14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held remotely as a video conference meeting, open to the public through a Webex link
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, June 8th, 2020 at 2:00 PM

1. Confirm Webex setup Established

2. Call to order & confirm posting Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm; Barb confirmed that the agendas were posted on June 2nd at Nekoosa Pt. Edwards State Bank, Pritzls, Rome Town Hall and the website.

3. Roll call Members present: Don Ystad, Scott Bordeau, Dave Trudeau, John Haugen, John Endrizzi, Karen Knotek, Carson Heinecke, Scott Provost, Taylor Hasz, Mark Hazuga and Gary Gross.

4. Review/discuss minutes for March 9TH, 2020 (approval at next live mtg) There were no questions or suggestions for the minutes; they will be approved at the next live meeting.

5. Announcements Don shared the good news that our group has been awarded the DNR Secretary's Director Award for outstanding service in support of the DNR's natural resources mission. Scott Provost had nominated our group for the award but it was decided by a statewide committee. Scott, Taylor and Mark Hazuga added congratulations and emphasized activities/directions we've pursued that will have long term effects down the road.

6. Review 2020 budget Don reported that the budget was approved last fall at a Tri-Lakes meeting and any discussion will be deferred to a future meeting.

7. Nine Key Element Plan status – Kason Morley Kason not present but had reported that the EPA had a few last-minute requests which were submitted on June 5. It's been a long process but we are within days of completion. (At this point, Don was called away for an emergency and John Endrizzi continued leading the meeting).

8. 14 Mile promotion materials presentation – Karen Knotek Karen reviewed the work of the committee (comprised of Gary, Carson and Scott Bordeau). Working over the winter, they developed promo materials to be used to carry our message to public events including: a logo in 2 styles, a display board and table skirt, brochure holders and a watershed map. They will be adding a foldable banquet table and suggested getting a canopy. Please funnel any handouts/brochures (eg Healthy Lakes) to this committee. John E and Karen will look into setting up at the Farmers Market. John H indicated that Visit Rome has a booth and may be able to share space with us and also that the Town has a canopy that we might be able to use. Additionally, Karen asked each committee member to send her bio information that she can share on Facebook. It was the consensus of committee members present not to take a position on the goose round-up that's being organized by another group.

9. Upstream Water Testing – John Endrizzi John reported that UW-SP has been closed but the WEAL lab was able to take-in our chemical samples. Taylor has been helping with the flow monitoring. John was also contacted by a UW-Madison professor who is doing research on neonicitinoids in the Leola Ditch.

10. In-lake lake monitoring – Phil Rockenbach Phil not present; John indicated that training has been delayed due to CoVID-19.

11. Healthy Lakes – Dave Trudeau Dave reported that his grant submission for $7,000 was approved in April and that they have until May, 2023 to complete the 7 projects. John E thanked Dave for taking the leadership in this area.

12. Set next agenda date, tentatively July 13th, and topics Meeting date of July 13 was confirmed. Carson asked if we could get a copy of the 9 Key Plan before the next meeting. John indicated that Kason is planning to put together a presentation for us but John will also ask him about having copies emailed.

13. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

PS – Don received an e-mail from Andrew Craig following Monday's meeting and we have conditional approval of the Nine Key Element Plan.