# 14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
# Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
# Agenda/Minutes for Monday, July 8th, 2019 at 2:00 PM

1. **Call to order & confirm posting** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2 pm; Barb confirmed that the agendas were posted on July 5th at the US Bank, NPESB, Rome Town Hall and Pritzl's.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Roll call:** Scott Bordeau, Jerry Wiessinger, Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad, Carson Heinecke, John Haugen, Bob Benkowski, John Endrizzi and Karen Knotek. Don also introduced Becky Batherol and Andy Richardson from NRCS, Dr. Paul McGinley of UW-SP, Gary Gross who is replacing Joe Greco on the committee, Kason Morely of ACLW, John Kolinski of LCPOA and Taylor Hasz of WDNR.
4. **Review and approve minutes for June 10, 2019** Motion by Jerry Wiessinger, second by Scott Bordeau to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes. Motion approved.
5. **Rainfall Simulator display – Meagan Hoffman NRCS – Stevens Point** Attendees moved outdoors for the demonstration of the Rainfall Simulator which shows how rainfall is handled by 4 different types of soil (how water penetrates or not and how much runs off the soil surface). Questions from attendees were answered.
6. **Measuring nutrient flow into lakes – Dr. Paul McGinley – UW-SP** Dr. McGinley gave a Powerpoint presentation on Modeling . . . What's the Use? With some other ideas on phosphorus. He incorporated data from the past 20 years from the Tri-Lakes Watershed showing that of the 32"/year of precipitation received, 22" is evapotranspired, leaving 10" of runoff per year. The model estimated that 3500 lbs of phosphorus per year enters the watershed with a concentration of .041 mcg. – the actual amount is lower because of phosphorus settling in the lake. Unlike other water bodies, the Tri-Lakes concentration of phosphorus is relatively constant throughout the year. He also shared that septics produce 1 pound of phosphorus per person per year and that some of this is absorbed in the drainfield and some ends up in the lakes.
7. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Kason reported that LWCD received a grant to do inventories of each of the Camelot/Sherwood beach clubs. He'll be working to come up with a plan to deal with erosion and suggested that the beach clubs would make good demonstration projects. He requested a list of owners for each of the beach clubs. Kason also indicated that the County Forest proposal is under review by three committees and if approved, will go to the full board for consideration.
8. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason** He is currently working on small details of the plan and is shooting for EPA submission by the end of July.
9. **Fish habitat project – John Kolinski** John reported on the 8th Avenue project to improve fish habitat. In May, thirteen trees were dropped and attached to the shoreline in the waters preceding Lower Camelot; more will be added this fall. Additionally, there will be a planting day on July 18th to add 800 plants.
10. **Mtg with county conservationists – Don** Don is working with Kason to set up a meeting in the future.
11. **Lakes/Associations updates** no reports
    a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob**
    b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan**
    c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G**
    d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry**
12. **County & town meeting reports**
    a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** The next meeting will be 7/13 at the Wallendal farm at 9 am.
    b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** In response to a complaint, Kason visited the Seven Sisters site and did not observe any water flowing off of the property.
    c. **County Board – Benkowski & Wiessinger** No issues affecting us.
    d. **County P & Z – Antin** No report.

e. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger** No issues affecting us.
f. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** Wayne Johnson reported on the progress of the new safety building.
    i. **County forest – John Haugen** Discussed earlier in the agenda.
g. **Town Parks and Rec – Endrizzi** John stated that the project is on hold as funding from the Town is needed to gain access in order to conduct electric shock testing.

13. **Soil testing workgroup – Endrizzi, Benkowski** Bob reported that 40 tests have been completed this year bringing the total overall to 125.
14. **Watershed flow & nitrate testing workgroup update – John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)** John is talking to Dr. McGinley to gain some future direction on our testing program.
15. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Ron Foster, Carson Heinecke and Joe Greco** Todd Mantes of LCPOA will have a booth at the Frolics and we'll offer up distribution of the lawn signs to those interested.
16. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger** Jerry reported that all of the turbines are in operation; two of them may add an oscillator to improve the effectiveness; the turbines work well in a small area but not enough to affect the entire bay area. Other property owners can add at their own cost but need to keep in mind DNR regulations not to disturb the bottom of the lake; Jerry can provide further information to anyone interested.
17. **Shoreline habitat restoration status – Dave Trudeau**
    a. **Healthy Lakes grant participant status** Dave reported that one of the 2017 projects is close to completion as well as one of this year's projects. In August, he plans to contact interested property owners from the June 8th meeting.
18. **Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction** Bypassed this month.
    a. **When do we invite Beaver Dam Lake group to visit?**
    b. **Big Eau Plaine producers council**
    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**
19. **Schedule nutrient management overview training session with Sue Porter of DATCP – Kason** Don **w**ill pursue after submission of the 9 Key Element Plan.
20. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Will pursue after submission of the 9 Key Element Plan.
21. **Determine future alternate meeting dates/times** Scott stated that PACRS will be trying a Saturday meeting in July and will be able to provide some feedback on its success at our August meeting – we could then consider trying it in September.
    a. **Consider an evening meeting to accommodate those who work**
    b. **Consider a Saturday during the summer to attract weekenders**
22. **Set next agenda date, tentatively August 12th and topics** Next meeting will be August 12 at 2 pm.
23. **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn by Scott Bordeau and second by Jerry Wiessinger. Meet adjourned at 4:05 pm.