14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Alliance
Held at Lake Sherwood Lodge, Rome, WI, open to the public through a Zoom link
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup: Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm; Rachael Whitehair set up Zoom link.

2. Roll call/confirm quorum: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Barb Herreid, Phil Rockenbach, Jerry Wiessinger, Dave Keuler, and Karen Knotek. Also present in person or via Zoom: Don Ystad, Rachael Whitehair, Gus Mancuso, Anna James, Kyle Kettner, Scott Bordeau, Al Knotek, John Endrizzi, Jeanne Osgood, Jane Janowski and Sally Geiger.

3. Review and approve minutes for April 11, 2022: ***Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Jerry Wiessinger to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting; motion approved***.

4. Announcements: none

5. Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner: Kyle reported on his recent activities including traveling throughout the watershed meeting farmers, talking to local experts and Wis. Wetlands Assn. He will continue to prepare for the State of Our Lakes event on June 4th as he will be a speaker. Also, coming up will be starting to conduct a cropland survey.

6. 14 Mile Story Powerpoint presentation: Don and Karen participated in a panel discussion at last month's Wis. Rivers and Lakes Convention with other similar lake groups that shared paths similar to ours. Their Powerpoint presentation was given to us and was a good introduction for new attendees joining us at this meeting.

7. **State of Our Lakes**: The planning committee held a meeting prior to this meeting and shared plans for the event. Kyle will do a presentation on the 9 Key Element Plan and Dave Trudeau will present the Healthy Lakes program. We're also hoping to have a representative from the ag community.

8. Standing Committees

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Karen:

i. **Youtube channel/videos/Zoom sessions:** no report

ii. **14MW booth plans 2022:** Focus of the booth this year will be native plants and will be scheduled for events throughout the summer including Sherwood's 4th of July celebration, Camelot's Frolics in August and Arrowhead's Labor Day celebration.

iii. **Educational program plans:** Karen, Gus and Rachael are working to deliver a survey to jumpstart a youth program at Nekoosa Schools. They will use the summer to go over the survey results and come up with a plan for the fall semester to engage the students according to their interests as expressed in the survey.

iv. **Farmers Market:** The first date will be May 20 and we'll have the same location on Snowpass as last year. Phil and Karen will man the booth; Karen will send out a calendar for the rest of us to sign up for dates

b. Watershed Research - Phil:

i. upstream and in-lake testing: Phil reported that April upstream testing was completed on April 24. Upcoming dates include May 16 to start in-lake testing and May 24 for e coli testing on Sherwood. Anna does this testing on Camelot and Arrowhead as there is a public beach at each. She coordinates testing results with the County Health Dept and Tri-Lakes. If the readings are high enough to close a beach, an additional test will be done to identify the source. Anna also brought us up to date on the county-sponsored well testing program in Rome, Leola and Monroe.

c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave:**

i. Surface Water Grant/Education Grant: expenses and volunteer hours are being tracked

ii. Healthy Lakes status, signs: Dave submitted grant reports and is awaiting reimbursement. The Healthy Lakes signs from DNR are now here; they will need stakes. ***Motion made by Barb and seconded by Karen to fund posts and hardware for the Healthy Lakes signs; motion approved.***

iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator: no report

iv. **Legacy Foundation grant request status – Bob/Don:** no report

d. Finance – Barb:

i. Treasurer's report – Phil: Phil reported on our current balance and expected amounts from the Town and Tri-Lakes in support of the State of Our Lakes

ii. Tree and Shrub Sale: Barb reported on the successful sale; 62 property owners submitted orders for over 700 items; leftover plants were given to Dave to plant in Sherwood Forest. We experienced some shortages of items and were able to provide a substitute or a refund.

e. **Partnership Development – Don:**

i. Speakers: Dave indicated that the June meeting will be a debriefing of the State of our Lakes instead of having a speaker.

9. Lake reports: Dave Keuler reported on the West Lake Center project; the County conducted an assessment and recommendations are expected in July.

10. Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates: Scott Bordeau reported on PACRS activities including: at last month's meeting, Pat Oldenburg presented the TMDL update that he gave 14 Mile; PACRS donated $1,500 to the Muskie Club. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month from 10 to noon and will be held at local establishments over the summer. He also reported that Tri-Lakes is discussing working to get a Clean Water referendum on the ballot for Adams County.

a. **Determine next agenda content, date & time:** Next meeting will be held on **June 13 at 6 pm in the lower level of Lake Sherwood** in a continued attempt to attract others to our group.

11. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid