

Clean River Partnership

Annual Meeting

May 13, 2021

Minutes

Guests: Jill Trescott, Kathleen Doran Norton, Kevin Strauss, James Brady, Thomas Pursell, Bill Jokela, George Kinney, Rick, David McKee, Paula Corsi, Steve Pahs, Carol, Cathy, Corrie Demas, Barbara Evans, Drew, Paul Carlson-Donohoe, Allene Moesler, Alan Kraus, Matt Rohn, Erica Zweifel, Melissa King

- Board Chair, Melissa King brought the Clean River Partnership meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Approval of Agenda
 - Thomas Pursell made a motion to approve the agenda, David McKee seconded, all members approved.
- Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Jill Trescott made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting, Paul Carlson-Donohoe seconded, all members approved.
- Recognition of Retiring Board Members
 - Kristi Pursell stated that this was a last call for online voting for new members.
 - Kristi Pursell recognized the retiring board members:
 - Brad Anderson – he is appreciated for his guidance and financial acumen.
 - Dan Hofrenning – he has served for six years and assisted in leading the organization
 - Drew Nusbaum – his dedication is inspiring
 - Brad Rademacher – he has served for six years and his quiet, steady presence and support will be missed.
- Election of new Board of Directors
 - Chairperson Melissa King reviewed the new members applying for a position on the Board.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to appoint the following new members to the Board of Directors; Paul Carlson-Donohoe, Paula Corsi, Bill Jokela, Erica Zweifel. David McKee seconded the motion and all members approved.
- Organizational Name Change
 - Jill Trescott reviewed the name change process.
 - The name is changing from Cannon River Watershed Partnership to Clean River Partners.

- Part of the reason for the name change was the recent creation of an organization called the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board. The similarities between the names of the organizations were causing confusion.
- Another reason for the change was the group's recognition of the other bodies of water in the watershed and their importance.
- The announcement was made that the new name of the organization will be Clean River Partners.
- Vote for by-law revision
 - The requested change to the by-laws will allow for more flexibility and efficiencies in working with the communities.
 - Lee Dilley made a motion to approve the by-law change, Thomas Pursell seconded the motion and all members approved.
- Organization Update and Questions
 - Board Projects
 - Trescott reviewed the following changes
 - Work is being done to be more organized with memberships and membership revenue.
 - A new council is being organized to recognize and include members that give \$600 or more annually. This council would act in an advisory manner.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton noted that the creation of this council prompted thoughts of possible legacy donations. Additional work is being done to research contracting with an organization to responsibly manage larger legacy donations.
 - Kristi Pursell expressed thanks to all of the hard-working staff including Kevin Strauss, Alan Kraus and his assistant Dane McKittrick.
 - Kevin Straus introduced the new Clean River Partners website.
 - Work is being done with Neuger Communications for an impact report that will be sent out to members.
 - Allene Moesler thanked Kristi Pursell for continuing to lead Clean River Partners.
- Greg Colby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, David McKee seconded the motion, all members approved.

Respectfully submitted by Frances Boehning

Minutes accepted and reviewed by Paul Carlson-Donohoe, Board Secretary

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