14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Committee
Held remotely as a video conference meeting, open to the public through a Zoom link
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM

1. Confirm Zoom 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 August 6th at Nekoosa Pt. Edwards State Bank, Pritzls, Rome Town Hall and the website.

3. Roll call Members present: Don Ystad, Scott Bordeau, Wayne Johnson, Dave Trudeau, John Haugen, John Endrizzi, Karen Knotek, Carson Heinecke, Phil Rockenbach and Jerry Wiessinger. Also present: Rachael Whitehair.

4. Review/discuss minutes for July 13, 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 1) Karen Knotek is running for the Tri-Lakes board as the Lake Sherwood representative; there is another candidate so please support her by attending the annual meeting on September 5; 2) John Endrizzi reported that the DNR Surface Water Grants are now open and a preliminary application is due by September 2 with the final application due on November 1. Rachel can assist with grant writing.

6. Discuss 14 Mile video progress - Don reported on progress of creating videos to get the word out on our group and efforts. With the help of Eric Peterson from Nekoosa Schools, the first introductory video is almost complete. A second video will be started on Thursday and will highlight the group's new display board, the testing program and Healthy Lakes. A third video will discuss the Nine Key Element Plan. The videos will be set up on a YouTube channel for future viewing.

7. Promotion Display - Karen indicated that there's nothing new to report; John E has some maps of the watershed that could be laminated and used by the group.

8. Upstream Water Testing - John reported that he has received five transducers from Scott Provost and that they are now installed. The unit measures the weight of a water column which can then be converted to the flow level. This will free up John's time spent testing at these spots. He also indicated that he'd like to return to a couple of locations that were tested in the past as well as applying for grants to add more transducers.

9. In Lake Water Testing – Phil reported that testing on all three lakes was completed in June and July and the results are already on the website. He is waiting for July's nitrate results from the State Lab of Hygiene. Additionally, e coli samples have been taken on Sherwood with negligible amounts; they will also be getting a DNA analysis to determine the source. John E noted that water samples taken below the Arrowhead dam are unusually clear and he will discuss further with Scott Provost for possible reasons.

10. Healthy Lakes – Dave Trudeau reported that it's been hard to promote because of the pandemic but after including an article in the Sherwood newsletter, he's got some interested parties. The deadline for applying for another grant has been moved up to November 1, not February 1. He doesn't seem to be seeing as many 14 Mile Watershed signs and it was suggested that we promote them at the Tri-Lakes annual meeting. Don reported on his shoreline project which was planted last October.

11. 9 Key Milestone Discussion – The document was recently shared with all committee members and the many milestones represent our future activities.

12. **Other 14 Mile Committee activities –** Even with the fertilizer ordinance, Carson has observed properties with fertilizer applications right down to the water's edge – how do we educate?

13. **Lake Reports –** no reports

14. **Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates –** John E shared recent discussions and the state statute for possible future reinstatement of the Leola Drainage board which had been previously disbanded by court order.

15. Set next agenda date, tentatively September 14th, and topics Next meeting will be September 14 via Zoom; grants will be added to the agenda; send any other agenda topic suggestions to Don.

16. Adjourn – Motion by John Endrizzi, second by Dave Trudeau to adjourn; motion approved and meeting adjourned at 3:00.