

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, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM

- 1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup:** Don Ystad called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm; Anna James set up Zoom link. Don announced that he plans to winter in Arizona, and would like 14 Mile officers to lead the meetings on a rotating basis in his absence. He then turned the meeting over to Phil Rockenbach. Dave Trudeau volunteered to head the November meeting.
- 2. Roll call/confirm quorum:** Members present: Don Ystad, Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Jerry Wiessinger, and Karen Knotek. Also present: Anna James, Scott Bordeau, Bob Benkowski and guest Greg Corning, property owner on Lake Camelot.
- 3. Review and approve minutes for August 9, 2021:** Motion made by Jerry and seconded by Dave Trudeau to approve the minutes of the August, 2021 meeting; motion approved.
- 4. Announcements:** Dave Trudeau welcomed Bob Benkowski to the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance board effective October 1, 2021. Jerry Wiessinger announced that Adams County Land & Water has posted the 15-year comprehensive forest plan to their website. Public comment is welcomed until October 12th, 2021.
- 5. Status – 14 Mile Watershed Alliance:** Dave Trudeau and Don Ystad met with Pat Rodgers to identify contacts within large agricultural suppliers and fertilizer manufacturers to search for grant opportunities and a top-down link with upstream neighbors.
- 9. Status - 9 Key Element Plan/Resource – Kason:** Anna James reported that Kason has completed the job description and is about to advertise for the seasoned hire to oversee the 9 KEP.

10. Standing Committees

a. Publicity and Community outreach - Karen

- i. **You tube channel/videos/Zoom sessions** – Karen and Rachael plan to work together to finalize the you tube channel
- ii. **Promotional booth** – The Farmers Market has been a very successful outreach activity for the 14 Mile. Attendance has slowed considerable, and we'll need to determine if it's worth the effort to continue through the end of September.
- iii. **Instagram** – Just beginning to set up. Karen requests that we begin identifying pictures for Instagram posts.
- iv. **Educational programs** – trying to meet with Keith at Nekoosa HS, but this is a very busy time for them. Looking for ideas for advancing this program
- v. **Lake Leaders** - Karen attended session at Tomahawk Lake. Discussed surveys of lake property owners. Working on DNR "Toolbox" of available aids to lake groups. Lake Tomahawk used consultants (former DNR employees) to do their shoreline analysis. Karen will check on the cost.

b. Watershed Research – Phil

- i. **upstream testing** – August testing followed heavy rains, so flow monitoring could not be done safely in some areas. Plan to test on Sept 22nd.
- ii. **In lake testing** – will continue testing for P & N through October
- iii. **Formalizing the intern program** - Made contact with UWSP to establish a formal program with them, also sent newsletter to membership to generate interest in assisting with stream testing. Phil writing a job description.

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development - Dave

