

14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Held at Lake Sherwood Lodge, Rome, WI, open to the public through a Zoom link
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM
(Food and networking at 5:30 PM)

- 1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup:** Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- 2. Roll call/confirm quorum:** Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach and Dave Keuler. Barb Herreid excused. Also present in person or via Zoom: Scott Bordeau, Brian Fischer, Keifer Sroka, Carl & Donna Hasdal, Anna James, Rick Mervine, Kyle Kettner, Mike Schoenfeld, Gus Mancuso, and Lynne Stouffer-Keuler.
- 3. Review and approve minutes for August 14th, 2023:** Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of August 14, 2023, meeting as printed; motion approved.
- 4. Announcements:**
 - a. PACRS annual meeting, 9/15 at Necedah NWR
 - b. Science by the River, 9/30, 11 am – 2 pm. Booth & elementary school age activities. Phil will represent 14 Mile Watershed.
 - c. Pasture Walk, Waffle Farm, 9/12, 6 pm
 - d. Soil Health Field Day, 9/11, 10 am – 1 pm. Kyle Kettner attended this event. Farmers and conservationists demonstrated soil pit, no till planter, cover crops to high school students from two schools.
 - e. Central WI Farmers Collaborative – Felz Dairy Hay Wagon Tour, 10/4, 1 pm – 3 pm
- 5. Adams County Report**
 - a. Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner – Kyle will present crop survey at October meeting. Kyle also stated that Greg Saeger is interested in the ditch project.
 - b. Water Resources Update - Keifer Sroka – Pre-apps for surface water grants are due September 15, 2023. A pre-app was submitted by the Farmers of Roche Cri; PACRS will be the fiscal agent for the grant. Keifer inquired as to whether the lake monitoring volunteers are collecting elevation data. Phil responded they currently do not. Keifer will collect the data for the remainder of the year. Lake volunteers will begin collecting the data in 2024. Conservation Day will be held at Roche Cri State Park on September 27 for Adams County 5th grade students. If anyone is interested in participating, Keifer can provide Heather’s contact information for this event.
- 6. WI DNR - Scott Provost / Colton Hutchinson** – No update available.
- 7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James** – Social indicator survey had 13 producers participate. Each one is implementing different practices. NRCS funding has been sought for Anna’s position. If granted, Anna’s position would be funded for three years. If not granted, Wood County stated it would fund the position for one year.
- 8. Guest speaker(s)** – None for September
- 9. Standing Committee Reports**
 - a. **Publicity and Community outreach – Phil**
 - i. Farmers market – September 15- Phil, September 22 – Dave T., September 29 – Dave K.
 - ii. Nekoosa HS Environmental Ed update, field Trip, 9/28 – Gus Mancuso. Group met after the meeting adjourned to discuss the field trip.
 - iii. Watershed highway signs and newsletter -- Signs have been installed. Newsletter meeting to be held in conjunction with Board meeting on September 19.

- b. Watershed Research, stream and lake testing – Phil** - Stream testing for September has been completed. Lake testing will be completed October 3. Some of the data received from the state lab is skewed; nitrogen data is incorrect. Phil will make a notation on the website.
- c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.**
 - i. Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park – Grant requested from Visit Rome.
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion – Grant requested from Tri-Lakes
 - ii. Healthy Lakes status - 17 HL site evals; 4 pending.
 - iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator – Lots of signs available.
- d. Finance – Phil** - No report. Working on budget for education grant.
- e. Partnership Development - All**
 - i. Speaker ideas for October and beyond: Kyle will present crop survey results in October.
 - ii. Networking – PACRS; River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Pontoons and Potatoes: PACRS - (see above); working to get the Little Yellow River to meander again. Pontoons and Potatoes was well attended. The weather was too windy for the pontoons to go out onto the lake.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Lake Arrowhead will begin tree drops along its shoreline on September 12. Lake Arrowhead has submitted an application for fish sticks. Dave T. stated there is one more location on Lake Sherwood, near the dam, where fish sticks could be placed. Dave is looking for an alternative to the skid steer to transport the trees across the ice.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: Tri-Lakes reported that it has doubled its funding for fish habitats. Initial results of the alum treatment on Lake Sherwood have been received, and the treatment appears to have improved the water quality. The nanobubble trial at the Lake Arrowhead South Lake Center will continue until November 1. Good bacteria will be added to the lake. After the testing is complete, options will be presented to the three lakes. There is an additional area of erosion concern on Lake Camelot at the county access on the “point.” People are launching jet skis and boats and parking in this area.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 10/9.

13. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Stouffer-Keuler