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

1. **Call to order & confirm posting** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2 pm
2. **Pledge** The pledge was recited
3. **Roll call** Don Ystad, Rick Georgeson, Joe Greco, Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke, Dave Trudeau, Rick Antin, Scott Bordeau, Jerry Wiessinger, Barb Herreid, Chuck Sibilsky, Bob Benkowski, Wayne Johnson, and Reesa Evans (by phone).
4. **Review and approve minutes for April 23, 2017** Motion by Ron Foster, second by Carson Heinecke to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 meeting. Motion approved.
5. **Status of programs involving Adams County Conservationist** Even though Wally Sedlar has resigned from Adams County, he will continue to work with us and to be a speaker on May 26. An agreement on rate needs to be worked out.
6. **Soil testing workgroup update –Bob Benkowski, John Endrizzi**
   a. **Revised soil testing approach possibilities using Wally Sedlar/Chris Landowski** Bob Benkowski is waiting to hear from Wally; Chuck Sibilsky can check with Adams Co. Master Gardeners; Reesa Evans will review the files from 2017 to map out locations and Don Ystad will contact Wally to set up a meeting.
   b. **Obtain and evaluate existing soil test database**
   c. **Program to increase test sites and expansion to other areas**
   d. **Plan/approval for tissue tests**
   e. **Estimate costs**
7. **Discussion and planning for 9 key element plan– Reesa Evans**
   a. **Status of sessions and priorities** Reesa Evans reported that she has started to write the plan and she is prioritizing areas that need mapping completed before 6/1 when the Adams Co. GIS technician will be leaving. She needs to have the Camelot beach clubs mapped out and formulas applied for shoreline compliance requirements.
   b. **Involvement of 14 Mile Committee** Reesa needs to have a listing of the offshore parcel numbers and/or owners information for notification purposes; Don Ystad will work with LCPOA to obtain. Reesa also asked for GPS locations of the monitoring wells.
8. **Determine if further septic system tests are required – TBD** Kason not in attendance so deferred to June.
   a. **Establish workgroup for further review and planning**
   b. **Number of septic systems in our watershed and how old – Kason Morley**
9. **Spring Workshop plans - Johnson, Wiessinger, Heinecke, Endrizzi, Ystad, Benkowski**
   a. **Status/content/speakers/expert participants** Event set for 5/26 from 8:30 to 1 pm with 2 programs scheduled for 8:30 and 10:00. Wally Sedlar will be speaking.
   b. **Communication** Announcements are out to lake associations etc. Letters have been sent to fertilizer applicators as well as possible exhibitors. The list of exhibitors was reviewed and a couple of suggestions were added to the list.
   c. **Publicity** flyers and signs are ready to go; Jerry Wiessinger will put up the signs and will also present to the Rome Town Board at the next meeting. Wayne Johnson shared food information and that he needs a grill and volunteers to help. Vendors will be able to set up Friday after 6 pm and Saturday starting at 7:45 am. The sessions will be taped.
10. **Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)** John Endrizzi not present; Dave Trudeau indicated that additional help needs to be recruited and Bob Benkowski reported that there is money in the Tri-Lakes budget under Lake Management.

a. **Status of testing to date**
b. **Available testing resources**

11. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco** Ron Foster reported that the sub-committee had met and identified just 2 one-time responsibilities for an intern (1-visit the applicators and 2-hand out flyers to property owners); sub-comm. recommends sharing an intern with the water testing group. Don asked them to document this with an estimate of hours required. Matt, a Tri-Lakes intern from last year may be interested. The group also needs to create a flyer to distribute and to further discuss what to put on the signs and where to place them.
    a. **Status of newsletter recommendations with lake associations**
    b. **Status of notices to applicators – responses** Ron Foster only received one response from the applicators which he reported on at the April meeting.
    c. **Determine if additional resident notification is needed – signs at launches, clubhouses, etc**
    d. **Resources for fertilizer ordinance adherence**
12. **Investigate available resources to assist water testing and fertilizer adherence – Benkowski et al** already discussed earlier in the agenda
13. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger**
    a. **Plan for 2018**
    b. **Participants identified/contract** Jerry Wiessinger reported that there are 3 definite participants plus one possible; he is waiting for the agreement to be finalized so he can present to them.
    c. **Equipment needs**
14. **Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad**
    a. **Healthy Lakes grant** The grant allows work to be completed up until December, 2020.
    b. **Beach club mowing recommendation – Camelot** Don and Carson will bring up at the next LCPOA board meeting.
    c. **Status of fish sticks program** no further update
    d. **Setup meeting w/Jennifer Bergman, Roger Spice, TriLakes and lake associations to determine best direction for fish stocking, fish sticks and fish cribs** Dave Trudeau will coordinate setting up the meeting.
15. **Petenwell/PACRS status– Rick Georgeson** Rick reported that the TMDL just completed the public input period; DNR is reviewing all the statements submitted and will send on to EPA. He explained that phosphorus comes from either point sources (40%) or runoff (60%). Of the point sources, a full 25% comes from a single plant in Northern Wisconsin. Because of the impact not only to water quality but jobs involved, some lawmakers are working to include assistance in the next State Budget to help the company clean up. Scott Bordeau is working on distribution of placemats to local restaurants.
16. **Upstream agriculture partnership**
    a. **Testing plan for soil and water/ tie in with nine key element plan**
    b. **Create work group**
    c. **Obtain list of upstream owners** Reesa Evans is working on updating a list of Adams County owners and is working with the other counties to obtain their information.
    d. **Establish communication plan**
17. **Identify and draw from experience of other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction – ongoing**
    a. **WI Lakes Conference contact follow-up Ystad**
        i. **Paul McInley**
        ii. **Vilas County study**
        iii. **Bob Martini – Oneida Cty study**

iv. **Emily Stewart – Sheboygan Cty – Iron Slag** Scott Bordeau shared that he is familiar with this project that uses iron slag in drainage tiles to capture phosphorus. He might be able to arrange for an engineer on the project to speak to us in the future.

v. **Kevin Erb & Justin Morris – rainfall simulator**

18. **Communicating with the community – Don Ystad**
    a. **14 Mile website status**
    b. **Quarterly updates**
    c. **TriLakes & Rome website posts**
    d. **Loop with TriLakes, Town, Lake Associations**
        i. **Schedule intro meetings with lake association boards**
    e. **Carson and Don meeting with LCPOA** Carson and Don are scheduled to attend the next board meeting.
19. **Outreach– Rick Antin**
    a. **Political representatives** Rick Antin indicated that he is open to suggestions of particular politicians to approach; he will invite Krug and Testin to attend the May 26 event.
    b. **Other watershed groups, etc**
20. **Refine 2018 expenditure budget/goals and activities for 2018**
    a. **Confirm budgets**
        i. **Determine budget for fertilizer program and water test intern**
        ii. **Soil tests**
        iii. **Water tests and equipment**
        iv. **Workshop estimate**
        v. **Increase aerator budget from $4800 to $5800**
    b. **Confirm procedure for invoice submission and approval** Bob and Don have come up with a method for submitting expenses/bills to Tri-Lakes for payment
21. **Set next agenda date (tent. 6/11/18) and topics** Next meeting will be June 11; topics to add to the agenda include a recap of the 5/26 event and an update on a contract with Wally Sedlar.
22. **Adjourn** Motion by Ron Foster, second by Rick Antin to adjourn. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.