14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Held at Lake Sherwood Lodge, Rome, WI, open to the public through a Zoom link
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup: Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll call/confirm quorum: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Barb Herreid, Phil Rockenbach (Zoom), Don Ystad (Zoom), Dave Keuler and Karen Knotek. Also present in person or via Zoom: Kyle Kettner, Scott Bordeau, John Endrizzi, Jane Janowski, Brian Jackson, Paul Pisellini and Cory Chovanec.

3. Review and approve minutes for July 11, 2022: ***Motion made by Karen Knotek and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting; motion approved***.

4. Announcements: a.) On August 13 at 6 pm, Farmers of the Roche A Cri are holding Grow and Tell at ZanBria Artisan Farms.

5. Adams County Report – Carolyn Pralle/Anna James:

Carolyn is the new land conservationist for the county and introduced herself; she will be focused on land resources.

Nine Key Element Plan status - Kyle Kettner: Kyle reported on his recent activities including dealing with a muskrat issue at the Huntington Beach Club, attending wetland training in Sheboygan and working with the DNR on a social indicator survey to gain better understanding of where conservation efforts are needed.

6. Scott Provost/Colton Hutchinson - Updates: no report

7. Standing Committees

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Karen:

i. **Youtube channel/videos/Zoom sessions:**

ii. **14MW booth plans 2022:** Karen reviewed the August schedule for both the Farmers Market and Camelot Frolics; volunteers are needed for September.

iii. **Educational program plans:**

iv. **Farmers Market:** already covered in ii above

v. **14-MWA shirts for Board . . . others?** Karen showed the completed shirts and distributed to members in attendance; cost is $26 and send money to Karen. Additional shirts can be ordered at any time.

vi. **Outreach to Nekoosa Schools and student survey:** A meeting's been set up with Nekoosa High School personnel on August 17 to work on developing a plan for student involvement based on the survey results.

vii. **Zoom compensation payment to LSPOA**: We're currently using the Lake Sherwood account; Dave suggested we donate $5/meeting to cover costs; John Endrizzi offered to donate this amount for the first year. It was also noted that we need to get a microphone so Zoom attendees could hear better.

viii. **Other:** Karen found another native plant nursery in Minnesota that is less expensive and suggested we consider offering native plants in addition to the trees and shrubs at the spring sale. Also consider the coir mats as they are less work for the homeowner although more expensive; she will be getting one to test before recommending and can sub-divide for anyone who would like to help with the testing.

b. Watershed Research - Phil:

i. upstream and in-lake testing: Phil reported that in-lake testing will be done August 15, upstream testing on August 28 and e coli in Sherwood on August 16. July testing has been completed; May and June test results have been posted on the website. Phil and Dave looked for a new spot near the mouth of the stream as it enters Petenwell; he'll be following up with Scott Provost to switch to this location instead of the Arrowhead Dam so that flows can be better tested.

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

i. Surface Water Grant/Education Grant – HL Hero Signs: Karen shared the design for the signs which are larger than the DNR sign and will draw attention to good examples of shorelines around the lakes.

ii. Healthy Lakes status: Dave has been meeting with property owners who are interested in HL projects; he helps them with an evaluation and completes the grant application. Currently, he's working with 4 property owners for a total of 9 projects. If interested, contact Dave prior to October 1 to get in on the next grant cycle.

iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator: Signs are still available at the Farmers Market booth or Camelot Frolics.

iv. **Legacy Foundation grant request status – Bob/Don Walden Park, 8/10?. . . other?:** Dave reported that a meeting has been set for August 10 to further discuss a possible project at the Walden Park. They will work with the Legacy Foundation for financial support. A question was asked about the water lily and native plantings done previously by Camelot by the 8th Street bridge – John reported that some of the plantings had taken, but not all.

d. Finance – Barb:

i. Treasurer's report – Phil: Phil reported on our current balance.

e. **Partnership Development – Don/Dave/all**

Speakers for fall:

i. Michael Parsen (WGNHS) – Groundwater and Leola ditch study and Owen's Rock denitrification site: Dave is working to set up for the September meeting. A larger site may be needed for the meeting.

ii. Jesse Weinzinger – Eco Services:

Networking

i. Roche-a-Cri producer-led watershed group (7/13) Coloma Farms: Dave reported on event held at a smaller family operation than Heartland Farms.

ii. River Alliance of Wisconsin, monetary support $45 - $250. 14-MWA not yet on their group page. ***Motion made by Karen Knotek and seconded by Barb Herreid to donate $250 to the River Alliance of Wisconsin; motion carried.***

8. Lake reports: Bob Benkowski suggested we consider having a garden walk of native plantings to showcase properties.

9. Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates: Scott Bordeau reported that Act 223 has passed the legislature and was signed by Governor Evers. Items included are: a grant program to support commercial nitrogen optimization projects, crop insurance rebates for planting cover crops and funding for a hydrogeologist position.

10. Determine next agenda content, date & time: Next meeting is Monday, September 12.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

12. Social discussion and conversation (Sloppy Joes and chips - food donations accepted)!

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid