14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, October 14th, 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 October 11th at the US Bank, NPESB and Pritzl's as well as on our website.
2. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Roll call** Barb Herreid, Phil Rockenbach, Karen Knotek, Dave Trudeau, John Endrizzi, Don Ystad, John Haugen, Gary Gross, Carson Heinecke, Rick Antin and Scott Provost. Others attending: Bob Benkowski, Sam Peterson and Dusty Grant.
4. **Review and approve minutes for Sept 9, 2019** Motion by John Haugen, second by Gary Gross to approve the minutes for September 9, 2019. Motion approved.
5. **Announcements/introductions** none
6. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Kason was unable to attend.
7. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason, Scott P** Kason submitted update to Don indicating that the 9 Key Element Plan is with Christina Anderson of Wis. Land and Water. She plans to complete it by mid-October, then share it with the other counties and WDNR.
   a. **Schedule intro mtg with county conservationists – Don** Originally decided to schedule after approval of the Nine Key plan, but later in meeting, re-addressed and Don will set up meeting for November.
8. **Adams County Planning and Zoning presentation/discussion – Dusty Grant** Dusty Grant joined Adams County at the end of May; his previous experience was as the assistant in the Marquette County P&Z office. He addressed two areas: 1) ***Septic system inspections***: compliance for inspections every 3 years in Adams County is not the greatest; he's modifying the program for 2020 to send out 2 groups of mailings. He indicated that effluent is purified as long as there is a minimum of 3 feet of suitable soil beneath the septic tank. Older systems may not have this amount of separation. There is lots of activity in Rome to replace older systems. In future, their database will identify steel or concrete tanks and will be able to map out locations. When system fails, he gives the property owner 60 days to obtain a permit and up to one year to replace. There is no state standard established for time-of-sale inspections. 2) ***Shoreline Buffers***: the ordinance has been misinterpreted in the past by Adams County. No new beaches are allowed. His office is now addressing issues even if no complaint is registered; all complaints are anonymous. The 35' buffer zone is enforceable. Trees cannot be removed outside of the viewing corridor in the buffer zone. If a new owner comes in, he cannot remove an existing buffer. Dusty will provide information that we can publish.
9. **Clean water Cooperator program – Don** Don reported that there was 1 recent new addition and 1 more will be added this year yet. Promotion needs to be added to the website; Karen has already placed them on Facebook. Don will also look into adding it to the Town's marquee. Existing signs should be moved to the road for winter or put into storage.
10. **14 Mile promotion workgroup – Scott B, Gary, Karen, Carson**
    a. **Kickoff mtg – Don, Gary, Karen, Scott & Carson** Group will meet Thursday morning at 11 am at Sherwood Lodge.
    b. **Event schedule**
    c. **Professional looking display**
    d. **Follow-on event to annual state of lakes**
11. **Lakes habitat**
    a. **Fish habitat – John Kolinski** John Endrizzi reported that he had observed that a lot of the planted tubers are growing; will need to wait for spring to determine success of the water lilies.

b. **Healthy Lakes – Dave** Dave reported that 3 projects have been submitted for reimbursement and he's continuing to work on 3 others. Don and Dave contacted 10-12 property owners who had expressed interest last spring but were unsuccessful in signing any of them up. They will mail brochures next and hope for a better response. Dave is working on a fish sticks project for Sherwood and asked for help in crimping cable and putting in anchors. He will also need help in January with cutting 80 trees.

12. **Lakes/Associations updates**
    a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob** Arrowhead uses 26 dogs to patrol for geese on their properties; however, there are a lot of geese on the county park which isn't part of the patrolled area.
    b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan** no report
    c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G/Scott** no report
    d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Dave Trudeau submitted an article to the Sherwood newsletter re Healthy Lakes
13. **County & town meeting reports**
    a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** winding down for the year
    b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** John Endrizzi reported that Friendship Lake is now back up after the dam repair. He also indicated that a 40-acre park will be developed between the Camelot County Park boat landing and Apache Avenue.
    c. **County Board – Wiessinger** no report
    d. **County Drainage Board – Endrizzi** John reported that there were 2 new commissioners added to the board to make it a 5-member board. One person is a farmer in the Leola area and the other person is from the southern end of the county.
    e. **County P & Z – Antin** no report
    f. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger** John Haugen reported that there is a new ordinance for rental properties; rental listings are being monitored and followed up on to ensure the property is safe and in compliance.
    g. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger**
        i. **County forest – John Haugen** John Haugen stated that approval of the county forest is a good step forward for the county. He also indicated that well water test kits are now available at the Town Hall and that the board is now working on a budget for next year. The Town was commended for its work in promoting clean-up of properties to lessen the risk of wildfire but more properties continue to need to be addressed.
14. **Soil testing workgroup – Endrizzi, Benkowski** on hiatus until next spring
15. **Water testing workgroup update**
    a. **Upstream– John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)**
    b. **In-lake- Don**
    c. **2020 testing plan** Don Ystad reported that we are working with Sam Peterson to develop a comprehensive plan so that Citizen Monitoring and John Endrizzi's testing mirror each other and to also incorporate e-coli testing. The group will be meeting after this meeting.
16. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Carson Heinecke** Carson suggested that we need to keep this visible and to continue promoting it with brochures and a mailing. The mailing should come from the Town to carry more weight. Carson will follow up with Jamie.
17. **Water turbine project status – Jerry Wiessinger** Jerry was absent for the meeting but had submitted a report documenting the project scope and results. There is 1 turbine left over that can be purchased for $750. The devices proved to be effective in a 100-foot area, but performance can be impacted by a pontoon parked in the area. John Haugen shared his neighborhood experience with turbines on Petenwell and indicated that they do need to be monitored on a daily basis.
18. **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) Common Ground mtg 9/17 – Dave & John** Rick, Dave and John reported their observations of the meeting including 3 demo plots, lots of sharing and education and a good presentation of sustainable ag on a global basis. It was also stated that this is a highly-driven ag group that is trying to engage lake people (just the opposite of our efforts). It was noted that there are also 4 of our members signed up for the Discovery Farms event scheduled for December.
c. **Political representatives – Antin**
    i. **Krug/funding, etc – Don** Don is working with Scott Krug to identify grant dollars available in the state budget; we need help in writing up grants.
d. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?** Dave Trudeau is contacting NRCS to get a speaker for our January or February meeting.
e. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc**

19. **Set next agenda date, tentatively November 11th, and topics** Pat Oldenburg will attend the November 11th meeting and will share solutions with us.
    a. **Discuss winter schedule** table until the November meeting
    b. **Identify future speakers**
        i. **Schedule nutrient management overview training session with Sue Porter of DATCP – Kason/Don** Sue Porter is scheduled for our December meeting.
        ii. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don**
        iii. **EPPIC, Beaver Dam, Redstone, Serge Koenig, etc**
    c. **Schedule year end review and 2020 objective setting**
20. **Adjourn** Motion by John Endrizzi, second by Rick Antin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.