14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Held at Lake Sherwood Lodge, Rome, WI, open to the public through a Zoom link
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, November 14, 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, Dave Keuler and Karen Knotek. Also present in person or via Zoom: Anna James, Kyle Kettner, Jess Trudeau, Scott Bordeau, John Endrizzi, Lynne Keuler, Jane Janowski, Al Knotek, Jane & Kevin Ray, Gayle Casey, Marty and Colton Hutchison.

3. Review and approve minutes for October 10, 2022: ***Motion made by Karen Knotek and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 meeting; motion approved***.

4. Announcements – A) Discovery Farms Conference on December 14; registration is $80 and B) Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference will be held the afternoon of December 13.

5. Adams County Report – Carolyn Pralle: no report

Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner:

Kyle's been working on a grant request to hold a 14 Mile 9KEP event in 2023 and will be sending a mailing to stakeholders; we did provide a letter of support. The Healthy Lakes grant request is being finalized and includes 4 property owners with 10 practices located in our watershed. Additionally, he is working with producers to identify best management practices and to help them understand what they can expect.

6. Scott Provost/Colton Hutchinson - Updates: Colton reported that Tania from GOLD will be contacting us to set up a meeting with several lake groups. He also indicated that Scott is working with Tri-Lakes to set up a presentation on TP and TN and that we may be included as well. Colton presented some slides on a natural denitrification study which tested 4 sites on a local cranberry marsh. As water moved through their reservoirs, the tests showed that lower levels of nitrogen were achieved.

7. Guest speaker – no guest speaker this month.

8. Standing Committees

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Karen:

i. Farmers Market – Winter Indoor Market, 12/2: Phil and Dave will man the booth on 12/2. Volunteers are needed for 1/13, 2/10, 3/10 and 4/14 from Noon to 3:30. Please volunteer to help man the booth.

ii. **Nekoosa HS Fall Environmental Ed field trip – follow-up and survey:** Gus Mancuso followed up with the teacher, Mike Schoenfeld and received the following feedback: Pluses: discussion of possible careers, discussion of watershed challenges and seeing the native plantings at Sherwood; Negative: sat too much. We will continue to work towards a spring presentation at the High School.

iii. **Watershed highway signs:** Phil reported that Adams County will be making 2 signs in their shop and place them on County D and County Z before the ground freezes at no cost to us! Work continues to set up a meeting with Wis. Department of Transportation.

iv. – Rome Halloween Party, 10/29 – Our booth won the trophy! Karen encouraged us to think of other such ways that we can participate in the community such as a hike for water quality or a boat decoration contest. Kyle suggested we submit an article on shoreline practices to Visit Rome to be included in the annual Rome tourism booklet.

b. Watershed Research - Phil:

i. upstream and in-lake testing: Phil reported that test results for the in-lake testing have been received and are now on our website. Upstream testing was done on October 24 and is scheduled for November 27.

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

i. Surface Water Grant/Education Grant – review progress on Ed grant, discuss with partners and prioritize items: Items on the grant project budget list were reviewed and updates provided as

follows: 1) newsletter mailing needs to be planned for 2023; coordinate timing to a different time from Kyle's mailing; 2) HL signs – design needs to be tweaked and then is ready to go; 3) coasters – go with our logo and add a saying to it to draw interest and 4) 9KEP brochure-Kyle is working on it and shared a 1st draft with us.

ii. Healthy Lakes status – 28 interested, application deadline 11/15, fish sticks: Dave submitted the grant application today. Of the 32 who expressed interest, 6 applied for the grant funds, representing 10 projects. Two of these are Sherwood property owners who will be doing fish sticks projects.

iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator: no report

iv. **Walden Park grant request status – Legacy Foundation, Visit Rome, HL:** Dave is trying to determine from the State whether this might qualify for a Healthy Lakes grant. If so, it could be combined with other funding sources.

d. Finance – Barb/Phil:

i. Tree and shrub sale: Barb reported that approximately 20 orders have been received. We pre-ordered items that went quickly last year and sent a letter to those who were shorted to encourage them to try us again this year. Each lake association also sent out notifications to their members.

ii. Native plant sale?: Barb suggested offering this by doing it on alternate years from the tree/shrub sale.

e. **Partnership Development – All**

i. Speakers for fall/winter: give any suggestions to Dave

ii. Networking – future meeting with GOLD, maybe joint meeting . . . working towards setting up a meeting in January.

9. Lake reports: The Lake Sherwood Fisheree is scheduled for January 21.

10. Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates: John Endrizzi reported that a ditch walk was done after receiving complaints of flooding; Drainage Board is currently working on next year's budget. Anna reported that she will continue to work with the Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri and that they submitted a grant application.

11. Determine next agenda content, date & time: Consensus to skip a December meeting. A date for January will be communicated later as we are trying to set up a joint meeting with GOLD and other lake groups.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

12. Social discussion and conversation – Chili and crackers available

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid