14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, November 11th, 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 November 8th 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, Scot Bordeau, Phil Rockenbach, Karen Knotek, Dave Trudeau (by phone), John Endrizzi, Don Ystad, Gary Gross, Carson Heinecke, Rick Antin, Jerry Wiessinger, Rick Georgeson and Scott Provost. Others attending: Pat Oldenburg, Lauren Nichols. Jennifer Bergman, Taylor Hasz.
4. **Review and approve minutes for Oct 14th, 2019** Barb shared a correction to item 8. Motion by Jerry Wiessinger, second by Gary Gross to approve the Oct 14th minutes as corrected. Motion approved.
5. **Announcements/introductions** Don asked for a volunteer to attend Wood County groundwater meetings and Rick Antin will plan to attend the meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2 pm in the Riverblock Building. Don introduced Pat Oldenburg of WDNR and Lauren Nichols from the Marathon County Conservation office.
6. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Kason absent
7. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason, Scott P** Pat Oldenburg indicated that just small details are being worked on and it's very close. Don shared that the original document has been pared down to 70 pages and it's his understanding that the county cons are in process of reviewing it.
   a. **Schedule intro mtg with county conservationists – Don** Due to busy schedules, Don received small response to setting up meeting now; will hold off until Plan is approved.
8. **Discussion of solutions & treatments for impaired waterbodies– Pat Oldenburg** Pat shared a presentation that was based on a publication "Water Quality Targeting Success Stories". Pros and cons of several different practices and technologies that have been used were presented and discussed. He concluded that reducing nutrient loading is hard work and requires human as well as financial resources at the local level. It's possible that a combination of practices may be needed and education of adopters is critical.
9. **How EPPIC got started – Lauren Nichols** Lauren shared her experiences of how EPPIC (Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation) was started two years ago in Marathon County. Two-thirds of the Eau Pleine watershed is agriculture. In forming the group, a stakeholder approach was taken instead of a top-down management approach. Four qualities were used in identifying stakeholders: open-minded and willing to explore new ideas; interested in finding solutions, not defending the status quo; willing to listen to understand to find common ground and able to provide positive feedback to find feasible solutions. In addition to an Advisory Panel, they also have Farmer Peer Learning Groups and hold an annual Farmers Learning from Farmers event. There are funding grants available. She also shared how to set up a first meeting of stakeholders.
10. **Clean water Cooperator program – Don** Wendy and Dave Newsom were recently spotlighted and others will follow next year.
11. **14 Mile promotion workgroup – Scott B, Gary, Karen, Carson**
    a. **Kickoff mtg – Don, Gary, Karen, Scott & Carson** Meeting was held in October after the 14 Mile meeting.
    b. **Event schedule**
    c. **Professional looking display** Gary reported that he is getting a quote for a professional-looking display.
    d. **Follow-on event to annual state of lakes**
12. **Lakes habitat**
    a. **Fish habitat – John Kolinski** no update

b. **Healthy Lakes – Dave** Dave reported that he is working with interested parties for next year.

13. **Lakes/Associations updates**
    a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob** Bob absent
    b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan** Don Ystad will be presenting at their next meeting
    c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G/Scott** Rick reported that Peter Manley, formerly of Wood Co. Extension has joined their board. Rick also shared recent events including September's Down the River Cruise bringing together county conservationists who'll be working on the Wis. River TMDL; a story/interview on WPR that is now posted on the Pacrs website under media; John Eron's Field Day on Dec 4; Discovery Farms Day at WI Dells on Dec 11 and that there will be a new Lake Leaders program announced in January.
    d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Jerry mentioned the fish sticks project that is being undertaken
14. **County & town meeting reports**
    a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** flooding issues in the southern part of the county discussed; also Don reported that Adams County put $70,000 in their budget to go towards algae control in Petenwell and Castle Rock lakes.
    b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** flooding issues was the topic here too
    c. **County Board – Wiessinger** no report
    d. **County Drainage Board – Endrizzi** there are now 5 members of the board
    e. **County P & Z – Antin** no report
    f. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger** no report
    g. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** budget is being worked on
        i. **County forest – John Haugen**
15. **Water testing workgroup update**
    a. **Upstream– John Endrizzi, Dave Trudeau, Scott Provost(advisor)** John reported that a lot of work is going into coordination of watershed and in-lake testing for next year. We may be able to get assistance from an intern that could be funded through a grant. Taylor will be helping to publish results of testing.
    b. **In-lake- Don** Phil will be coordinating with Sam Peterson
    c. **2020 testing plan**
16. **Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Carson Heinecke** Carson reported that he'd discussed means of communicating the changes to the public with Jamie Gebert and found that the tax bill not a good vehicle. He'll rely on resubmitting the info to association newsletters to publish next spring. Also will be providing brochures at the Town Hall in time for tax payments and ask the treasurer to hand one out with the tax receipt.
17. **Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction** Carson reported that he'd contacted Alex Tomsyck and was also trying to reach John Sager to invite them to join our group.
    a. **When do we invite Beaver Dam Lake group to visit?**
    b. **Big Eau Plaine producers council (EPPIC)**
    c. **Political representatives – Antin** no report
        i. **Krug/funding, etc - Don**
    d. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?**
    e. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc** Don shared that he had attended a water task force meeting of the WPVGA last week. Several presentations were made and Don shared what our group has been doing.
18. **Set next agenda date, tentatively December 9th, and topics (Sue Porter – Nutrient Mgmnt plns)** Next meeting will be Dec 9 and Sue Porter is confirmed to join us.
    a. **Discuss winter schedule**
        i. **Remote call in procedure** Don will publish how to access the meeting via livestreaming.

b. **Identify future speakers**
    i. **NRCS – Dave** Dave is working with the NRCS rep from Westfield to join us sometime between Jan and Mar.
    ii. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don**
    iii. **EPPIC Lauren Nichols, Beaver Dam, Redstone Serge Koenig, etc**
c. **Schedule year end review and 2020 objective setting**

19. **Adjourn** Motion by Jerry Wiessinger, second by Gary Gross to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Herreid