

14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, February 10th, 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 2:00 pm; Barb confirmed that the agendas were posted on February 6 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 Bordeaux, Phil Rockenbach, John Endrizzi, Rick Antin, Rick Georgeson, Carson Heinecke, Dave Trudeau, Jerry Wiessinger, Gary Gross and Karen Knotek.
5. **Review and approve minutes for Jan 13, 2020** Motion by Carson Heinecke, second by Gary Gross to approve the Jan 13, 2020 minutes; motion approved.
6. **Announcements/introductions** John Endrizzi promoted the value of attending the River and Lakes Convention in Stevens Pt as a great learning experience as well as the many networking opportunities it provides. Breakout sessions have just been announced and it's important to register early to get into some as they may have limited space available. The dates are April 1 – 3 at the Holiday Inn; you can register for one or more days. John also reminded us of the showing this evening at 6:45 at Rogers Cinema in Rapids of 'Right to Harm' about big agriculture.
7. **Guest speaker Rachael Whitehair, UW-Ext Central Sands Natural Resources Educator** John introduced Rachael who works out of the Ext office in the Wood Co courthouse but covers the entire Central Sands area. She shared her priorities and goals which include working to get producers to adopt environmental practices and for them to be profitable while doing it. One of her priorities is to establish a producer-led group in Adams County as well as a Farmers Roundtable. She's very high on education and community outreach. She facilitated a couple of exercises with us to help her understand a timeline of the important previous activities we've been involved in since the committee was formed in 2017 and to further understand the direction we're moving in for 2020. Rachael emphasized that she can be a resource to us and will be included in our email distribution list.
8. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason, Scott P** Scott reported that the Plan was submitted to EPA on Jan 30 and they have 60 days to review and then will return it to DNR – probably late March at the earliest. There will not be a required public comment period but Adams County is planning on creating a County Implementation Plan.
9. **Adams County LWCD update – Kason Morley** no report
10. **Clean water Cooperator program – Don** John suggested that we nominate neighbors or friends who exemplify the program. There are enough signs for 2020.
11. **14 Mile promotion workgroup – Scott B, Gary, Karen, Carson** Karen reported that the committee had met and worked on a logo and promotional display; they are requesting some funds to work with a local printer on finalizing the logo and producing brochures and will be following up with Don.
 - a. **Plan to date**
 - b. **Estimated cost**
 - c. **Schedule**
12. **Lakes habitat**
 - a. **Fish habitat – John Kolinski**
 - b. **Healthy Lakes – Dave** Dave submitted a grant application on Jan 31 that includes 7 practices by 2 property owners on Lake Sherwood. He's expecting approval by April 15 and each project will have 2.5 years to complete. Application includes 3 fish stick projects, 3 shoreline and 1 rock infiltration practice.

Scott arranged for Healthy Lakes signs that can be put in these yards to publicize their efforts. Others suggested having a 14 Mile page in each of the lake association newsletters.

13. Lakes/Associations updates

- a. **Arrowhead/LAPOA – Bob**
- b. **Camelot/LCPOA- Dan**
- c. **Petenwell/PACRS update – Rick G/Scott** Rick reported that PACRS will be sponsors of the following events: Feb 2 Cover Crop conference at UW-SP, the Rivers and Lakes Convention as well as the Land & Water Annual Convention in March in Green Bay. Recently Chris Murphy, currently working with the Rock River area, spoke to 5 area counties involved in the Wis River TMDL on ways that non-point sources of phosphorus can be addressed by investments from point sources such as water treatment plants – this was met with interest by our local treatment plant reps that were in attendance.
- d. **Sherwood/LSPOA-Jerry** Dave reported that the January 18th Fisheree raised \$2800 for the Sherwood conservation fund. He also stated that the fish sticks project has been hampered by open water in the area where the trees will be placed so they may have to delay completion until next year.

14. County & town meeting reports

- a. **County lake alliance – Ystad** The group will resume meeting in April.
- b. **LWCD committee – Endrizzi & Wiessinger** Dave Trudeau attended and made a presentation on the fish sticks project and got approval to work on the Sherwood island and shoreline owned by the County.
- 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**
 - i. **2020 testing plan – John, Dave, Phil, Don** John reported that they've now completed 27 months of testing. There is lots of groundwater flowing the past few months. He also indicated that the testing equipment is being recalibrated.
 - ii. **Status of surface waters grant**

15. Lake friendly fertilizer program workgroup update – Carson Heinecke no report

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

- i. **WI Lakes Convention – confirm attendance John, Dave Scott & Bob** attendance is encouraged and an area student is being sought to attend
- ii. **Big Eau Plaine producers council (EPPIC) activities** This group has a great newsletter
- iii. **Political representatives – Antin** Rick and John attended the Water Lobby Day in Madison. The group is working to increase funding from the legislature for Land and Water departments.
- iv. **NRCS, Farm Service & others to understand funding sources – who?** No report
- v. **Relationship building - Synergy, conservation programs, who in our watershed, etc** no report
 1. **Cranberry Growers**
 2. **WPVGA**
 3. **Other** Gary Gross will invite a manager he knows from Ocean Spray to attend our meetings in the future

17. Set next agenda date, tentatively Mar 9th, and topics

A change of meeting date for April was discussed and John will talk to Don before changing. Motion by Dave Trudeau, second by Rick Georgeson to begin planning for the State of the Lakes event. Motion approved. Carson suggested that we look for more female representation on the committee.

a. **March guest speaker Sue Porter DATCP on Nutrient Management Plans** Sue is confirmed

b. **Identify future speakers**

i. **Schedule mtg with Rachel of DATCP to discuss producer led councils – Kason/Don** Done!

ii. **Beaver Dam, Redstone Serge Koenig, etc** These are future ideas for programs.

18. Adjourn meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.