14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Minutes for Monday, June,11, 2018 at 2:00 PM

1. **Call to order & confirm posting** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2 pm and Barb reported the postings date/time
2. **Pledge** The pledge was recited
3. **Roll call** Don Ystad, John Haugen, Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke, Rick Antin, Reesa Evans, Rick Georgeson, Kason Morley, Scott Bordeau, Jerry Wiessinger, David Trudeau, John Endrizzi and Barb Herreid
4. **Review and approve minutes for May 14, 2017** Motion by John Endrizzi, second by Carson Heinecke to approve the minutes for May 14, 2018. Approved.
5. **Agreement with Wally Sedlar** Motion by Rick Antin, second by Rick Georgeson to permit Bob Benkowski and Town Rep (John Haugen) to proceed with finalizing an agreement with Wally Sedlar so that activities can begin before the July meeting and to keep in mind a ceiling of $4500 in the budget to cover both lab test costs as well as Wally's time. Motion approved.
6. **Soil testing workgroup update –Bob Benkowski, John Endrizzi** Tabled to next meeting; Reesa will attempt to locate missing results from 2017 and send out along with information on the new fertilizer ordinance.
   a. **Revised soil testing approach possibilities using Wally Sedlar/Chris Landowski**
   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** Reesa reported that she's made significant progress in the past month and has already sent several sections to the DNR for review. She needs to reach out to other counties to cover the entire watershed as well as include Leola Ditch issues. She's identified 350+ hi-cap wells currently in the watershed and mentioned the State Legislative study of the Central Sands which includes parts of our watershed; their final report is due in 2020. She's targeting mid-July to have all sections of the 9 key element plan ready for review.
   a. **Status of sessions and priorities**
   b. **Involvement of 14 Mile Committee**
8. **Determine if further septic system tests are required – TBD**
   a. **Establish workgroup for further review and planning**
   b. **Number of septic systems in our watershed and how old – Kason Morley** Kason reported that he was in the process of working with the County GIS Tech who has now left so his information is incomplete. Don Ystad suggested that we need guidance from Wally on next steps and requested both Kason and Wally attend the July meeting to discuss further. Discussion of older systems (pre-1992) and availability of data on them. Consensus to have Bob Benkowski ask Tri-Lakes to submit an open records request to the County Manger with a copy to County Board.
9. **Spring Forum outcome - Johnson, Wiessinger, Heinecke, Endrizzi, Ystad, Benkowski**
   a. **What worked** Approximately 100 attendees and 14 vendors. Members felt that it was well-received with good questions and worth the effort to organize. One area to try to improve for the future is more readable slides. It was also suggested to have just one presentation to allow more time for questions.
   b. **Next workshop/forum** Don is finalizing a summary document which will be sent out on email distribution lists and placed on the website. He will also be working to create a short video to distribute. It was suggested to try to present another forum this year.
10. **Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)**

a. **Status of testing to date** John Endrizzi reported that testing has been completed for 8 months at 9 locations. Discussion on where to find results of the Tri-Lakes testing program and also need to reinstate the Citizen Monitoring since Tri-Lakes didn't receive grant to fund testing by an intern. Don and John will attend the Tri-Lakes board meeting on Wed to request that they restart the Citizen Monitoring program. John also found an intern at the May 26th workshop – Nick Eidenschink is very interested and joined them at the last testing that was completed. Kason shared an aerial view of the watershed; John would also like to get an historical listing of the ditches as well as usage and owner information of land parcels in the watershed (this will be a part of the 9 key plan).

b. **Training testing backup funded by TriLakes $9,500 budget item**

11. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco**
    a. **Determine if additional resident notification is needed – signs at launches, clubhouses, etc** David Trudeau suggested it would be helpful to identify products that meet the new requirements along with where to buy them – include them in a brochure?
    b. **Resources for fertilizer ordinance notification/adherence – how much help needed** Carson told of signs he'd seen near Wautoma of homeowners indicating support of their watershed committee. Ron Foster is working on a draft document for the applicators to sign showing their agreement to comply with the ordinance.
    c. **TriLakes confirm funding for resource** Don confirmed with the sub-committee that a document with funding requirements has been created.
12. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger**
    a. **Plan for 2018** Jerry reported that he's working on a 4th draft of an agreement; lawyers are involved so many revisions have been made.
    b. **Participants identified** One landowner sold property so will not be included this year unless the new owner is interested.
    c. **Contract approved**
    d. **Equipment needs**
13. **Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad**
    a. **Healthy Lakes grant participant status**
    b. **Review beach club mowing recommendation w/ Camelot**
    c. **Setup meeting w/Jennifer Bergman, Roger Spice, TriLakes and lake associations to determine best direction for fish stocking, fish sticks and fish cribs** David had a chance to discuss in detail with Jennifer at the workshop and will work to get it set up; he's hoping Tri-Lakes will work as a facilitator.
14. **Petenwell/PACRS status– Rick Georgeson** Rick announced that 8/17 will be the next Pontoons and Politics to be held at the Dirty Turtle on Castle Rock Lake. Representatives from DNR and County officials have been invited to get an update and to be re-energized on the TMDL project.
15. **Upstream agriculture partnership** Don stated that it's dormant for now but will be a part of the 9 key plan.
    a. **Create work group**
    b. **Testing plan for soil and water/ tie in with nine key element plan**
    c. **Obtain list of upstream owners** Reesa is working on updating this information
    d. **Establish communication plan**
16. **Identify and draw from experience of other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction – ongoing** No report
    a. **WI Lakes Conference contact follow-up Ystad**
        i. **Paul McInley**
        ii. **Quita Sheehan - Vilas County study**
        iii. **Bob Martini – Oneida Cty study**

iv. **Emily Stewart – Sheboygan Cty – Iron Slag**
v. **Kevin Erb & Justin Morris – rainfall simulator**

17. **Communicating with the community – Don Ystad** Don and Wayne attended the recent Adams County Lake Alliance meeting and presented to the attendees. They shared a vision for improving communication and building relationships with county government so that the economic impact of lakes to the County is recognized and steps can be taken by the County to support improvement of the lakes which in turn will increase tourism dollars. Carson suggested interfacing too with local businesses that benefit from tourism.
    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. **Outcome of meeting with LCPOA - Carson**
18. **Outreach– Rick Antin**
    a. **Political representatives** Rick invited both Krug and Testin to attend the 5/26 workshop but both had other commitments.
    b. **Other watershed groups, etc**
19. **Refine 2018 expenditure budget/goals and activities for 2018** Pending
    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**
20. **Set next agenda date (tent. 7/9/11/18) and topics** Next meeting will be held July 9th at 2 pm
21. **Adjourn** Motion by Ron Foster, second by John Endrizzi to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.