

Town of Verona
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes
Town of Verona meeting
8-22-23

Present: Bill Keen, Jo Tucker, Dave Lonsdorf, Kirk Feller

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve by Tucker, Second Feller, passed 4-0

Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2023: Motion to approve minutes by Lonsdorf, Second Tucker, passed 4-0

Public Comments-None

Update from Chair/ Members: Duerst property purchased by county.

Update from Board Member: None

Update on NRAC plan: Keen will collect suggestions for changes to plan. Members will submit suggestions by end of September. Review of suggested changes will be discussed at October meeting.

Educational Programs: There will be an educational presentation on Sept. 20 by Diane Mayerfeld of WICCI (Wisconsin Initiative Climate Change Impact) and Lindsay Foy of USRWA (Upper Sugar River Watershed Association). Keen will contact Geller and ask him to present the two speakers. Tucker will be in contact with the speakers and work on promotion and bios. Topic will be Wisconsin climate trends with focus on agriculture. The other topic is still to be decided. Planned start time is 6:30 pm. It was asked that all those with connections to groups to have them promote the educational program.

Points of Interest: Web page is up partially. The Verona area chamber of commerce has it on their web page too. Discussion revolved around the difficulty in finding it on either site. Rosemary Bodolay has finished the web information, it now needs to be included on both sites. It is called the Town of Verona Natural Areas Tour.

Incentives: Lonsdorf presented patches and a certificate for those who complete visiting all 10 sites. He will work with Tucker on brochure. Lonsdorf asked that those with connections to any group to have them add a link for the sites to that group's websites.

Discuss info on real estate transaction tax: Lonsdorf contacted the Towns association lawyer and there is not a way in Wisconsin for towns to impose their own real estate tax as the state collects it own real estate tax.

Next meeting will be October 10 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Lonsdorf, Second by Feller, Passed 4-0 at 7:58 p.m.