



Monday, August 18 @ 2:00pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206 and virtually on Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:00 pm.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve July 21, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Rhonda Carrell and seconded by Gordon Gottbeheut. Motion passed unanimously.

There was nothing reported under the agenda item entitled “Correspondence/ Updates/ Handouts/ Reports on Meetings Attended.”

Chairman Leichtnam introduced our guest speaker, Kathy McGrath, who brought her Pollinator Initiative Monarch program to share with the CWG. Pesticides kill Monarchs in all stages of life, from egg to butterfly. Kathy has been working with Monarchs for decades, from finding the eggs on milkweed leaves, to caterpillars, to chrysalis, and finally the butterfly. Adults are tagged so they can be tracked through Monarch Watch [www.MonarchWatch.org](http://www.MonarchWatch.org). As the result of this dedication to the preservation of Monarchs, Port Edwards has been named The Monarch Village. They do education and releases for the public often.

Chairman Leichtnam asked the CWG about the direction the CWG wished to go in pertaining to pollinators. We will explore/seek more knowledge on this subject.

Chairman Leichtnam announced he will, on behalf of the Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee (CEED Committee), introduce a resolution on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 asking the Wood County Board to approve designation of the Citizens Water Group of Wood County as an advisory subcommittee of the Wood County.

We discussed Science by the River and who can attend and oversee our booth. Bruce Dimick cannot be there on October 18, 2025.

Motion to adjourn made by John Endrizzi. Seconded by Gordon Gottbeheut. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the CWG will be on September 15, 2025, at 2:00pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Kathy McGrath, Bill Clendenning, Shane Wucherpennig, Kendra Wilhelm, Gordon Gottbeheit, Sandy Cain, John Endrizzi, Bruce Dimick, Tom Rayome.  
Rhonda Carrell

Virtual: Lance Pliml, Scott Provost

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Carrell on August 18, 2025