

**14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 2:00 PM**

1. **Remote call in/video setup** Established
2. **Call to order & confirm posting** John Endrizzi called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm; Barb confirmed that the agendas were posted on January 10 at the US Bank, Nekoosa Pt. Edwards State Bank, Pritzls and the website.
3. **Pledge** The Pledge was recited.
4. **Roll call** Members present: Scott Bordeau, Phil Rockenbach, John Endrizzi, Rick Antin, Rick Georgeson, Carson Heinecke, Dave Trudeau and Karen Knotek.
5. **Review and approve minutes for Dec 9th, 2019** Motion by Scott Bordeau, second by Rick Antin to approve the Dec 9, 2019 minutes; motion approved.
6. **Announcements/introductions** Dave Trudeau introduced Kaleb Zahn, the NRCS District Conservationist. He works out of Westfield and Green Lake and covers 4 counties.
7. **Guest speaker Kaleb Zahn – NRCS** Kaleb presented information on NRCS which was formed during the 1930's Dust Bowl. Today the agency offers grant funding to farmers and landowners who want to implement conservation practices and restore wetlands. All NRCS programs are voluntary. Additional information of specific programs can be found on their website:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/wi/home>
8. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason, Scott P** Kason reported that Andrew Craig has completed his review of the plan, some revisions were made and plan was submitted to EPA. Approval could happen in 30 days. Once approved, Adams County will be in charge of managing the plan and working with all the stakeholders to implement the plan.
9. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** Some of the department's current activities include: upcoming tree sale, developing a county forest management plan, attending a grazing conference and work with Kaleb Zahn and a farmer on a NRCS-funded program.
10. **Clean water Cooperator program – Don** John suggested that we nominate neighbors or friends who exemplify the program.
11. **14 Mile promotion workgroup – Scott B, Gary, Karen, Carson** Karen shared a draft of an updated brochure and asked us to review and suggest changes so she can finalize it. She's also working on a logo. Members of the committee will meet after this meeting to set up a committee meeting.
 - a. **Plan to date**
 - b. **Estimated cost**
 - c. **Schedule**
12. **Lakes habitat**
 - a. **Fish habitat – John Kolinski**
 - b. **Healthy Lakes – Dave** Dave is submitting a grant application by the Feb 1st deadline to expand fish sticks in Lake Sherwood by the eastern island. He's also working on a Surface Water grant for water testing, but based on information today from Scott Provost, we may be eligible for DNR funding to cover the lab test costs.
13. **Lakes/Associations updates**
 - a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob**
 - b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan**
 - c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G/Scott** Rick reported that PACRS helped to sponsor Discovery Farms this year and that it attracted over 200 attendees. Further, they will also sponsor the Cover Crop

Conference at UW-SP in February and will provide a promotional video for the conference registration website.

- d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Dave reminded us that the Sherwood Fisheree is this weekend and that all funds raised goes towards their conservation projects.

14. County & town meeting reports

- a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** The group will resume meeting in April.
- b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger**
- c. **County Board – Wiessinger**
- d. **County Drainage Board - Endrizzi**
- e. **County P & Z - Antin**
- f. **Town P & Z - Wiessinger**
- g. **Town Board – Endrizzi & Wiessinger**
- h. **County forest – John Haugen**
- i. **Water testing workgroup update** See agenda item 12b
 - i. **2020 testing plan – John, Dave, Phil, Don**
 - ii. **Status of surface waters grant**

- 15. Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Carson Heinecke** The committee needs to decide how best to distribute the new brochure. Carson has contacted each of the lake associations and the fertilizer recommendations will be reprinted in the spring newsletters. Rick Antin suggested making the brochure meaningful to all Rome property owners, not just lakefront owners.

16. Outreach - other projects, experts and any other avenues that provide direction

- i. **WI Lakes Convention – confirm attendance John, Dave Scott & Bob** John, Dave and Scott will be attending; anyone else?
 - 1. **Determine registration deadline** The deadline is in the future for this April conference.
 - ii. **Big Eau Plaine producers council (EPPIC) activities** This group is very active and has quite a presence on the internet.
 - iii. **Political representatives – Antin** Rick shared observations from the Central Sands water quality panel that was held last week at Nekoosa High School. Several bills will be introduced shortly in the legislature to address problems.
 - iv. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?** Kaleb reiterated that NRCS is available to help us in the future.
 - v. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc**
 - 1. **Cranberry Growers**
 - 2. **WPVGA** Don met with this group this past fall.
 - 3. **other**
- b. **Open items from 2019 planning session**
 - c. **Other priorities for 2020**

17. Set next agenda date, tentatively Feb 10th, and topics Contact John Endrizzi with agenda items.

- a. **Discuss winter schedule** Will be meeting monthly.
- b. **Identify future speakers**
 - i. **Nutrient Mgmt Plans – Feb 10th - Sue Porter** Sue is confirmed for next month.
 - ii. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Kason will share Rachel's contact information with John to set up for the future.
 - iii. **Beaver Dam, Redstone Serge Koenig, etc** These are future ideas for programs.

- 18. Adjourn** Motion by Rick Antin, second by Rick Georgeson to adjourn; approved and meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.