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, April 12, 2021 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 April 8 at Nekoosa Pt. Edwards State Bank, Pritzls and the Town Hall as well as on the website.

3. Roll call/confirm quorum Members present: Don Ystad, Dave Trudeau, John Endrizzi, Phil Rockenbach, Jerry Wiessinger, Scott Bordeau, Karen Knotek, Carson Heinecke, John Haugen and Barb Herreid. Also present: Scott Provost, Tracy Arnold, Jeanne Osgood, Anna James and Brian Vallesky.

4. Review and approve minutes for March 8, 2021: Motion made by John Endrizzi and seconded by Carson Heinecke to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting; motion approved.

5. Announcements –

a. John Endrizzi reported that the Wis. Conservation Congress hearing is scheduled for this evening at 7 pm and encouraged us to vote; 2 items of interest include #4 re vegetative buffers and #5 re high capacity wells.

b. Don, Karen and Gus Mancuso will be meeting soon with Nekoosa High School to attempt to get young people involved in our group; water testing was suggested as an activity.

6. Guest Speaker - Scott Provost - DNR *(*Scott will discuss "neonicotinoids" which are a class of neuro-active insecticides chemically similar to nicotine and used in agriculture and residential applications. Neonicotinoid use has been linked in a range of studies to adverse ecological effects, including honey-bee colony collapse disorder (CCD) and loss of birds due to a reduction in insect populations. Neonicotinoids have been found in our upstream ditch network in a recent UW study*)*: ***Scott shared his Powerpoint presentation and it will be available on the 14 Mile website.***

7. Status – 14 Mile Watershed Alliance – Don reported that there was a recent Board of Directors meeting and that standing committees were formed including: Publicity and Community Outreach – Karen Knotek; Environmental Quality – Dave Trudeau; Watershed Research – John Endrizzi; Partnership Development – Don Ystad; Grant Development –Dave Trudeau and Finance-Barb Herreid.

8. 9 Key Element Plan status – – Kason Morley – no update; Kason will be at the April 14 Tri-Lakes Management meeting scheduled for 8:30 am

a. video, flyer, mailer – an interim brochure will be created; Scott Bordeau, Karen Knotek and Don Ystad are working on it

9. You tube channel – Karen/Rachael: Karen will be posting the meeting recordings; Phil was able to edit them down to just the presentation

10. Future videos/Zoom sessions – Don would like to offer more in the future – perhaps one could be done on the denitrification project; Karen will set up a date for the Big Little Farm documentary.

11. Annual State of the Lakes Aug 7th – co-sponsor with Tri-Lakes – After checking with the Town, the gazebo was reserved from 9 am to 1pm for this event. Planning will begin mid-May by John E, Karen K, Carson H, Jerry W, Scott B and a rep from the Tri-Lakes board.

12. Status of Owens Rock denitrification project – **Taylor**: Scott Provost indicated that he was just waiting on final approval of the project; he'll let us know when so that we can join in on the effort.

13. Upstream water testing : John shared information on an ice dam that he observed in February

14. In-lake water testing: Phil reported that he now has a team for Lower Camelot; testing will start mid-May.

15. Healthy Lakes: Dave asked Tri-Lakes for support of the fish sticks project and received $1,000. There was a total of 201 volunteer hours for the project which will help to offset some of the expense. He also reminded us of the May 1st deadline to apply to DNR for approval for us to apply directly for grants in the future.

16. **Outreach and promotion:** Karen reported Earth Day is April 22 and she'll post on Facebook. Don will also be contacting Tamas Houlihan of WPVGA.

17. **Lake reports:** Carson indicated activities are picking up on Camelot. An error in the fertilizer brochure was noted and will be adjusted and republished; perhaps the Town can assist with funding.

18. Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates: Jerry Wiessinger reported that the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 at 6 pm and will be limited in-person as well as virtual. The County has passed a new ATV ordinance that requires insurance as well as a valid driver's license; some routes have been changed.

19. Set next agenda date, tentatively May 10, speaker, topics – the May 10th meeting will continue to be virtual; advise Don of topics and possible speaker.

20. Adjourn: Motion by John Endrizzi, seconded by Carson Heinecke; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45.