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APPLE RIVER

Ryan, Danny J

**From:** Allen & Beth Carlson [abcson@amerytel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 9:04 PM  
**To:** Wolf\_Nb; Weski; Wallyt; Wal; Ted Mackmiller; Tdeans; Srwhudson; Shellene Johnson; Scooper; Schieffers; Sanelson; Ryan, Danny J; Rrjskone; Roger. A. Swanson; Roelandt; Rick Scoglio; Radiorey; Pkrswr; Pjhoran; Phyllis Grimm; Peter Henry; Pdaniels; Paul Hoflaud; Paul Grasser; Panordi; Nancyb; Nancy Hunter; Mstirrat; Mstanze; Johnson, Michael R; Michael Mullally; Mathieu; Martym; Marcia Macaulay; Lmarkham; Ljohnapp; Goodman, Lisa; Lindahol; Ledger Newspaper; Laurie Sabata; Larry/Marcy Dorau; Larry; LaMoine/Mary Ellen MacLaughlin; Labbresina; Kevin Jansen; Kevin Balfanz; Kent Johnson; Karen Engelbretson; Julie Goodrum; Jonathan Jacobs; John Haack; Joan Halquist; Jkeating; Jkbrock; Jimih; Jhshrs; Jetjock; Jerry Stebbins; Jerry Boucher; Jeremy Williamson; Jeff Timmons; Jay Bergstrand; Jaswea; Hfyates; Greggw; Gordon Martin; Gnmanser; Glen/Bobbie Clausen; Ghanson; Gary Horvath; Gail Tessman; Gail Peavey; Fritz Coulter; Fox-Martin, Julieann R; Evndan; Erik Hellie; Dsefton; Dressen; Dragnfly; Toledo, Diana; Dhollar; Dewfargo; Dave Bailman; Darrel Nelson; Craig Aschenbrenner; Claudiadennis; Cheryl. K. Miller; Charlie Nielson; Cahow, James M; Cadleman; Brook Waalen; Bridge625; Brent Sittlow; Bobbie; Bob/Judy Strobush; Blumer, David L; Blinkk; Bill Lovegren; Bill Katzenmeyer; Apextrvl; Andy Lamberson; Allen Carlson; Algranum; Al Snyder; 911river  
**Subject:** Minutes of the Apple River Association Board Meeting



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## Minutes of the Apple River Association Board Meeting

- Date: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003  
Place: Amery City Hall  
Roll Call: Rick, Allen, Bob, Jeremy, Brook, Paul, Charlie, Phyllis, Peter, Mary Ann, Justin, Amy.  
Minutes: Minutes from April meeting were read by Allen, motion by Bob & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie to approve them  
Financial: Balance is \$1,649.92. 7 New members & 8 renewals to date.  
Public Forum: Thanks to out to Bob Vogel for promoting us at the show in St. Croix Falls. Bob handed out about 200 brochures and estimated around 2,000 people attended the show. Reports the river is Fast south of Amery.  
County Report: Jeremy Williamson the up coming Adopt a Stream seminar Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the "Y" camp. He is working with the DNR on a Bio Index that would apply to the flowage. Amy (Brook's replacement) introduced herself. It was her first day on the job. Her focus will be education, starting with fairs. She is looking for the best shoreline restoration.  
Other discussion included an update on the Kennedy Dam, the bid process for the removal of the structures at the Country Dam site, and an Osceola creek landowner who plans to restore back to a trout stream.  
Brook Report: Brook reported his research toward securing funds to pay for a feasibility study through the Park Dedication Fund, and also to seek improvement of the landing on the river at Hwy. "D" through the traditional DNR grant route. He also shared other avenues to explore for funding for our project. A motion was made by Allen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob that the ARA form a 'Steering Committee' focused on this project, pickup the research Brook has gathered and form a set of goals that pertain to our river and what we would like to see done, but keeping costs to a minimum.  
Advisors Report: Discussed the upcoming Catail Trail Days. Motion was made by Charile and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen to go ahead and have a banner made if the cost was in the neighborhood of \$50.00.

### Committees:

- Membership – Rick has sent the membership renewal letter along with a brochure to all current members. 7 New members & 8 renewals to date.  
Budget & Fundraising – We received \$500.00 from the Polk Burnett County Electric and Allen submitted.  
Organizational Resources –The river videos are back with Rick, contact him if you are interested in viewing them.
1. Education –Peter gave us a look at the newsletter he has drafted. Everyone loved the work he had done. A motion was made by Allen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie we move forward and produce as many as we can (with the help of corporate sponsorship) for the Cattail Trail Days booth in June.

2. Publicists – Allen will send a press release to local newspapers regarding River Clean Up Week May 10-17. Motion was made by Bob and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie we look into buying 50 or so cardboard brochure holders if the cost is around \$25.00.
3. Activities – Refer to summer schedule. Next date is May 24<sup>th</sup>, meet at Pap's Store at 11:00 AM
4. Lobbying – Apple River Campground discussion.

Directors Report:       None

Chair Report:           None

Next Meeting:          Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Amery City Hall.

Minutes prepared by Allen Carlson.

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A.R.A. Educational Fieldtrips

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**From:** Allen & Beth Carlson [abcson@amerytel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2003 9:26 PM  
**To:** Apextrvl; Andy Lamberson; Allen Carlson; Algranum; Al Snyder; 911river; Wolf\_Nb; Weski; Wallyt; Wal; Ted Mackmiller; Tdeans; Srwhudson; Shellene Johnson; Scooper; Schieffers; Sanelson; Ryan, Danny J; Rrjskone; Roger. A. Swanson; Roelandt; Rick Scoglio; Radiorey; Pkrswr; Pjhoran; Phyllis Grimm; Peter Henry; Pdaniels; Paul Hoflaud; Paul Grasser; Panordi; Nancyb; Nancy Hunter; Mstirrat; Mstanze; Johnson, Michael R; Michael Mullally; Mathieu; Martym; Marcia Macaulay; Lmarkham; Ljohnapp; Goodman, Lisa; Lindahol; Ledger Newspaper; Laurie Sabata; Larry/Marcy Dorau; Larry; LaMoine/Mary Ellen MacLaughlin; Labbresina; Kevin Jansen; Kevin Balfanz; Kent Johnson; Karen Engelbretson; Julie Goodrum; Jonathan Jacobs; John Haack; Joan Halquist; Jkeating; Jkbrock; Jimih; Jhshrs; Jetjock; Jerry Stebbins; Jerry Boucher; Jeremy Williamson; Jeff Timmons; Jay Bergstrand; Jaswea; Hfyates; Greggw; Gordon Martin; Gnmanser; Glen/Bobbie Clausen; Ghanson; Gary Horvath; Gail Tessman; Gail Peavey; Fritz Coulter; Fox-Martin, Julieann R; Evndan; Erik Hellie; Dsefton; Dressen; Dragnfly; Toledo, Diana; Dhollar; Dewfargo; Dave Bailman; Darrel Nelson; Craig Aschenbrenner; Claudiadennis; Cheryl. K. Miller; Charlie Nielson; Cahow, James M; Cadleman; Brook Waalen; Bridge625; Brent Sittlow; Bobbie; Bob/Judy Strobush; Blumer, David L; Blinkk; Bill Lovegren; Bill Katzenmeyer

**Subject:** FW: Minutes from Apple River Association -- April 7th

Fellow ARA Members and Colleagues,

My thanks to Peter Henry for filling in for me this past Monday. I'd ask for forgiveness of my unexcused absence from the meeting. It seems our entire family was plagued with this 24-hour flu bug and we were all begging for mercy about the time the meeting came to order.

Below are the minutes Peter recorded for the April meeting.

Thank you again!

Allen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Peter Henry [mailto:pfhenry1960@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2003 11:13 PM  
**To:** abcson@amerytel.net  
**Subject:** Minutes from Apple River Association -- April 7th

Allen: Can you forward these minutes out to our reader group? Hotmail will not allow me to mass-mail so many people and I have no ability to discern which addresses are expendable. Thank you my friend.

Apple River Association Meeting Minutes -- 4-7-2003

**In attendance:** Rick Scoglio, Bob Vogel, Jeremy Williamson, Brook Waalen, Paul Grasser, Jay Bergstrand, Fritz Kolter, Peter Henry.

**No quorum.**

**No financial report.**

**No public input.**

**County Report:** Jeremy reports that there will be three upcoming workshops on Aquatic Macrofitas (sp?), as well as Shoreland Restoration Clinic complete with prizes in various categories. Also, the county is working on a shoreland restoration brochure tailored to various types of shoreland and wetlands for individual land-owners. They are also going to be producing a phosphorous brochure for landowners... Again this year, Jeremy will be sponsoring an aquatic insects inventory clinic in May at the Y Camp on Lake Wappogasset.

**Brook Report:** Brook and Fritz report that the DNR will not fund a feasibility study through the resource allocation dedicated to lakes and rivers protection. In regards to establishing a "Water Trail", he and Fritz outlined 2 options: 1) Continue to look for funds from corporations and foundations to put together a feasibility study for the Water Trail idea. Capitol Water Trails out of Madison would do such a study for a fairly low amount of money (less than \$3500). 2) Apply for a DNR grant that would do actual work towards establishing a Water Trail—landings, signage, parking lots—even though no comprehensive plan or study has been completed. Those applications are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Brook reports that the County supports such a concept (Water Trail), much discussion ensued. Brook will work toward securing funds to pay for a feasibility study through the Park Dedication Fund, and also to seek improvement of the landing on the river at Hwy. "D" through the traditional DNR grant route.

**Miscellaneous:** Apple River Association Brochures have been well-received so far though we don't know if it has impacted membership or donations. A Land Use Committee in the town of Apple River is seeking advice from our organization as they seek to formulate a Town Plan. Peter Henry and Jeremy will work toward producing a draft of a Newsletter for the next meeting. April Canoe Event is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Pap's General Store; route to be determined at that time. Bob will put together a booth at the Polk County Sports Show over that same weekend at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls, and also at Cattail Days on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00. We also are scheduled to give pontoon rides at that event. Bob is pursuing a wheel-chair accessible dock for Amery north of the Dam. Jeremy and Paul will work on a logo and watershed image as a background for future booth displays.

**Adjourn:** 8:50 (PF Henry doing minutes in absence of a secretary. This was a make-up meeting from the post-poned meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup> and attendance was down.)

## Minutes of the Apple River Association Board Meeting

Date: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
Place: Amery City Hall  
Roll Call: Rick, Allen, Bob, Jeremy, Brook, Paul, Charlie, Eric, Bob & Judy, Fritz, Ted and Phyllis  
Minutes: Minutes from February meeting were distributed via e-mail, not read. Allen failed to remember to bring them to the meeting.  
Financial: Balance is \$1,164.16.  
Public Forum: Phyllis returned video tapes; Charlie will view them & forward to Jay.  
County Report: Jeremy Williamson reported a replacement has been hired for Brook.  
River Classification – Need to set up a committee to start process, will follow the lake classification process)  
Adopt a Stream – Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 at the YMCA camp, indexing, free lunch.  
Army Corp of Engineering - Aquatic Restoration Grant (to remove the country dam) – looking for a letter of support from our organization.  
Aquatic Plant Committee – hoping for an update from Al Snyder who was not available.  
Brochure Update: Reviewed the color proof the printer provided. Will be ready the week of March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Rivers and Planning Grant – Portage Feasibility Study.  
Brook reviewed the process involved in writing a grant and stressed the importance of the board's support to move forward. Motion made by Bob and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie to give Brook the go ahead to move forward preparing the grant pro-bono and provide up to \$500.00 see money if needed.  
Advisors Report: Apple River Campgrounds. Charlie made the ARA aware the Apple River Campground has taken delivery of 10 300 gallon tanks to be used for holding waste. It is his understanding these tanks will be installed this spring, no inspection or documentation is required by the county for tanks of this size. Charlie asked Paul if he would do some follow up work, Jeremy suggested a call to Dan Harrington with the water regulations division of the DNR. Eric asked if anyone has spoken to Melvin, the owner of the campground & offered some friendly commemoratory to discuss this, Charlie explained Melvin's political ties with the county officials. Ted asked what danger these tanks pose to the river, Charlie replied possible threat of nitrates running off if the tanks are not properly maintained & serviced. Brook asked if permits have been issued & suggested Rick & Charlie get together to write a resolution to be presented at the next county level committee meeting.  
Wisconsin River Group – has a web site with useful information: [www.wisconsinrivers.org](http://www.wisconsinrivers.org). They have a link to a Yahoo User Group that is very informative as well.

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- Date: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
Place: Amery City Hall  
Roll Call: Rick, Allen, Bob, Jeremy, Jay, Brook, Peter and Paul.  
Minutes: Read and approved by Bob & second by Rick.  
Financial: Balance is \$1,164.06.  
Public Forum: None  
County Report: Aquatic Restoration Grant (to remove the country dam) update – State has accepted the grant for removal of the buildings and dam hut. Park and Recreation committee looking into a request made by the Snowmobile association for the need to have a bridge crossing to maintain the current trail as it now crosses the existing country dam and with removal of the dam there would be no crossing there. We also discussed habitat assessments and sediment samples that would need to be conducted now before the removal of the dam and after. Aquatic Plant Committee. They have applied for a grant to conduct an Aquatic Microfite (sp?) test of the flowage area. The purpose is to address the annoying aquatic plant growth. They are looking for people to monitor the water level above and below the Amery dam. Paul and Bob live above the dam and would monitor water levels and Allen lives below the dam and would do the same.
- Brochure Update: Reviewed proofs and made final corrections. Brook will forward them to the designer. Board approved Munson Printing Company in Red Wing to print the brochure.
- Advisors Report: None
- Committees:
1. Membership – Dues for current member renewals due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will discuss further at March meeting. Peter to look into a newsletter and Jeremy to look into developing a web site.
  2. Budget & Fundraising – Rick will forward grants application from Polk Burnett County Electric to Allen for submission.
  3. Organizational Resources – We have (2) videos available being circulated for review (currently with Phyllis).
  4. Education – Board discussed using a River Planning Grant (due May 1<sup>st</sup>) to conduct an Apple River Landing and Portage feasibility study on the usage and location of landings. Add to March agenda. Steering committee to be Pete and Brook, with the need for 2-3 more people to work with the Technical Advisory Committee at the county level.
  5. Publicists – Bob is continuing to work with local media.
  6. Activities – Discussed a river clean up to take place during the current cold snap, unlikely to be able to round up enough help.
  7. Lobbying – None.
- Directors Report: Discussion around Kennedy Mill Dam.  
Chair Report: None  
Next Meeting: Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Amery City Hall.  
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## Minutes of the Apple River Association Board Meeting

- Date: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003  
Place: Amery City Hall  
Roll Call: Rick, Allen, Bob, Mary Ann, Phyllis, Jeremy, and Paul.  
Minutes: Not available from the previous meeting due to Bill is traveling for the winter.  
Financial: Balance is \$1,164.06. Kare 11 check came in. See copy of letter attached from them.  
Public Forum: None  
County Report: \*Aquatic Restoration Grant (to remove the country dam) – Motion made by Allen & Second by Bob for the ARA to support this grant.  
\*Rivers and planning grants due May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Brochure Update: No update from Brook. Motion made by Phyllis & second by Paul to accept the logo (which was revised from the November meeting) presented.  
Advisors Report: None  
Committees:  
1. Membership – Waiting for the completion of the brochure; think about organizing a river clean up day in conjunction with National River clean up week (2<sup>nd</sup> week of May), involve the media; Rivers fair?  
2. Budget & Fundraising – Grants available locally from Polk Burnett County Electric & Wal-Mart to check in to; no update on the extension of our original founding grant from Brook  
3. Organizational Resources – We have (2) videos available to review.  
4. Education - Adopt a Stream Program – Bio index kits available; recommended to test the Apple River's 4 tributaries; the test is based on a 4 point scale; fairly accurate results; think about the start of a newsletter, consider using a "yahoo user group list server" for distribution; Bridge Signs – motion made by Bob and Second by Paul for the ARA to approach the county for Apple River identification signs to be installed on bridges.  
5. Publicists – Bob is working with local media on a listing in the Community Services page.  
6. Activities – Reviewed the summer river schedule & tabled for February meeting (see ARA Educational Fieldtrip schedule); consider school volunteers on clean-up trips.  
7. Lobbying – Zoning Changes, none coming up.  
Directors Report: Complaints of water skipping by Cameron Bridge.  
Chair Report: Staples Lake Dam discussion  
Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Amery City Hall.

Minutes prepared by Allen Carlson.



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December 18, 2002

Allen Carlson, Treasurer  
Apple River Association, Inc.  
284 Howard Avenue South  
Amery, WI 54001

Dear Mr. Carlson:

September 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, KARE 11 and the Eleven Who Care Board of Governors honored eleven outstanding volunteers in our community during the live broadcast of Eleven Who Care. As part of this program, each winner is awarded a donation to the charity of their choice. Eleven Who Care is pleased to enclose a check in the amount of \$ 900.00 on behalf of Phyllis W. Grimm who was one of our 2002 Eleven Who Care recipients.

Eleven Who Care is KARE11's annual salute to people in our community who are making a difference. People who, in the spirit of human kindness, give freely of themselves in service to others. We are proud to honor Phyllis for her contribution.

If you know of a volunteer in your organization or community that you would like to nominate for our 2003 program, please call us or access our web site at [KARE11.com](http://KARE11.com) to obtain a nomination form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kiki Rosatti".

Kiki Rosatti  
Director of Community Relations  
Executive Producer Eleven Who Care

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cc: Phyllis W. Grimm



Letter from Kare 11:

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 28, 2001 FILE REF:  
TO: Jane Malischke – NOR/Spooner  
FROM: Dan Ryan – NOR/Spooner  
SUBJECT: Rivers Protection Planning Grant – Request for Time Extension – Grant # RP-027-01

I have reviewed the letter and materials you received from Mr. Jeff Timmons in regard to a request for a time extension for this project. It appears that substantial progress has been made on this project and the time extension is a reasonable request for them to complete the planned project activities.

I am recommending that this request be granted and an amendment issued to extend the grant project period to December 31, 2002.

For your information, I have asked to not be designated as the official Rivers Grants Program Representative for the Northern Region – West. Mr. Tom Beard has agreed to seek a new representative for the Rivers Program, but I don't think one has been designated at this time. I will try to continue in my "acting" status for the current grants but do not have the time or resources to take a proactive role in the Rivers Program. Please contact Tom Beard or myself if you have any questions.

cc. Carroll Schaal – FH/3  
Judy Patton, Sheila Henneger, Diane Glodoski – CF/8  
Tom Beard – NOR/Spooner

Attach.





From: Jane Malischke  
NOR Environmental Grants Specialist  
Spooner

Date: 11/20

- To:
- Diane Glodoski, CF/8
  - Tim Parson, CF/8
  - Barb Ingram, CF/8
  - Judy Patton, CF/8
  - Sheila Henneger, CF/8
  - Mark Kuechler, FN/1
  - Carroll Schaal, FH/4
  - Jennifer Wudi, Rhineland
  - Kirstie Larsen, Rhineland
  - Tom Blake, Rhineland
  - Bill Jaeger, Rhineland
  - Pat Zatopa, Rhineland
  - Danny Ryan, Spooner
  - Ruth King, Spooner
  - Debbie Macias, Spooner

your call

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**POLK COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

215 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 460, BALSAM LAKE, WISCONSIN 54810  
PHONE: 715-485-8699 FAX: 715-485-8601

JEFF TIMMONS, DIRECTOR 715-485-8631

November 13, 2001

Jane Malischke  
WI Department of Natural Resources  
810 Maple Street  
Spooner, WI 54801

**RE: Apple River Association Development and I&E Project – RP-027-01**

Dear Jane Malischke:

The Polk County Land and Water Resources Department requests a twelve-month extension on the River Protection Program grant project RP-027-01. This extension will allow needed time to complete grant activities. Please consider the following accomplishments as you make your decision regarding this extension request:

- An Apple River Association has been formally established.
- The Wisconsin River Alliance is considering using the Apple River Association as its "poster child" for how to organize a citizen-based river association.
- The Apple River Citizen Forum was a success with over 75 citizens in attendance.
- There has been substantial positive media coverage of the group.

I hope that our efforts thus far are testimony to our desire to make the best possible use of grant dollars.

Sincerely,

Jeff Timmons, *Director, Polk County LWRD*

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# Apple River Association

215 Main Street, PO Box 460, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810  
Phone: 715-268-8180  
Email: brookw@co.polk.wi.us

**Meeting minutes:** September 11, 2001

**The meeting was convened at 7:10 PM.**

**Attendees:**

Jay Bergstrand, Allen Carlson, John Dressen, Julie Goodrum, Paul Grasse, Phyllis Grimm, Peter Henry, Bill Katzenmaier, Mrs. Katzenmaier, Rick Scoglio, Irma Vogel, Bob Vogel, Brook Waalen.

**Articles of Incorporation:**

It was discussed that the Articles of Incorporation will be the first task of the Board of Directors once that body has been elected.

**Bylaws:**

Rick S. went through the Draft Bylaws. There was little discussion as many in attendance had worked together developing the document. Motion by Bob V. to accept the Bylaws was seconded by Paul G. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Election of Officers:** Nominations were as follows:

Office	Nominee	Length of term	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairperson	Rick S.	2 years	Jay B.	Phyllis G.
Vice Chairperson	Bob V.	3 years	Jay B.	Irma V.
Secretary	Phyllis G.	1 year	Bob V.	Peter H.
Treasurer	Allen C.	2 years	Rick S.	Phyllis G.
At-Large	Bill K.	3 years	Jay B.	Allen C.

Motion by Julie G. to accept the nominations as a single slate was seconded by Peter H. Motion passed by voice vote. The subsequent voice vote for the above slate of officers was unanimous.

**Advisors:**

According to the Bylaws the Apple River Association shall have 5 officers and 5 advisors that shall make up the Board of Directors. It was decided that the advisors should be voted into office at the October, 2001 meeting. *The advisors shall serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the citizens of the A.R.A. District they represent.*

**Next meeting:**

**Date:** October 16, 2001  
**Place:** Northern Lakes Center for the Arts  
113 Elm Street, Amery  
**Time:** 7:00 PM.

**October 16 DRAFT Agenda**

Welcome  
Introduce newly elected Officers  
Nominate a slate of Advisors  
Discuss financial obligations  
Discuss direction for the upcoming year

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Land & Water Resources Department  
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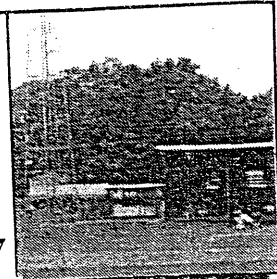


## Summer storm

Night's storm causes extensive  
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## Sports

Hockey, the Braves  
and a miracle combine  
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## Apple River Association off to a good start

By Laurie Sabata

Brook Waalen of the county's Land and Water Resources Department, spent the first half hour of a special meeting last week looking for chairs and places to seat an "overwhelming" number of people in attendance.

The first meeting for the organization of an Apple River Association proved to be successful, with nearly 80 people packing the Northern Lakes Center of the Arts on the evening of Wednesday, March 6. The forum was designed for area residents to voice and discuss their concerns about the Apple River with other residents and with local elected officials and area resource managers. After small group

discussion and a larger discussion and question and answer period, several concerns surfaced as priorities presented by those at the meeting.

Issues raised by citizens:

1. Development (19 points)
2. Pollution (14 points)
3. Dams (13 points)
4. Nuisance aquatic plants (13 points)
5. Safety (11 points)
6. Water quality (9 points)
7. Quality of life (9 points)
8. Septics (2 points)

For scoring, small groups were asked to name all issues and solutions they felt were important. Groups then prioritized their three most important issues/solutions. Prioritized issues were scored as three points and other issues or solutions mentioned by the group scored one point.

"People had a hard time prioritizing," Waalen commented in a later interview, "and well they should. It's very difficult when

you've got 20 issues and you have to prioritize those issues into three top priorities. I don't think any one gets more weight than the others."

In most cases, the priority concerns are inter-related, making it difficult to single out one problem and one solution.

"Dams got a lot of attention, especially the Apple River Dam, because it's on everyone's minds right now," Waalen said, adding that he did not get a sense of if people wanted the dam removed or if they wanted it to stay.

"There were proponents both ways," he said. "Either to take all dams out or to rebuild the dams as necessary. But the Country Dam really got people thinking-things can change. It's gotten people concerned."

Development and safety were also two issues that got a lot of attention at the forum. These are two issues in particular that are

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housing. "The new refinancing option available through the GRH loan program will allow our customers with high interest rate home loans the opportunity to take advantage of the lower rates currently available. The

who was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel and director of the Bureau of Field Services and Training at the State Patrol's central office in Madison.

"Lee has been an outstanding member of the Wisconsin State

McMenamin joined the State Patrol as a cadet at the State Patrol Academy in July, 1983 and was assigned as a trooper serving out of the Eau Claire district office. He was promoted to sergeant on Aug. 26, 1990

Support Services at the Patrol's central office in Madison, where he also served as assistant bureau director. In April 1998 he transferred to the Spooner district office and was named deputy district commander.

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ightly interrelated.

"Development and safety are issues that are starting to galvanize people. More people are moving to the water's edge, which does two things: More people are looking and noticing things and more people are negatively affecting things," Waalen explained. "We got a lot of response for this forum because there are a lot of issues right now in the county that affect homeowners."

The forum was one of initial steps as part of the Apple River Planning Grant, a grant that calls for the formation of an active river association for the protection of the Apple River. Waalen said an informal "hand raise" at the end of the forum showed overwhelming support for such an association. The next step is determining how the association would like to proceed. This in itself is a big step when it comes to forming an organization in the geographical confines of the river and prioritizing issues and concerns from various areas of the river.

"There are issues way upstream on the river and those people have different priorities than people living on the flowage," Waalen explained. "And they have different priorities than farmers, and farmers, of course, have different priorities than developers. So it's going to be a matter of bringing people together, basically with the same problems, but prioritized differently, and then to decide which issues they are going to focus on and how."

As an example, Waalen cited concerns from two very different areas on the river. People living on the Apple River Flowage just north of Amery regard nuisance aquatic

growth to be their biggest concern. However, people living in Beaver Township are far more concerned with development pressures and the fate of the Country Dam.

The dam itself creates issues of concern. As Waalen explained, dams essentially create a slow moving lake, and always a low quality lake, even if its on a high quality river. And rivers carry with them a high amount of sediment and nutrients that are normally deposited into a larger lake or a connecting river. Then the sediment and nutrients keep going.

"But when you have a huge expanse, like the Apple River flowage," Waalen said, "it's a monstrous impoundment. The river comes rushing into that impoundment, so it spreads out over an incredibly large area and the sediments and nutrients filter out because the water has slowed.

"So you've got some of the best farmland in Polk County sitting at the bottom of that flowage," Waalen continued. "And aquatic plants need much the same as terrestrial plants, so it's a great area to grow plants."

Waaalen admitted being surprised that safety is such an issue of concern. As development increases and people have more leisure time and the money to buy "toys" for the river, recreational use on the river will continue to increase. Another issue is that the average boat size has increased dramatically, according to Waalen.

"It's been a 20 year morph where we've gone from 14 foot aluminum boats with 15 horsepower motors to 26-foot pontoons with 55 horsepower motors that can pull water-skiers," Waalen said. "That's just amazing"

Overall, and due to the complexity of the issues, those at the forum rated education as one of the best solution to resolving concerns. (Other solutions include new or better regulation as the top suggestion, followed by research, education, organization, more consistent regulation, planning/zoning, restoration, and funding.)

"Roads, impervious surfaces from vehicles, vegetative removal from the shoreline, and all the other factors of development; when you multiply that by hundreds of people up and down the river, it has a cumulative effect," explained Waalen. "It's kind of like air pollution from a vehicle, you can't point out just one vehicle causing the problem, but it all adds up. That's why education is so important for people who live on the river or use the river. It all adds up."

The hope is that the association will consist of people who understand the complexities of living on-and protecting- a river and who will also speak out with their concerns.

"The association would help for the simple reason that when a representative from an organization or association calls up a county board member, it carries more weight than if just one person calls.

"And that's what this is all about," Waalen continued. "It's about empowering people, not taking rights away. When citizens get together, there's simply more power."

Waaalen will continue to be the "nucleus" of the association until someone steps forward to take the lead.

"It should be someone concerned with the Apple River, and not exclusive to someone who lives on the river," Waalen said. "There are people who use the river year round, but don't live on the river and there are people who live on the river but may only be there three months out of the year."

An organizational meeting will be set in the near future. For more information about the association, call Brook Waalen at the Land and Water Resources Department at 715-485-8637.

"These issues will not be solved overnight," Waalen stated in a press release. "It took several decades to shift the Apple River from a pristine river to one that has been negatively impacted by human development, including agriculture. Therefore, it will likely take decades to rein in the negative effects of conventional development.

"Development is absolute; it will happen," he continued. "So this is an opportune time to discuss how development will look and what local citizens and communities can do to protect natural resources."



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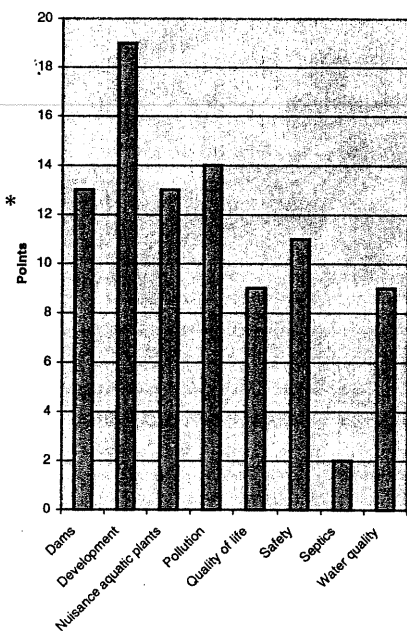
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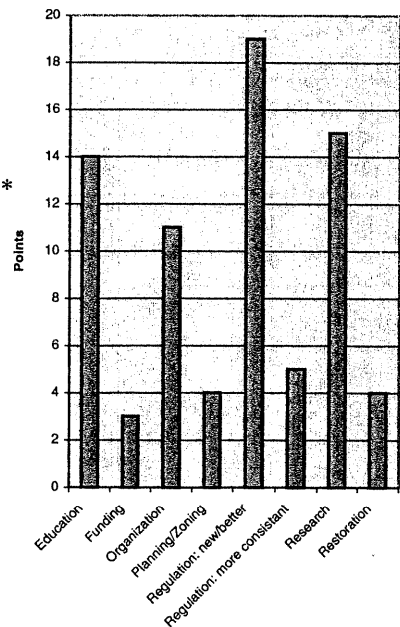
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# For Immediate Release

Issues raised by citizens



Solutions raised by citizens



## Citizen Forum on the Apple River

The Apple River Planning Grant kicked-off with a Citizen Forum on June 6 at the Northern Lakes Center for the Arts, 113 Elm Street, Amery.

This forum was an opportunity for area residents to discuss their concerns and ideas about the Apple River amongst other residents and with area resource managers and local elected officials.

Over 70 area residents packed the old Lutheran church. To discuss issues such as development, water safety, nuisance plants, and pollution.

After a brief introduction that elaborated on the Apple River Planning Grant as well as local development pressure participants were broken into 8 small groups to discuss two brief but complicated questions: (1) *What are the most important issues surrounding the Apple River?* and; (2) *How would you propose to solve those issues?*

These questions sparked spirited discussions among participants. People may live on the same river and they may find the same issues important but they may prioritize issues completely differently.

For instance, people living on the Apple River Flowage just north of Amery regard nuisance aquatic weed growth to be their most pressing concern. However, people living in Beaver Township are far more concerned with development pressures and the fate of the Country Dam.

To complicate things issues like aquatic plants, development, and dams are often related in a river system. Development usually means some degree of erosion. Eroded soil will be carried by the river current until that current slows. Currents always slow behind dams in impoundments or flowages. The soil that settles to the bottom of an impoundment is almost always rich in nutrients and promotes aquatic plant growth.

The interrelationship of issues is one reason that people rated *education* so highly as a potential solution to many of the

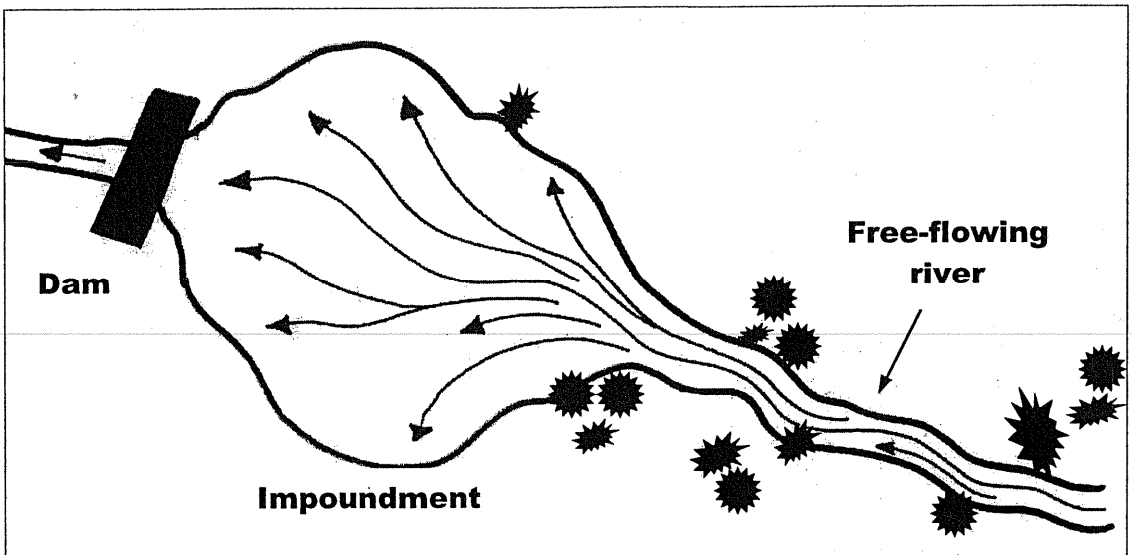


\*Note on scoring: Small group participants were asked to name all issues and solutions they felt were important. Groups then prioritized their 3 most important issues/solutions. Prioritized issues were scored as 3 points. All other issues/solutions mentioned by any group scored one point.

current and future problems facing the Apple River. One house on the river does not necessarily cause much of a problem. But the cumulative effect of hundreds of driveways, rooftops, roads, lawns, and septic systems eventually manifests problems. Therefore, educating the general public about individual impacts is key to protecting the Apple River and other local water resources.

These issues will not be solved overnight. It took several decades to shift the Apple River from a pristine river to

one that has been negatively impacted by human development including agriculture. Therefore, it will likely take decades to reign in the negative effects of conventional development. Development is an absolute: it will happen. So this is an opportune time to discuss how development will look and what local citizens and communities can do to protect natural resources.



*Water will disperse behind a dam giving sediment a chance to drop out of the current. This will cause the impoundment to eventually fill up with nutrient-rich sediment that promotes aquatic plant growth. This is part of the reason that impoundments regularly have impaired water quality.*

Participants of the Citizen Forum overwhelmingly supported organizing an Apple River Association that would focus on river-related issues in order to protect the environment, quality of life, and land values. An organizational meeting will be set in the near future. Call Brook Waalen at 715-485-8637 if you would like more information.



## WDNR's River Protection Grant Program

Communities and nonprofit groups can receive state financial help to protect rivers under a program that aims to prevent water quality, fisheries habitat, and natural beauty from deteriorating as the number of homes and recreational, industrial, and other uses increases along rivers.

### River Planning Grants

- \$10,000 max per grant
- 75% state share max
- Some eligible activities include (in priority order): 1) river organization development, 2) information and education, 3) assessments of water quality, fish, and aquatic life, and 4) nonpoint source evaluations.

### River Management Grants

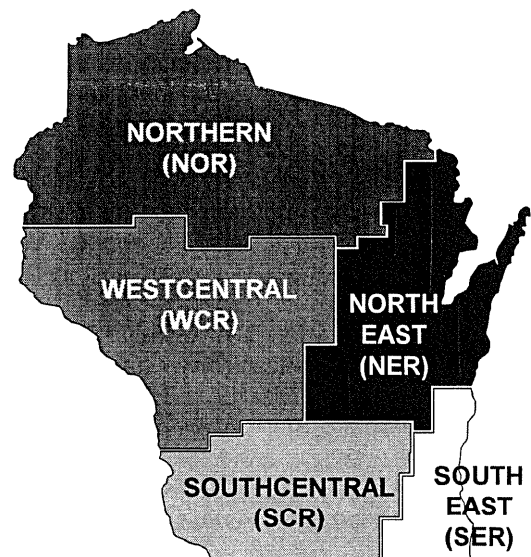
- \$50,000 max per grant
- 75% State Share max
- Some eligible activities include (in priority order): 1) purchase of land or easements, 2) development of local ordinances, and 3) restoration of in-stream or shoreland habitat.

### Eligible Sponsors

- Units of local government
- Nonprofit conservation organizations
- Qualified river management organizations (incorporated; purpose statement or past actions related to river protection; open membership)

**The application deadline is May 1, 2001.** If your group does not receive an application but would like one, contact the environmental grant specialist in your WDNR regional office:

Sue Kocken, NER-Green Bay	(920) 492-5797
Jane Malischke, NOR-Spooner	(715) 635-4062
William Jaeger, NOR-Rhineland	(715) 365-8971
Pat Sheahan, SCR-Fitchburg	(608) 275-3315
Mary Ellen Franson, SER-Milwaukee	(414) 263-8569
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## Effective Campaigns or Projects that Build Your Organization

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### Workshop Goals

- To provide training to improve the organizational capacity and effectiveness of local groups working to protect and restore Wisconsin's rivers.
- To share tools for prioritizing campaigns or projects.
- To discuss and use techniques for designing campaigns or projects that bring in new members, volunteers or leaders.
- To prioritize and plan actual campaigns or projects, to be implemented following the workshop.
- To provide networking opportunities among participants to foster a stronger alliance of groups working to protect Wisconsin's rivers and watersheds.

**Who should attend:** Board members, staff, and volunteers of local river and watershed conservation organizations. Participants may also be individuals interested in becoming river conservation leaders. Registration is limited to 30. We highly encourage organizations to send two to four representatives to the workshop. *Note: A \$200 scholarship will be awarded to and shared by all organizations represented by at least 3 members.*

**Meeting format:** The workshop will be held at Durward's Glen Retreat and Conference Center near Baraboo, WI. Rooms for Friday night will be provided at no charge (single occupancy). We will handle hotel reservations. Directions will be provided when registration is confirmed.

**Costs:** The workshop registration fee is \$25. Friday night lodging and all meals are provided at no additional charge. Participants are responsible for their travel costs.

## Agenda

### Friday, July 13th

- 11:00 – 12:00 Registration
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:40 **Introductions**
- 1:40 – 3:00 **Attracting New Volunteers** (Discuss the challenges involved in bringing in new leaders, and explore previous experiences where you've been successful).
- 3:15 – 5:15 **Prioritizing Projects or Campaigns** (Discuss a case study of a campaign that helped build an organization, and apply tools for prioritizing campaigns or projects in your organization. Choose a project or campaign.)
- 5:15 **Dinner and Evening Activities**

### Saturday, July 14th

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 10:00 **Campaign or Project Planning I** (With other members of your organization, develop goals, targets and tactics for your chosen project or campaign.)
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 12:00 **Campaign or Project Planning II** (continued)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 3:00 **Campaign or Project Planning III** (Identify activities for your campaign that will bring in new members and volunteers and enable you to hit the ground running. Present to the group.)
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Open space** (Questions and discussion)
- 3:30 - 4:00 Wrap-up and evaluation; adjourn

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### Registration Form

Please respond by Monday, July 2, 2001

**YES, count me in!** I want to join other local river leaders to gain skills that will help build and strengthen our local conservation organization!

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Others attending from same organization (please fill out one form per participant):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration Cost for River Alliance members is \$25. River Alliance organizational memberships are \$50. Note: A \$200 scholarship will be awarded to and shared by all groups represented by at least 3 members.*

Amount of enclosed check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you have any special dietary or other needs (describe). \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **River Alliance of Wisconsin.**

Please send check and registration by July 2<sup>nd</sup> to:

**River Alliance of Wisconsin**

306 E. Wilson St, Suite 2W  
Madison, WI 53704

608-257-2424 (phone) 608-260-9799 (fax)

[wisrivers@wisconsinrivers.org](mailto:wisrivers@wisconsinrivers.org)

*Please contact us if you're responding after July 2nd.*



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Experience shows that the most effective conservation and environmental groups are those that provide a strong, credible and visible voice over a sustained period.

In order to ensure the long-term stability of an organization, successful conservation work and organizational development must go hand-in-hand. Strengthening the capacity of local groups is a critical goal if we are to achieve meaningful river and watershed stewardship.

To address this need, the River Alliance of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have collaborated with the Institute for Conservation Leadership to develop this training workshop. We hope you'll take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to help make your own river protection and restoration efforts even more successful.

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