

**14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee**  
**Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI**  
**Agenda/Minutes for Monday, June 10th, 2019 at 2:00 PM**

1. **Call to order & confirm posting** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2 pm; Barb reported that agendas were posted on June 6 at US Bank, NPESB, Rome Town Hall and Pritzls.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Roll call:** Jerry Wiessinger, Rick Georgeson, Rick Antin, Karen Knotek, Don Ystad, John Endrizzi, David Trudeau and Bob Benkowski.
4. **Review the 5 minute rule** Bob Benkowski will be timekeeper
5. **Review and approve minutes for May 13, 2019** Motion by Jerry Wiessinger, second by John Endrizzi to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting. Motion approved.
6. **Review June 8<sup>th</sup> mtg results & ID changes for next time** Committee members shared comments including: great turnout – 250; everyone was very attentive throughout the meeting; next year, provide more exposure for the booths, perhaps in same room as speakers but there may not be enough room with a good turnout; consider more exhibits outside; some of the presenters had too much detail – could a list of resources be provided instead?; hand out evaluation forms to get feedback; screens couldn't be read from the back of the room – larger screen or multiple screens?; end the session with 'What can I do today on my property?'; get a speaker from another watershed to share their experiences/results; draw the \$100 prize first so everyone has the same chance; also verify the tickets of each winner; sign should state 'must be present to win' and give time of the drawing.
  - a. **Consider monthly "chats"** Mini topics with coffee were suggested with such presenters as Kason, Leah Eckstein, Paul McGinley and Don. They should be televised and also turned into an article to share on Facebook and the Concerned Rome Citizens email distribution. John offered to help Don set it up and see what kind of response it generates.
7. **Review 14 Mile budget and expenditures** The budget spreadsheet was reviewed. John is conferring with Paul McGinley re event testing and whether it's needed. He will itemize and provide dollar amounts for the amount of testing projected. All data collected (1800 items) needs to be entered in SWIMS; Jerry will check with County Lake Specialist to see if he can help or if not, will approach the intern to complete. The turbines program will not need to continue in the future and the existing units will be sold October 1<sup>st</sup>. Add sponsorship of intern to attend the WI Lakes Conference. Need to add support approved last month for improving fish habitat.
8. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** The committee meets tomorrow.
9. **Steve Oberle activity update** Don and Bob will meet with him to determine activities after the 9 Key Element Plan wraps up.
10. **Setup initial mtg with county conservationists – Don, Carson & John – Kason** Working to set up a meeting.
  - 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**
11. **Nine Key Element Plan status** Don indicated that the plan is expected to be approved in July.
12. **Review of social media program – additions? – Karen** Karen reported that 270 are following on Facebook. She is setting up a schedule of events in Rome for the year with the idea that property owners will regularly check for information and will learn more of our group and activities at the same time. The site is free now but an enhancement of setting up a 'boost' could be implemented for as little as \$20. This would expand coverage to a wider audience based on geography or key words. Motion by John Endrizzi, second by Jerry Wiessinger to test it out for 5 events or \$100. Motion carried.
13. **Status of 35' buffer & enforcement-** Kason, Don no report

- 14. Leola Ditch – John** John reported that he found a coffer dam that was breached and reported it to DNR for follow up.
- 15. Lakes/Associations updates**
- a. Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob** When Camelot plants lily pads at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, he will be observing to consider for Arrowhead
  - b. Camelot/LCPOA- Dan**
  - c. Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G** Rick reported that he will be presenting on Wednesday at the Governor’s task force meeting in Mauston and will relate how PACRS was formed and what they’ve accomplished including successful partnerships with the ag community. He’ll end by asking for continued support in the state budget for the County Conservationists. Additionally, he’s become aware of the Regional Planning Commissions and is pursuing help from them on the TMDL. Rick also suggested that we consider having a 14 Mile committee member participate in the Lake Leader program offered jointly by UW-EX, DNR and Wis. Lakes. He went through it several years ago and found it to be very valuable.
  - d. Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** The fish sticks are completed; there is a newsletter deadline on Friday.
- 16. County & town meeting reports**
- a. County lake alliance – Ystad** Don reported that the group met here on Saturday prior to the State of the Lakes Lunch. The next meeting will be held July 13 at the Wallendal Farms.
  - b. LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** topic already covered
  - c. County Board – Benkowski & Wiessinger** nothing relevant to our committee
  - d. County P & Z – Antin** no report
  - e. Town P & Z - Wiessinger** nothing relevant to our committee
  - f. Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** Jerry reported that sewers are being considered for the business park
    - i. County forest – John Haugen** John Endrizzi indicated that the proposal is not being well received at the county but Jerry Wiessinger stated that a smaller proposal came out of committee and is going to the County Board for approval; there is no land acquisition included at this time but can be added in the future.
  - g. Town Parks and Rec – Endrizzi** John reported that the plan for the park has been approved.
- 17. Farmer relationship workgroup status – Endrizzi, Antin, Heinecke & Ystad** Don indicated that we will be working with the County Conservationists in the future to implement.
- 18. Soil testing workgroup – Endrizzi, Benkowski** At Saturday’s event, 40 property owners signed up. They need to plot out on the map to determine distribution and then Bob and Don will begin testing.
- 19. Recommendations for further septic system testing – Bob Benkowski** Don will invite Paul McGinley to attend our next meeting. It was suggested that we consider requiring short-term rental properties to have septic tested every year as a requirement for their permit. It will be brought up at the next Tri-Lakes meeting.
- a. Recommended pumper program** Tri-Lakes is in the process of setting up a list of ground rules for septic services.
- 20. Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)** subject was covered in Item #7.
- 21. Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco** no report
- 22. Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger** Turbines are being installed this week.
- 23. Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad**
- a. Healthy Lakes grant participant status** Dave reported that 8 new property owners signed up on Saturday and there are 12 grants currently in process. It was suggested that we consider having a tour

of properties in the future so people can see what they look like. Photos could also be posted on Facebook.

- b. Fish Habitat status** The tree drops in Camelot are done and they will be adding lily pads as well.
- 24. Evaluate Land & Water Plans of upstream organizations** no report
  - a. Need volunteers to ID other partners, sponsors/advisors**
  - b. Distribute large scale watershed map -John**
- 25. Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction**
  - a. When do we invite Beaver Dam Lake group to visit?**
  - b. Big Eau Plaine producers council** Don suggested that we plan a visit to learn from this group - EPPIC
  - 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**
- 26. Schedule nutrient management overview training session with Sue Porter of DATCP – Kason** Don will follow up with Kason
- 27. Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Don will follow up with Kason
- 28. Determine future alternate meeting dates/times** After discussion, perhaps will try a Saturday meeting in the fall
  - a. Consider an evening meeting to accommodate those who work**
  - b. Consider a Saturday during the summer to attract weekenders**
- 29. Set next agenda date, tentatively July 8th and topics** Next meeting will be held July 8 at 2 pm and we will have the rainfall simulator and possibly Paul McGinley. The budget will be finalized in a separate meeting.
- 30. Adjourn** Motion by John Endrizzi, second by Karen Knotek to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.