Lynn Patton Steve Pelton Michelle Clark
 Scott Borchardt Randy Brown Larry Frane Gerald Bucholtz Doug Eisele (Advisor) Ken Dorshorst

Meeting called to order by President at 6:35 pm

Agency Items:

1. Old Business-A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Board for Ken Dorshorst to serve as an advisor to the Board.
2. Committee Updates
 - Fish-After reviewing several Fish & Wildlife Management plans as it relates to the Big Eau Pleine, Jerry Bucholtz reported that the WVIC's Contingency Plan is not a real plan. The plan will be on our web site for review.
 - Economic Impact-Ken Dorshorst completed a report on the energy issue for paper mills and the impact of fishing on the Big Eau Pleine for the state. This is also on the web site.
 - Fundraising-Tim mentioned that Liz Zenter, a Bepco member his grant writing and fundraising experience. He also noted that the meeting for the Marathon Co. CIP grant is tabled for now. We are # 7 on the list and the grant requires matching funds.
 - Picnic Committee-Annette Fochs will complete a draft picnic invitation.
 - Membership-Larry will check into getting tax exempt # while we wait for our 503 status.
 - Communication/Media-Carey will complete order blanks for T-shirts, hats, etc.
3. Legal/Project Updates
 - Approval of FERC petition, letters to legislators, & BEPCO Symposium outline-A motion was made by Lynn, seconded by Steve, and the board unanimously approved the FERC petition completed by Mike Paul. Mike will be the contact person representing the Bepco Board for FERC.
 - A motion was made by Larry to approve sending letters to legislators, seconded by Jerry and unanimously approved by the board. Doug Eisele will send out the letters.
 - Mike will present "The Bepco Symposium" proposal to the Wausau Daily Herald. Copies of all of the previously mentioned documents are posted on the web site.
4. New Business
 - April Agenda-completed to include the following items:
 - Volunteers to man boat landings
 - Names of officers and directors for a vote for 2009-2010 at the annual meeting
 - Discussion of forming an "alliance" with the other assns. on the Wis. River as we look forward to the 2011 WVIC operating review-Board approved looking at the concept.
 - City of Marshfield approved a resolution supporting Bepco's mission as well as the WCC in Marathon, Wood, & Portage. This information will also be posted on the web site.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting information:

Submitted by:

Lynn J. Patton, BEPCO Secretary

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