

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 9, 2021 at 2:00 PM

- 1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup:** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm; Rachael set up Zoom link.
- 2. Roll call/confirm quorum:** Members present: Don Ystad, Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Jerry Wiessinger, Karen Knotek, and Barb Herreid. Also present: Rachael Whitehair, Anna James, Scott Bordeau, Bob Benkowski and Gary Gross.
- 3. Review and approve minutes for July 12, 2021:** Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Trudeau to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting; motion approved.
- 4. Announcements:** 1) A Zoom meeting has been set up for 9 am on Tues, August 17 to discuss the upcoming Tri-Lakes annual meeting and budget process; 2) the Wood County Groundwater Group will have a live/Zoom meeting on August 16 at 2 pm – the speaker will be from US Representative Ron Kind’s office and address clean water and 3) a recent email from Tri-Lakes outlined the DNR guidelines for lake weed harvesting and was a good reminder for shoreline property owners.
- 5. State of Our Lakes – review and observations – next year notes:** Phil will be setting up a Google Docs to document this year’s event and to aid in planning for future events. Don expressed thanks to all who volunteered to make this successful. Due to the weather conditions, there were 102 attendees but all were very attentive. Board members shared their impressions of the day. The event was video-taped and will be posted soon on the YouTube channel.
- 6. Surface Water Grant Planning – Dave:** Our current grant covers the water testing program through December, 2023. A planning grant has been suggested to us and we can look to the 9 KEP for priorities. An outline is due to Scott Provost by September 15 and the actual application is due November 1. Don will check with Scott to see if he can join us on a Zoom call on 8/24 or 8/25 in the morning to discuss further. We were recently notified that the Catalyst grant that we applied for had 70 applications and that we did not get the grant.
- 7. Continue identifying key priorities from Eric Olson discussion regarding building capacity – Rachael Whitehair discussion leader:** The remaining time was spent discussing and identifying future action items and priorities as we set a plan moving forward to build capacity.

Items 8 through 13 on the Agenda were tabled due to loss of meeting room to another scheduled meeting.

- 8. Status – 14 Mile Watershed Alliance – Don**
- 9. Status - 9 Key Element Plan/Resource – Kason**
- 10. Legacy Foundation update – (Bob Benkowski/Rob Sigler mtg)**
- 11. Standing Committees**
 - a. Publicity and Community outreach - Karen**
 - i. You tube channel/videos/Zoom sessions**
 - ii. Promotional booth 50 names registered**
 - iii. 9 KEP flyer**
 - iv. Educational programs**
 - b. Watershed Research – Phil**
 - i. upstream testing**

- ii. In lake testing
 - iii. PEARL update
 - c. Environmental Quality/Grant development - Dave
 - i. Healthy Lakes
 - ii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator
 - iii. Catalyst Conservation Landscape grant request status
 - d. Finance – Barb
 - i. Treasurer’s report - Phil
 - e. Partnership Development – Don
 - i. Speakers
 - ii. Groups
 - iii. Heartland Farms tour on 7/20 - review
- 12. Lake reports
- 13. Town, County, TriLakes updates
- 14. Set next agenda date & time, tentatively Sept 13th, speaker, topics
- 15. **Adjourn:** Motion by Dave Trudeau, seconded by Phil Rockenbach; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid, Secretary