

14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 12th, 2019 at 2:00 PM

1. **Call to order & confirm posting** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2 pm; Barb confirmed that the agendas were posted on August 7th at the US Bank, NPESB and Pritzl's and on our website.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Roll call** Carson Heinecke, Karen Knotek, Don Ystad, John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost, Jerry Wiessinger, Wayne Johnson and Kason Morley.
4. **Review and approve minutes for July 8, 2019** Motion by Jerry Wiessinger, second by John Endrizzi to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion approved.
5. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Kason will provide input as each agenda item is reached.
6. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason** Kason reported that he is getting additional input and awaiting replies, but that he is close to completion.
7. **Mtg with county conservationists – Don** Hold off on this item until 9 Key Element Plan is completed.
8. **2020 budget discussion** Don advised that the budget for 2020 is \$75,000 and gave a rundown of activities that are included such as such as water testing program, Healthy Lakes program and consulting work from Steve Oberle and Dave Bloomer.
9. **Clean water Cooperator/Fish Habitat at Camelot Frolics Aug 17th** LCPOA will have a booth at the Frolics and reps from 14 Mile will help out as follows: Don Y/Bob B from 10 – 12; Dave Trudeau tentatively from 12 – 2 and John Endrizzi in the afternoon. Clean Water Cooperator signs and stickers will be given out.
10. **Lakes/Associations updates**
 - a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob**
 - b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan** John Kolinski reported that the water quality has been good this year – clear and less weeds than last year. Amount of rainfall has helped.
 - c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G**
 - d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Jerry reported that Sherwood is starting to see algae at first in the North fork but now moving to both parts of the lake.
11. **County & town meeting reports**
 - a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** The southern half of Adams County is experiencing high water conditions; kudos to our dam operator, Alex Tomsyck, for his handling of water levels in the Tri-Lakes.
 - b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** Items covered included Arrowhead beach closures and the agreement with the ski team will need to be renewed. Kason described the WETS program which is being evaluated – it is a new technology that places an impermeable curtain around an area to keep water from the rest of the lake and may be helpful in maintaining clean water in swimming areas. Kason also reported that a group of counties is considering obtaining funding for a well testing program. Adams County may proceed with a program that would run over a four year period. The program would test one site per section of land and could use data to identify nitrates issues. Don Ystad suggested more extensive testing as was done in the past in coordination with Saratoga. Individual property owners paid for the testing (approximately \$57). Could this be a Town of Rome sponsored program? John Haugen will bring to the Town Board and would recommend that it be run town-wide, not just in the lake district. Jerry Wiessinger noted that John Endrizzi has been appointed to serve on the Adams County Drainage Board – congratulations!
 - c. **County Board – Wiessinger** Next meeting will be August 20th and the County Forest program will be voted on.

- d. **County Drainage District – Endrizzi** John clarified that the Board oversees all of the Districts in the County. The Leola District (the area that includes the Tri-Lakes) was defunded by court order in the 60's so there has been no official governing body for it. There are 3 persons making decisions – 1 person from agriculture, 1 from Goose Lake and 1 from MSA Engineering. The Leola District is on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting of the Board on August 19. The Board will also consider changing from 3 board members to 5 members.
- e. **County P & Z - Antin**
- f. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger**
- g. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger**
 - i. **County forest – John Haugen** already addressed earlier in the agenda
- h. **Town Parks and Rec – Endrizzi** Remove from agenda until January.
- 12. **Soil testing workgroup – Endrizzi, Benkowski** Thirty six additional tests were done this year bringing the total to 146. Additional ones may be added at the Frolics booth.
- 13. **Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)**
 - a. **Additional testing upstream and in-lake** John reported that he is now also testing for total suspended solids and Kjeldahl nitrogen as well as neonicotinoids from pesticides. The high water conditions for four months this year has prevented him from testing at 3 sites. Discussion on the Citizen Monitoring program of water testing compared to the 14 Mile testing program and the value/benefit of matching the tests that are conducted. Scott Provost indicated that it would be beneficial – as 14 Mile Watershed would need to fund the additional tests, Scott will follow up with the State Lab of Hygiene to set up a billing account. Scott also recommended that both programs should be coordinated as to the time of month that testing is conducted. Don, Kason and Sam Peterson will discuss further and set up.
- 14. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke** The next main activity will be at the Camelot Frolics booth.
- 15. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger** Jerry reported that he will be summarizing and publishing the results of this test program. Karen commented on the improvement that she's seen in her area and offered to help with a before-and-after video to document the results. John Haugen commented that the Barnum Bay condo association has installed 2 oscillating turbines on Petenwell and may want to add more in the future. Scott Provost advised that turbines need to be mounted to a pier; if not, a DNR permit is required.
- 16. **Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau** Dave shared that he took training at the Lakes Convention and is now a Healthy Lakes Promoter.
 - a. **Healthy Lakes grant participant status** The 2018 grant is completed and Dave is working on putting together the documentation for the 2019 program as well as getting new properties signed up. Don Ystad commented on recent promotion of Laurie and Gene Francis' shoreline improvements and healthy lake practices; Barb Herreid's shoreline will be next one featured.
 - b. **Fish habitat – John Kolinski** John reported that plants are taking hold in the project area and that they are planning for stage 2 as well as looking at the Walden area.
- 17. **Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction** Will pursue in the fall after the 9 Key Element Plan is submitted. Discussion of a 40-acre land-locked DNR property in the watershed that is going out to auction; Scott Provost will get additional information and advise us. A Lake Protection Grant might be able to help with funding.
 - a. **When do we invite Beaver Dam Lake group to visit?**
 - b. **Big Eau Plaine producers council**
 - c. **Political representatives – Antin**
 - d. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?**
 - e. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc**

- 18. Schedule nutrient management overview training session with Sue Porter of DATCP – Kason** Kason spoke to Sue and she's willing to conduct an informational meeting for us. Don Ystad will follow up with her to schedule.
- 19. Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Rachel needs to be contacted.
- 20. Determine future alternate meeting dates/times** PACRS recently held a Saturday meeting and experienced good turnout. Looking at upcoming dates and conflicts, it was decided to try this in 2020.
 - a. Consider an evening meeting to accommodate those who work**
 - b. Consider a Saturday during the summer to attract weekenders**
- 21. Set next agenda date, tentatively Sept 9th if on Monday, or 7th if on Saturday, and topics** Next meeting will be September 9 at 2 pm.
- 22. Adjourn** Motion by John Endrizzi, second by John Haugen to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.