14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Minutes for Monday, Feb12th, 2018 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

i. **Call to order & confirm posting** Meeting was called to order at 2 pm by John Endrizzi; agendas were posted on February 8.

ii. **Roll call:** Don Ystad(via phone), John Endrizzi, Jerry Wiessinger, Rick Georgeson, Ron Foster(via phone), Carson Heinecke, Scott Bordeau and Dave Trudeau.

iii. **Review and approve minutes for January 8, 2017:** Motion by Heinecke, second by Wiessinger to approve the minutes of January 8, 2017 meeting. Motion approved.

iv. **Introduction – Adams County Lake Specialist Kason Morley:** Chuck Sibilski and Megan Schnolis from Adams County Land and Water were introduced. Both will be involved with the 9 Key Element Plan. Jennifer Bergman and Caitlyn also attended from DNR.

v. **Status of programs involving Adams County Conservationist:** on hold

vi. **Spring Workshop plans:** Jerry Wiessinger shared preliminary plans for a 4-hour workshop near Memorial Day Weekend. Plans include 4 speakers and information booths designed to create awareness of ways we can all help impact water quality.

   a. **Workgroup, Johnson, Wiessinger, Heinecke, Endrizzi, Ystad**

vii. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco**

   a. **Status of proposed ordinance (TriLakes & town approval):** Town Board has approved and ordinance is going into final format.
   b. **Intern for fertilizer ordinance adherence**
   c. **Status of newsletter recommendations with lake associations:** Carson Heinecke shared article for newsletters and will release to lake associations as well as Tri-Lakes and the Town to add to their websites. Ron Foster will communicate the changes to fertilizer applicator businesses. Follow-up face-to-face meetings were suggested for the future for both groups.

viii. **Soil testing workgroup update – Wally Sedlar, Bob Benkowski, John Endrizzi:** Chuck Sibilski has a report with the results from the 2017 soil tests, but not the expertise to interpret them. Dave Trudeau reported that Tri-Lakes is including soil and water testing costs in a new grant request.

   a. **Program to increase test candidates and expansion to other areas**
   b. **Plan/approval for tissue tests**
   c. **Estimate costs**

ix. **Refine 2018 expenditure budget/goals and activities for 2018:** Deferred to April.
    a. **Confirm soil test budget**
    b. **Determine budget for fertilizer program intern**
    c. **Revisit workshop budget**

x. **Discussion and planning for 9 key element plan– Wally Sedlar & Scott Provost:** Caitlyn from WDNR and Chuck Sibilski indicated there is a planning meeting set for Feb 14. Chuck has started to do an ag inventory of the watershed and will follow up in summer with survey for lakes people. Examples of both surveys were passed out. He is setting up an initial meeting with ag representatives for Mar 21.

xi. **Determine if further septic system tests are required – Wally Sedlar:** Deferred.
    a. **Establish workgroup for further review and planning**

xii. **Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor):** John Endrizzi and Rob Borski completed the 4th testing last week; several areas were frozen over so added tests from intake at 8th Avenue and outflow at Arrowhead.
    a. **Review and approve seasonal test plan:** Completed last meeting
    b. **Identify any resulting changes to budget:** Completed last meeting

xiii. **Soil testing workgroup update – Wally Sedlar, Bob Benkowski, John Endrizzi:** Duplicate of agenda item viii above
    a. **Program to increase test candidates and expansion to other areas**
    b. **Plan/approval for tissue tests**

xiv. **Upstream agriculture partnership:** Chuck Sibilski has set up a meeting with DATCP on Feb 19 as a first step.
    a. **Testing plan for soil and water**
    b. **Create work group:** Identified as next step to take.
    c. **Obtain list of upstream owners**
    d. **Establish communication plan**

xv. **Identify and draw from experience of other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction - ongoing**
    a. **Confirm the 3rd member to attend April 18-19 WI Lakes Conference (Dave or Rick A):** Rick Georgeson will attend.

i. **Communicating with the community – Don Ystad:** Ongoing. Don will attend session at WI Lakes Conference on building a website.
    a. **Quarterly updates**
    b. **TriLakes & Rome website posts**

c. **Loop with TriLakes, Town, Lake Associations**

ii. **Outreach –**

a. **Political representatives – Rick Antin:** no report

b. **Other watershed groups, etc:** Chuck Sibilski suggested the Green Lake Lake District; further opportunities for contacts at the WI Lakes Conference.

iii. **Petenwell/PACRS status– Rick Georgeson**

a. **Healthy soil-Healthy water workshop:** Scott Bordeau reported that this year's workshop will be held Mar 22 at UW-Marshfield. Scott also shared their excitement that the 8-year TMDL study of the WI River will be presented by DNR in a webinar on Feb 21 and through public meetings on Mar 5, 6 and 14.

iv. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger:** Jerry said letters had been sent to 8 property owners and he's hoping for acceptance from 4 in the Quarterstaff bay. He hopes to install the turbines in May. Jerry shared before-and-after photos taken last year on Sherwood with a very dramatic difference after just 45 minutes.

a. **Establish workgroup**

v. **Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad**

a. **Healthy Lakes grant:** Dave Trudeau lined up 5 landowners with 7 practices that were submitted for the Feb 1 grant request deadline; if approved, will result in $1,000 for each of the 7 practices.

b. **Beach club mowing recommendation – Camelot**

c. **Fish stick planning mtg with Jennifer Bergman DNR:** Dave reported on efforts to move 52 trees to the island area of lower Lake Sherwood to begin to establish fish sticks as part of a 5-year permit. Funding coming from Tri-Lakes and LSPOA. Jennifer shared that fish sticks are more effective than cribs as they provide important in-shore habitat. Carson suggested that the Walden area of Camelot might also be an appropriate place to establish in the future.

i. **Discussion with Roger Spice – Fish cribs and stocking:** Don intends to invite Roger Spice to a future meeting

vi. **Set next agenda date (tent. 3/12/18) and topics:** Repeat most items but also add 'communication with lake association boards'

vii. **Adjourn:** Motion by Dave Trudeau, second by Jerry Wiessinger to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.