

**14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Minutes for Monday, October 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM**

1. **Call to order & confirm posting** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2pm; agendas were posted on October 4, 2018.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll call** Scott Bordeau, Carson Heinecke, Dave Trudeau, John Endrizzi, Don Ystad, Jerry Wiessinger and Ron Foster. Guests included new Town Administrator, Jamie Gebert, Steve Oberley from Oconto County, Mike Tomsyck, Bob Ness, Scott Provost and Sam Peterson, the new Adams County Lake Specialist.
4. **Review and approve minutes for August 13, 2017** Motion by Scott Bordeau, second by John Endrizzi to approve the September 10, 2018 minutes. Motion approved.
5. **Review the 5 minute rule** Don reminded all of this new guideline; Bob Benkowski will be timekeeper and keep us all on topic.
6. **Adams County Lake Alliance update** Don gave a recap of the recent meeting including discussion of dam ops in Rome and other communities in the county, budget concerns, Blue-green Algae and Phil McLaughlin, P&Z, plans to retire in March but will be updating the shoreline protection ordinance.
7. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason** Kason not able to attend but sent email update indicating that the 9 Key Element Plan was submitted to DNR and that a response is expected by the end of October. Dave asked that we get an update from LWCD on the status of their grant request that would include beach club evaluations.
8. **Adams County Board mtg update and Oct 16th follow up – Ystad** Don reported that approximately 100 citizens attended the Sept. presentation by Wayne Johnson and Don to the County Board. October 16th has been set for a follow-up meeting to discuss solutions for the future. Meeting will be held at 5 pm at the Community Center. Requests will be made for 1) grant specialist, 2) someone familiar with implementing 9 Key Element Plans and 3) someone to help build bridges with the agriculture community. Jerry mentioned that forests will also be discussed and that it could work in concert with lakes. There was a discussion of funding by the Town or through the County for expertise with the 9 Key Element Plan. Scott Provost indicated that it is hard to find individuals in Wisconsin with this kind of background.
9. **Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction**
 - a. **Beaver Dam Lake – need a volunteer** Bob and John volunteered to join Don in meeting with them; they are about 1 year ahead of us on implementing a 9 Key Element Plan.
 - b. **Political representatives – Antin**
 - c. **Other watershed groups (Redstone) – Antin**
10. **Soil testing workgroup update –Bob Benkowski, John Endrizzi**
 - a. **How many tests still to be done?** Bob reported that all individual properties have been completed; beach clubs still need to be done. He indicated that we need to continue to promote for next year.
 - b. **Continuation of soil tests for consistent coverage around lakes**
 - i. **Beach clubs, untested areas, etc**
11. **Status of 9 key element plan submittal** Plan was submitted 2 weeks ago; Wayne and Don have a draft copy of the 189 page submission. Jamie volunteered to have the plan scanned to share with committee members. Consensus that we would like to have a rep from LWCD meet with us to explain the plan.
 - a. **Research other plans – what worked, citizen involvement, etc**
12. **Recommendations for further septic system testing – Bob Benkowski**

- a. **Database: Number of septic systems in our watershed and how old** Bob is working with ODC to identify all of the septic systems (prior and post July 1, 1992) in the lake district and working with the County to have a Memo of Understanding to allow Tri-Lakes to monitor new as well as old systems.
 - i. **TriLakes database & followup**
 - ii. **County database & followup**
 - b. **McGinley follow on testing on Sherwood** Discussion of back-of-envelope calculation which would be worst case info vs. pursuing complicated process of actually measuring. Bob will follow up with Paul McGinley.
- 13. Petenwell/PACRS status– Rick Georgeson** Scott reported that the annual fundraiser was recently held; are encouraging their members to complete the Adams County recreation survey.
- 14. Spring Forum follow-ups** Don indicated no progress due to limitations of website.
- a. **Summary posted for non-attendees on TriLakes?**
 - b. **Video**
- 15. Discuss Fall forum – no interest** It was suggested to possibly set up a meeting with farmers after harvest.
- 16. Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)**
- a. **Status of testing to date** John reported that all of the recent rains has slowed down completion of the last month’s testing; he hopes to complete by end of month and hopes to have results of testing to share by the end of the year.
 - b. **Who should perform routine e coli testing and how often** John indicated that 4 tests have been completed; he questioned if 14 Mile should continue or hand it over to Adams County LWCD and/or Health Dept; Don advised that Kason has included testing at the county beaches in his budget submission for 2019 and will have a procedure for the future.
- 17. Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco**
- a. **How many yard signs distributed to supportive residents?** Ron reported that 25-30 of the 200 signs were distributed at the Tri-Lakes annual meeting; need to get more out for next year to have the impact that they envisioned.
 - b. **Recognized applicator program status** Five of the 22 businesses have responded; working on follow up letter to the non-responders with a deadline so that they can submit list to lake associations and the Town to post on their websites.
- 18. Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger**
- a. **2018 participant count** Jerry reported that the 5 turbines are now out of the water (4 are at Tri-Lakes and the 5th at the owners). He may have lined up a 6th property for next year and is working to get 2 pontoons parked differently next year to increase the effectiveness of the turbines. He is planning to put together a video to advertise how well the pilot program worked in the bay.
 - b. **Equipment needs into 2019**
- 19. Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad**
- a. **Healthy Lakes grant participant status** Dave reported that 1 property withdrew from the program but he has found a replacement. He is working to line up 2 additional properties for the future.
 - b. **Review beach club mowing recommendation w/ Camelot (should this be town-wide?)** no report.
 - c. **Fish stocking, fish sticks and fish cribs** He is working with Jennifer Bergman to set up a meeting before deer season starts.
- 20. Communicating with the community – Don Ystad**
- a. **TriLakes/14 Mile website status** A developer is working on a new website for Tri-Lakes that will include the 14 Mile Watershed.
 - b. **Loop with TriLakes, Town, Lake Associations**
- 21. Budget status/changes** Don plans to contact committee members to begin to develop budget for 2019.

- 22. Set next agenda date (tent. 11/12/18) and topics** Because of Veteran's Day conflict, the meeting will be held on November 5, 2018. Additional topics to include are 1) update from Kason and 2) set up a workgroup for establishing farmer relationships.
- 23. Adjourn** Motion by Ron Foster, second by Scott Bordeau to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:24.