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WISCONSIN WETLANDS ASSOCIATION BOARD APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS

MADISON, WI. – The board of directors of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association (WWA) appointed two new members, Tim Jacobson of Boscobel, and Jeff Ripp of Sun Prairie, at its regular July 31st board meeting, raising the number of board members to ten.

“While WWA’s full membership will have to confirm our new board members at the annual meeting in February, we’re thrilled to add these talented individuals to our board at this time,” said Alison Peña, the board chair. “We felt it was important to fill vacancies on the board with these two men and the additional skills they bring to enhance the governance of our organization,” Peña added.

Tim Jacobson brings a diverse background to Wisconsin Wetlands Association. Currently, he leads an organizational consulting and communications firm located in Boscobel along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway. He has been an attorney for the past two decades and served as executive director of Mississippi Valley Conservancy in La Crosse for seven years. In addition, he chairs the governance committee of Midwest Environmental Advocates in Madison and is a past member of the Gathering Waters Conservancy board and the DNR’s Stewardship Advisory Council. Jacobson’s environmental communications work was honored at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. in 2013. He served as executive producer of *Mysteries of the Driftless*, a documentary film about Wisconsin’s unglaciated region that has been broadcast on Wisconsin Public Television and has been an official selection at film festivals in multiple states. The film was shown to kick off WWA’s annual science conference earlier this year.

Jeff Ripp works as Deputy Administrator of the Gas and Energy Division of the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin. A 1998 graduate of the UW Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies’ Water Resources Management Program, he has worked on a wide range of natural resources policy issues involving water and energy. Ripp started his career as an environmental chemist at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and has worked as a water supply specialist and Assistant Administrator for Water at the PSC. He has served as the Lead Zone Chairman of Dane County Ducks Unlimited for the past twelve years. Ripp is an avid waterfowl hunter and has a deep appreciation for the wetlands of Wisconsin.

Tracy Hames, WWA’s executive director, said, “I look forward to working with Jeff and Tim now and in the years ahead as we create a brighter future for Wisconsin’s wetlands, people and wildlife.”

ABOUT WWA

Wisconsin Wetlands Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration and enjoyment of wetlands and associated ecosystems through science-based programs, education and advocacy. Established in 1969, WWA is the first and oldest statewide organization focused exclusively on wetland science and protection.

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