# 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, June 13, 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, Dave Keuler, Bob Bendowski and Karen Knotek. Also present in person or via Zoom: Rachael Whitehair, Gus Mancuso, Kyle Kettner, Scott Bordeau, Al Knotek, John Endrizzi, Jane Janowski, Lisa and Joe Kubis, Colton Hutchinson and Scott Provost.

**3. Review and approve minutes for May 9, 2022:** ***Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Karen Knotek to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting; motion approved***.

**4. Announcements**: a.) On June 28 from 3 to 5 plus social time afterwards, Heartland Farms is hosting a tour of their precision farming practices; register through Anna James; b.) Dave contacted the River Alliance and the 14 Mile Watershed will now be listed on their website; C.) River Alliance will also be hosting a River Rat Chat at 4 pm on June 30 at Central Waters in Amherst; d.) Rachael Whitehair will be leaving Wood Co Extension as of 6/22 to her new role as the Director of Stewardship and Innovation for the Nebraska Corn Board based in Lincoln, NE. – we wish her the best and thank her for the great support she has provided our group! and e.) Lisa Kubis of Visit Rome announced that the proceeds of their June 24 Farmers Market sales will be directed to the 14 Mile Watershed – be sure to support it!

**5. Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner:** Kyle reported on his recent activities including helping to set up the Leola Cranberry tour, meeting with the Ag Specialist for our multi-county area, meeting with producers in our watershed, presentation at the State of Our Lakes and working on a cropland survey.

**6. State of Our Lakes – Review successes and any challenges:** The 14 Mile Board met prior to this meeting to review the event; attendance of 180, welcome help serving food was provided by the Shermalot Ski Team, many door prizes and silent auction items were donated; Karen read off a list of sponsors and donors and thanked Kyle Kettner for his excellent presentation.

**7. Standing Committees**

**a. Publicity and Community outreach – Karen:**

i. **Youtube channel/videos/Zoom sessions:** Eric Peterson filmed the speakers at the State of Our Lakes and it will be uploaded to the Youtube channel.

ii. **14MW booth plans 2022:**

iii. **Educational program plans:** Karen, Gus and Rachael compiled the responses from 105 Nekoosa students in grades 9 – 12 who took the survey; copies were provided for us to review and discuss further at our next meeting to come up with ideas for future engagement based on their interests.

iv. **Farmers Market:** Karen needs a volunteer for the booth this week. Dave suggested we get t-shirts to identify us; Karen will look into.

**b. Watershed Research - Phil**:

**i. upstream and in-lake testing:** Phil reported that June upstream testing will be completed on June 18; in-lake testing on June 20 and e coli testing on Lake Sherwood on 6/21. Phil got a copy of a lengthy report on the sediment borings that was initiated by Tri-Lakes. Scott Provost mentioned that the May testing results showed once again that nitrogen levels are very high and phosphorus levels are below the standard level.

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

**i. Surface Water Grant/Education Grant:** there is a new form for reporting volunteer activities; Phil will send out to us and we need to report our activities to him at the end of each month.

**ii. Healthy Lakes status, signs**: Dave received half a dozen new sign-ups for property owners interested in the Healthy Lakes program. Last week, Tri-Lakes received the DNR reimbursements for the 2019 and 2020 grants. Lisa Kubis also made us aware of grants programs that enhance tourism

that are available; details are on the Visit Rome website and application deadlines are April 15 and October 15 each year.

**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.

**e**. **Partnership Development – Don:**

**i. Speakers:** Dave requested that we advise him of any suggested speakers and/or topics for future meetings.

8. **Lake reports:** There will be a 14 Mile booth set up at the Sherwood 4th of July celebration.
9. **Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates:**

**a. Determine next agenda content, date & time: Next meeting is Monday, July 11 at 6 pm in the lower level of Sherwood Lodge.**

10. **Adjourn:** ***Motion by Bob Benkowski and second by Phil Rockenbach to adjourn.*** Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.
11. **Social discussion and conversation!**

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid