14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, September 9th, 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 September 6th at the US Bank, NPESB and Pritzl's as well as our website.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Roll call** Carson Heinecke, Jerry Wiessinger, Gary Gross, Don Ystad, John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Karen Knotek, Scott Bordeau and Rick Antin. Don introduced Pat Rogers who moved here recently and is interested in our committee.
4. **Review and approve minutes for Aug 12, 2019** Motion by Dave Trudeau, second by Scott Bordeau to approve the minutes for Aug 12, 2019. Motion approved.
5. **Announcements** Don reported on the Field Day held last week in Colby by EPPIC, a farmer-led group in the Big Eau Pleine watershed; there is also an upcoming Common Ground event on 9/17 in Stratford.
6. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Kason was absent
7. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason, Scott P** Kason absent, but Scott Provost indicated that the DNR is awaiting changes from Adams County.
   a. **Mtg with county conservationists – Don**
8. **Clean water Cooperator program – Carson** Carson reported on the booth in conjunction with the Arrowhead Craft Fair; location of the booth could have been better but there was some interest and some signed up for soil testing.
9. **Follow-up to our appearance at Camelot Frolics & Arrowhead craft fair– Don, Dave, John**
   a. **Workgroup to create formal display for next season** Don proposed setting up a workgroup to put together presentation materials for future shows and to identify events for 2020. Scott Bordeau, Carson Heinecke, Karen Knotek and Gary Gross volunteered. Gary also suggested hosting an event with food to bring in people and engage them, gain support for our efforts and get their suggestions. He will put together some ideas for a fun event that could also serve as a fundraiser.
10. **Lakes habitat**
    a. **Fish habitat – John Kolinski** John Endrizzi has visited the 8th Avenue project location and reported that many of the tubers are showing growth.
    b. **Healthy Lakes – Dave** Dave has been completing reports for existing projects to submit for reimbursement. He indicated that there's been less response this year to recruitment efforts for future projects. Karen will add to Facebook; John suggested including testimonials from those who've participated.
11. **Lakes/Associations updates**
    a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob**
    b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan** Gary Gross voiced neighbors' concerns regarding BGA and e-coli
    c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G** Scott Bordeau reported that their annual fundraiser is set for Saturday at Petenwell County Park. PACRS will also be sending 2 reps to the Common Ground event and additional reps to go to a Madison event
    d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Jerry regularly sends on 14 Mile information to their members email list
12. **County & town meeting reports**
    a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** Next meeting is Saturday, 9/14 and Pat Oldenburg of DNR is scheduled to speak on the TMDL.

b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** Meeting is tomorrow. John Endrizzi reported that UWEX will be funding a water educator position in Wood County – what about Adams County? Jerry will ask about it.
c. **County Board – Wiessinger** The County Forest was approved and will have 160 acres to start off with; more acreage can be added in the future. There is 40 acres by the Camelot Dam and 120 acres by the Seven Sisters site.
d. **County Drainage Board – Endrizzi** A hearing is scheduled for 9/28 to address flooding concerns; the Friendship Lake project was completed today and they will start to refill the lake. The Drainage Board will be increased from 3 to 5 members; John wants to encourage other lake communities to consider running to have a bigger lake interest voice on the committee. Don Ystad contacted Lake Alliance members and Karen/John will work to put on the website and Facebook.
e. **County P & Z - Antin**
f. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger** Continue to deal with short term rental issues.
g. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger**
    i. **County forest – John Haugen**

13. **Soil testing workgroup – Endrizzi, Benkowski** Three signed up at the Arrowhead booth; need to determine whether to do this fall or next spring.
14. **Water testing workgroup update**
    a. **Upstream– John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)** John did an extra test this month for neonicitinoids as they can affect invertebrates and consequently move up the food chain. There are 2 levels – chronic and acute. He indicated that we should take an inventory of invertebrates in the future.
    b. **In-lake- Don** The Citizen Monitoring program currently tests for chlorophyll and phosphorus but will add tests for total nitrogen and Kjeldahl nitrogen so that the in-lake tests mirror the watershed testing program. They will be looking for fulltime resident volunteers for the future. Also, e-coli testing will be expanded next year to additional sites beyond the 2 county beaches and DNA testing will be done to try to identify the source (human, bovine or avian).
15. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Carson Heinecke** Carson suggested that it might be worthwhile to send a reminder flyer to property owners about the new fertilizer ordinance and he will follow up on that.
16. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger** The test program ends 9/15 and Jerry has provided costs to the test sites to see if they want to buy. He will be working to produce a video documenting the process.
17. **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 (EPPIC) visit 8/27 – Dave & John** Dave shared that the group did a good job of setting up the plots to scientifically show results of no-till vs regular tilling practices. They also had the rainfall simulator demo with a really good presenter. John recorded a video of the demo and can share with Karen for the website. Most of the attendees were from the ag community.
    c. **Political representatives – Antin** Don Ystad met recently with Scott Krug re grants and funding that might be available to us as we move forward. There is funding available for several types of projects including purchase of land. Scott can support our grant requests but we need help writing them up. John Endrizzi volunteered to inspect the 40 acre parcel (with Scott Provost's assistance) to determine if it is a good candidate to consider purchasing.
    d. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?** Still needs to be done
    e. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc** Still needs to be done
18. **Schedule nutrient management overview training session with Sue Porter of DATCP – Kason/Don** Still needs to be done

19. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Still needs to be done
20. **Set next agenda date, tentatively October 14th, and topics** Meeting set for October 14th; include the following on the agenda: 1) septic inspections, 2) Invite the new County P&Z manager to meeting to discuss septics and shoreline protection and 3) invite NRCS manager to a future meeting.
    a. **Discuss winter schedule** Different options were discussed and it was decided to skip the December meeting and decide further at the November meeting whether or not to skip others depending on the progress of the 9 Key Element Plan. Karen asked for suggestions of items that she can post on Facebook.
21. **Adjourn** Motion by John Endrizzi, second by Jerry Wiessinger to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.