14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, February 11th, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Wisconsin. The 14 Mile watershed Committee may take action on any item on the agenda. It is possible that the members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the 14 Mile Watershed Committee

1. **Establish remote call in, Call to order & confirm posting** John Endrizzi called the meeting to order at 2 pm. Barb confirmed that the posting of agendas was done on February 7th.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Roll call** John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Jerry Wiessinger, Scott Provost, Taylor Hasz, Carson Heinecke, Kason Morley, Karen Knotek, Steve Oberle and Scott Bordeau.
4. **Review and approve minutes for January 7, 2019** Motion by Dave Trudeau, second by Jerry Wiessinger to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes. Motion approved.
5. **Review the 5 minute rule** John reviewed the guideline to keep the meeting moving.
6. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Kason will report on items as they appear on the agenda.
7. **Steve Oberle activity update** Steve reported that he's been getting background information and investigating different aspects of our watershed. He's been in contact with UW-SP concerning well data and met earlier today with DNR and the County Conservationists. They are attempting to finalize the 9 Key Element Plan by the end of March. Ours is different from other plans in that it includes groundwater information. Turnaround by EPA is expected in less than six months. John Endrizzi reinforced the importance for committee members to spend some time reviewing the website links that Steve has shared – good homework for us!
8. **Setup initial mtg with county conservationists – Don & John – Kason** Kason reported that the County Cons will start to meet every 2 weeks with Andrew Craig. Kason will consult with Andrew concerning inclusion of some of our committee members. Steve suggested that we might be able to provide ideas/input to the plan including info on groundwater.
    a. **Possible 14 Mile funded lunch mtg w/Steve, county cons, Pat Oldenburg, 2 committee members**
    b. **Review Jan agenda item 6.3.c & g for content**
9. **Nine Key Element Plan** Discussed under agenda item #8.
    a. **April 15 mtg status**
    b. **Area county con pre-review – Kason**
        i. **Include Steve & Carson**
10. **Determine future alternate meeting dates/times** John asked committee members to consider other meeting times and come ready to discuss further at the March meeting.
    a. **Consider an evening meeting to accommodate those who work**
    b. **Consider a Saturday during the summer to attract weekenders**
11. **Schedule nutrient management view overtraining session with Sue Porter of DATCP – Kason** Kason suggested we wait till snowbirds return before scheduling so that it is most effective
12. **Schedule social media training with Megan – Kason** Kason is working on organizing this; Karen noted that she wants to be involved.
13. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Same as item #11; perhaps schedule one meeting for both topics in May. Steve noted that he sees his primary role as helping us in this area, reaching out to WPVGA and cranberry growers. He reinforced the need to complete the 9

Key Element Plan as a priority and then to move on to reaching out to the ag community. The nutrient management standard by the State is an important piece of the plan.

14. **Schedule May/June Spring Property Owners mtg** Date has been set for June 8 at 11 am and will include speakers and possibly the USDA rainwater simulator. Steve offered to discuss the 9 Key Plan. Scott noted that handouts for each of the topics are critical so that information shared goes home with attendees. It was suggested to develop a My Watershed handout. Karen noted that we need to start advertising soon.
    a. **Review Jan minutes item 10 for content**
15. **Investigate possibility of moving Shoreland Protection oversite to LWC – Kason/John** Kason would like to review with his committee before committing.
16. **Investigate/promote involvement with Leola Ditch management – John** John shared that Portage County Drainage Board may be interested in annexing the Leola Ditch area. John will be attending Adams County Drainage Board meetings to get more information.
17. **Evaluate Land & Water Plans of upstream resources**
    a. **Need volunteers to ID other partners, sponsors/advisors** Steve suggested that we include Village of Plainfield as they have 2 water wells in our watershed
    b. **Obtain large scale watershed map -Kason/John** The map was reviewed and copies will be shared with Tri-Lakes, the Town and each of the lake associations. Kason commented that the map clearly shows the amount of agriculture located in the other counties as well as Adams County. Steve suggested that committee members occasionally attend LWCC meetings in the other counties.
18. **Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction**
    a. **When do we invite Beaver Dam Lake group to visit?** Defer until after we are further into the 9 Key Plan to be most effective.
    b. **Political representatives – Antin** Rick absent – no report.
    c. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?** Steve noted that NRCS has grant funds available that we may be able to apply for since we are addressing groundwater in our plan
    d. **Invite WPVGA (Tamas Houlihan) & WSCGA (Tom Lochner) Exec Directors to future mtg – Carson & Don** Carson contacted Tom Lochner but needs to talk to him live; Kason met with Tom last week and agreed to work together with Carson.
        i. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc**
    e. **Schedule up to 4 members to attend WI Lakes Conference April 10 – 12th – Ystad + 3** Attending will be Ystad, Benkowski, Endrizzi and Knotek. Motion by Karen, second by Scott B to also approve Dave Trudeau. Motion approved.
    f. **Consider also, 1 or 2 members attend Red Cedar Watershed Conference UW Stout March 14** no volunteers
19. **Lakes/Associations updates**
    a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob**
    b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan** Dan reported that Don's summary of activities will be included in the spring newsletter and that next weekend is the Camelot Fisheree which will benefit fish habitat.
    c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G** Scott reported that Pat Oldenberg spoke to them at their last meeting; next meeting will be in March.
    d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Dave reported that Don's summary will be in spring newsletter and that the January 19th Fisheree raised approximately $4,000 that will be used for fish habitat.
20. **County & town meeting reports**
    a. **County lake alliance - Ystad**
    b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** John reported that the last meeting included a report on wind breaks and that that may be an issue in our watershed. Chuck Sibilsky shared efforts by Adams

County in the past and that this area is a high priority for the county. The tree and shrub sale is in process and is an economical way to add to properties. The Camelot bike trail over the 10th Avenue dam is up for approval at a future meeting.

c. **County Board – Benkowski & Wiessinger**
d. **County P & Z - Antin**
e. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger**
f. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger**
g. **Town Parks and Rec – Endrizzi** John indicated that they are continuing to plan for the new park at Twin Lakes and are looking for grants to fund it rather than taxpayer dollars.

21. **Farmer relationship workgroup – Endrizzi, Antin, Heinecke & Ystad** Carson indicated that this sub-group needs to meet and to include Steve Oberle.
22. **Soil testing workgroup – Endrizzi, Benkowski** John is working with county GIS to identify past test locations to aid in setting up plan for 2019; Steve suggested that we work with property owners who've had tests to develop a nutrient management plan for their individual property.
23. **Recommendations for further septic system testing – Bob Benkowski**
    a. **Recommended pumper program**
24. **Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)** John advised that he may not be able to test in February because of frozen conditions.
25. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco** Carson met with Jamie Gebert to work on a document that will be posted on the Town's website and a link will be shared with each of the lake associations for their websites.
26. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger**
27. **Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad**
    a. **Healthy Lakes grant participant status** Dave completed the grant application to meet the Feb 1st deadline; he is requesting $7,000 to support 4 projects.
    b. **Fish Habitat status** Dave is also working on a Sherwood fish sticks project involving 80 trees that will be anchored to 20 spots around the DNR-owned island by the 10th Avenue dam. Dave needs help moving the trees after February 21st – please consider it!
28. **TriLakes/14 Mile website status– Don Ystad**
29. **Set next agenda date and topics** Next meeting will be March 11 at 2 pm. Steve suggested a speaker from Minocqua on Wisconsin Waters and Agriculture.
30. **Adjourn** Motion by Carson, second by Karen to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.