

14 Mile Watershed Alliance

Held at Lake Sherwood Lodge, Rome, WI, open to the public through a Zoom link Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM (Food and networking at 5:30)

1. **Call to order & confirm Zoom setup:** Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. after allowing time for getting food.
2. **Roll call/confirm quorum:** Members present: Dave Trudeau, Barb Herreid, Phil Rockenbach and Dave Keuler. Also present in person or via Zoom: Greg Sager, Jess Trudeau, Scott Bordeau, Brian Fischer, Mark Samelstad, Keifer Sroka, Carl & Donna Halstad, Jeanne Osgood, Rick Mervine, Kyle Kettner, Bob Bauerhyte and Colton Hutchinson.
3. **Review and approve minutes for July 10, 2023:** *Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting; motion approved.*
4. **Announcements:** Pontoons and Potatoes at Castle Rock Park at 5 pm on August 17.
5. **Adams County Report –**
 - Kyle Kettner:** Kyle reported that the County has approved the drone policy. He will be turning next to working on a digital stream survey.
 - Keifer Sroka:** Keifer reported on low flow at the Sherwood bubbler that has now returned to normal. He is working with a local homeowner so that his shoreline plantings comply with the Healthy Lakes requirements. Keifer also indicated that the County is planning to continue the annual tree/shrub sale, possibly by Planning and Zoning.
6. **WI DNR - Scott Provost/Colton Hutchinson – Update:** Colton shared that an invasive rush has been found on the north end of Lake Petenwell.
7. **UW-Madison Extension, Anna James – Update:** No report.
8. **Guest speaker – None for August**
9. **Standing Committees**
 - a. **Publicity and Community outreach – Phil:**
 - i. **Farmers Market:** Dave K and Barb will do 8/18; Phil will do 8/25 and Don, Linda, Carson and Dave T will do the Frolics on 8/19.
 - ii. **Nekoosa HS Environmental Ed update - Gus Mancuso –** Gus has been in touch with Mike at the High School and a meeting will be set up after school starts. Carl Halstad commented on how well the students have been working out with the Clean Boats program at the boat launches this summer.
 - iii. **Watershed highway signs:** The signs are up!
 - b. **Watershed Research, stream and lake testing – Phil:** Stream testing was completed yesterday; they observed very low water levels and were unable to test flows in some of the areas. Lake testing will be done tomorrow.
 - c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave:**
 - i. **Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park:** Dave met with the committee this afternoon; they are working to prepare the grant pre-application that is due September 15.
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion: Keifer is helping with this project; awaiting bids from contractors; there is the potential for 3 HL projects to be included.
 - ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 14 HL site evals –** Dave has recently completed site evaluations with 1 more coming up. In the future, we may want to consider having interns to help property owners with their project installation. Dave currently has 6 projects signed up for the next grant cycle.
 - iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator:** no report
 - d. **Finance – Barb/Phil:** no report.
 - e. **Partnership Development – All**
 - i. **Speakers for September and beyond:** Kyle offered to do a program on preliminary results of the crop survey sometime after the September meeting. Let Dave know of any other suggestions.

ii. **Networking – PACRS, River Alliance of WI, Lakes and Rivers Conference, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc, WPVGA** – Soctt Bordeaux reported that the next PACRS meeting will be held on 8/18 at Shipwrecked and the 9/15 meeting will be held at Necedah Wildlife Refuge and will include an update on the Yellow River project.

10. Lake reports: no reports

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes updates: Bob Bauerhyte shared that the Town's survey on wake boats will be coming out shortly. A recent article in the Daily Tribune indicated that there is much discussion statewide on the concerns with these boats and that several communities have enacted ordinances banning them in their lakes. Minnesota only allows them in lakes that are 1,500 acres and larger. Concerns include shoreline erosion, property damage, injuries, disturbance of sediment as far down as 20 feet and transfer of invasive species from one lake to another. Carl Halstad reported that the Tri-Lakes Annual Meeting will be held 9/2 and there were be a presentation by EOR on the Sherwood alum treatment and another on nanobubblers. This new technology will be tested out later this week until Nov 1 at the Arrowhead Marina and is designed to reduce algae levels and improve water quality. If successful, this may be able to be expanded to the three lakes.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 9/11. Need a substitute to take minutes in September!

13. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid