

BOARD MEETING 04/09/25

09 April 2025 / 7:06 PM Meeting start

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Dostal, Rob Pendergast, Susan Schuller, Willow Pingel, Sarah Wood, Scott Reilly, Anthony Martynski, Janet Smith, Jan Seiler, Joe Schulz, Bob Lane, Emily Ritter, Brad Branwell-Zinda, Ned Grossnickle

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- **Action Items** Change to members of name change subcommittee
 - Nancy Stevenson has stepped down; decide on new member

NOTES

- **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Susan S. to approve w/amendments to notes on name change subcommittee, seconded by Rob P.; carried & approved
- **Wisconsin Conservation Congress** Spring hearing and public input opportunity coming up April 14th - April 17th; vote for important issues
- **Discretionary funding on May Agenda** List of orgs we donate money to; perhaps add to it, e.g. Brad Baum suggested Loon Rescue

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officers and Board Members for 2025-2026 (Willow P. & Scott R.)

- President: Susan Schuller
- Vice President: Brad Branwell-Zinda
- Treasurer: Janet Smith
- Secretary: Willow Pingel
- Most everyone sticking with their committee chair positions except Joe Schulz stepping down from programs, and Ned Grossnickle becoming emeritus director

- Additions to board: Emily Ritter

May 3rd Mumford Property Site Visit & Bird Hike

- North Central Conservancy Trust is holding a spring migration bird hike @ the Mumford property on Saturday May 3rd, 7:30am led by Dan Belter
- Hold easement for NCCT & can use as opportunity for yearly site evaluation

Subcommittee For Chapter Name Study Update

- Nancy Stevenson has stepped down; consider adding another emeritus member representative: Mike Gross, Bob Freckman, Anne Graham

Upcoming Programs: Fishes of Wisconsin River & What's All the Buzz (Joe S.)

- Ready for Fishes of the Middle Wisconsin River w/Justin Sipiorski on May 21st
- Susan will follow up with Holly Petrillo for What's All the Buzz: Discover Pollinators in Your Garden on April 16th

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Program Planning for 2025-2026

ACTION ITEMS

Addition of an Emeritus Director, Ned Grossnickle

- Motion by Bob L. to approve Ned Grossnickle as emeritus director, seconded by Brad B-Z; carried & approved

Voting on Addition to Name Change Subcommittee

- Decided at March meeting to have six people & would like emeritus member representation; Mike Gross, Bob Freckman, Anne Graham
- Motion to approve Bob Freckman for subcommittee by Scott R., seconded by Rob P.; carried & approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Almanac (Lora H.)

- Newsletter deadline 5/02/25

Field Trips (Brad B.)

- Prairie Chicken Festival Saturday, April 12th at 7am
- What's in a Name? w/Matt Reetz of Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance
Wednesday, April 23rd at 7pm in UWSP TNR rm170
- Sunrise on Buena Vista Sunday, April 27th at 7am
- What's Up on the Bluff Saturday, May 10th at 7am
- Jr. Audubon Saturday, May 17th at 7am

Publicity (Brad B-Z.)

- Holly Petrillo bio going up on FB tonight

Education (Bob L.)

- Children's Museum turtle (Squirt) has new home
- Clean Green Action Committee meeting in Wisconsin Rapids
 - Very involved & enthusiastic w/similar events (e.g. Prairie Chicken Festival); should work with them more in future
- Still waiting to hear from Biology department about scholarship award recipient

Conservation (Rob P.)

- Removed 600 yards of fencing around Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area @ Prairie Chicken Project workday
- 2 bird walks in May & garlic mustard removal workdays
- 59% of federal lands potentially being opened to logging
 - For details see:
<https://thetrek.co/trump-administration-order-opens-up-59-of-us-national-forest-land-to-logging/>

- Call your reps

- Meeting w/UWSP operations coordinator to discuss logistics of treating bio-chem building w/bird friendly decals to reduce window collisions
- Bird walk stats: 51 walks; 74 participants; 163 species of birds; 11 locations; 2 leaders

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm