

League of Women Voters Upper Mississippi River ILO

Bi-monthly Board Meeting Notice **DRAFT**

Date: December 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Central time

Location North Suburban Library District Public Library,

6340 Loves Park, IL 61111 Phone 815-633-4247

By phone: **Connect by phone at (712)770-4010*, code: 950753#**

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Agenda and all documents here: <https://www.lwvumrr.org/news--upcoming-events.html>

10:00 – Call to order; Operations

- Approve October Board meeting minutes – Tam Prenosil (following)
- Approve Financial Report – Jeri McGinley (to be added on website: Treasurer's Report)

10:30 – Toni Dautel - update on delegates and alternates

- Traffic pumping and our telecommunications
- using skype to communicate

Other Business?

10:45 – Future meetings in the 4 states or in Chicago permanently

11:00 - Lonni : Amending ERC grants

Discuss formal agreement with MRN This would allow us to collaborate with 57 other nonprofits

11:15 Judi Beck Memorial fund

New business

Upcoming meetings (1st Monday of even-numbered months)

February 3 – Board Meeting – Virtual ? or in Minnesota ?

April 6 - Minnesota ? Wisconsin

May 30-31 Chicago, Illinois

11:30 - Adjourn - Reservations for lunch (on site) from UMRR members should be made through

12:30 – Break - welcome folks to pm session – all interested are welcome to these presentations

We have 2 groups presenting to us: the Rockford Water Department and Beth Baranski and Bonnie Cox from the Jo Daviess League.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGION INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

Board Meeting --- October 7, 2019

Ames Public Library – 515 Douglas Ave. Ames, IA 50010

The twenty-third board meeting of the Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization (UMRR-ILO) was called to order by Vice-Chair Lonnie McCauley (MN-Coon Rapids) on October 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Board members attending the meeting in addition to the Vice-Chair were: Tamara Prenosil (IA-Dubuque), Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkin (WI-La Crosse), Gretchen Sabel (MN-ABC), Mary Ellen Miller (IA-Metro Des Moines), Toni Dautel (IL-Glenview),

Board Members attending the meeting by phone conference were: John Howard (MN-Winona), Jeri McGinley (WI-Stevens Point),

Guests at the Board Meeting: Paula Ekstrom (IL-McHenry County), Lee Ekstrom (IL-McHenry County, Christie Gerken (IA-Metro Des Moines), Randy Dautel (IL-Glenview), Cathy Eisenhofer (IA-Johnson County), Lee Wood (IA-Johnson County), Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County and LWVIA Board)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

I. Operations:

Secretary's Report: C. Mahlum-Jenkins moved, and G. Sabel seconded that the agenda for today's meeting as well as minutes of the August 5, 2019 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Financial Report: J. McGinley reported:

Revenues – August/September \$400.47 (Memberships: \$375, LWV Ripon Area donation \$25, Interest\$.47)

Expenses – August/September: \$100.85 (Speaker fee for annual meeting \$100.00, PayPal fee for online dues payment: \$.85)

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2019: \$8,799.78 (includes ERC grant II balance \$919.75, Judy Beck Memorial Fund balance \$100)

Old Business: Paperwork has been filed for the 501(h) Election, Authorized signers on our account have not yet changed but this is not a problem.

UMRR-ILO BUDGET VS. ACTUALS report as well as the summary of August/September Revenue and Expenses were included with this Board Meeting packet

The financial report was accepted as presented.

Membership Update: The LWV chapters and states that have not yet paid dues are available for review online. Jeri McGinley can give board members the link.

II. Mississippi River Network Meeting in St. Louis:

The meeting will be November 13 to 15, 2019. Information included in the agenda packet. Lee Wood and Nancy Porter agreed to attend.

III. Discussion of LWV UMRR-ILO Climate Change Initiative:

The UMRR-ILO Board decided to add climate change to our priority list to broaden our emphasis because water quality, water quantity, and climate change are so interrelated.

Krista Grimm from the Lake Michigan ILO has a good PowerPoint regarding ground water.

Minnesota has a coalition of environmental groups

L. McCauley reported Coon Rapids, Minnesota has established a task force to inform the community and encourage elected officials to do more to mitigate the effects of climate change. The Land Stewardship organization in Minnesota continues its educational initiatives.

C. Mahlum-The La Crosse Sustainability Commission has been in the process of updating the Sustainability Plan for the city/county and the county has written a substantial "Land and Water Resource Management Plan" which addresses present water quality issues of nitrate, phosphorus, bacteria but also PFAS and heavy metals.

C. Gerken reported the Farm Bureau in Iowa has a strong lobbying presence and supports no mandated regulations on farms regarding nitrate use and run-off. The Farm Bureau wants all efforts from farmers and farm owners to be voluntary. Des Moines, Iowa has the largest nitrate removal system in the world.

The LWV can offer rural areas our advocacy (letters to state and federal officials, educational programs) to inform urban voters of issues affecting rural areas.

Iowa SILT (Sustainable Iowa Land Trust) can help put easements in perpetuity.

Board members (Lonnie McCauley, Gretchen Sabel, Tam Prenosil will work on PowerPoint presentations regarding UMRR-ILO issues. We may need two PowerPoints.

M. Miller volunteered to be a contact for the Iowa Farmers Union.

IV. Alternate Board Member Replacements for Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin:

T. Dautel will check with the Lake Michigan ILO to learn how many delegates and alternates they have. The UMRR-ILO has no term limits for delegates and alternates. States can more than one alternate to the UMRR-ILO Board. Paul Ekstrom volunteered to be an alternate or delegate from Illinois.

V. December 2, 2019 Meeting in Illinois:

Locations to be considered include Galena and Rockford. T. Prenosil will contact Rockford. Discussion regarding the Free Conference Call service will be postponed until the December meeting. February

C. Mahlum-Jenkins moved and T. Prenosil seconded the meeting adjourn at 11:45 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Tamara Prenosil