

14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Leve, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, October 9, 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 6:00 pm.
- 2. Roll call/confirm quorum:** Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Barb Herreid and Dave Keuler. Also present in person or via Zoom: Scott Bordeau, Brian Fischer, Keifer Sroka, Kyle Kettner, Colton Hutchinson, Colton Wolosek and Jane Janowski.
- 3. Review and approve minutes for September 11th, 2023:** Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of September 11, 2023 meeting as printed; motion approved.
- 4. Announcements:** none
- 5. Adams County Report**
 - County Conservationist introduction – Colton Wolosek: Colton introduced himself and shared his background information.
 - Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner – Kyle is working on the detailed version of the crop survey report; he also submitted an article to the Arrowhead newsletter.
 - Water Resources Update - Keifer Sroka – Keifer reported that with the summer season winding down, he is in transition. He noted that the field trip with the Nekoosa HS students was awesome and that rocks to prevent boat launching will be added to the Upper Camelot dam by the Parks Department.
- 6. WI DNR - Scott Provost / Colton Hutchinson** – Colton is working with grant applications.
- 7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James** – No report.
- 8. Guest speaker(s) – Kyle Kettner – drill down into watershed crop survey results:** Kyle shared an overview of his land use survey results. Ag is the largest land use in the watershed with 182 fields with corn and potatoes as the predominant crops. The objective of the survey is to identify and monitor the adoption of conservation practices so that future efforts can be targeted for the greatest effect. No till, strip till and full till practices for each field were identified in addition to fields planting fall cover crops. Forty-six percent of the fields currently have a cover crop; potato fields are most likely to have them (81%). Both low tillage and cover crops are important practices: Less tillage = more carbon and roots in the soil, reduces nitrogen and phosphorous losses; Cover Crops can reduce nitrogen entering ground water, reduce wind erosion (phosphorus loss).
- 9. Standing Committee Reports**
 - a. Publicity and Community outreach – Phil**
 - i. Farmers market – We will participate in the December 1st market at the Town Hall
 - ii. Nekoosa HS Environmental Ed update, 9/28 field trip summary – Gus Mancuso. Each participant shared subjects that were covered with the students.
 - iii. Newsletter – Phil reported that the survey postcard is complete and Permit #1 has been received from Nekoosa Post Office. Next steps are to get a sample of the finished newsletter and review it with the printer, ODC and the Post Office to ensure all is a go for proceeding with the mailing.
 - iv. Coasters – 7500 coasters have arrived and are ready for distribution to local bars/restaurants.
 - b. Watershed Research, stream and lake testing – Phil** – Lake testing is now completed; Phil will compile the data and post to the website. There are 3 more dates for stream testing.
 - c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.**

- i. Pre-applications were submitted to WDNR for the following:
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park – also a Grant requested from Visit Rome.
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion –
- ii. Healthy Lakes status - 18 HL site evals. Dave is finalizing the sites.
- iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator – Lots of signs available.

d. Finance – Phil – Barb reported that we have contacted 3 native plant nurseries to try to add plant collections to the tree and shrub sale. Prairie Nursery responded that they will not be able to partner with us. Still waiting for replies from the others.

e. Partnership Development - All

- i. Speaker ideas for November and beyond: Suggestions included: update on the social indicator survey that Anna is working on and EOR and Moleaer reporting on their efforts on Sherwood and Arrowhead.
- ii. Networking – PACRS; River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Pontoons and Potatoes: Phil and Dave T. set up a booth at Science by the River but it was pouring rain that day – they may try again next year.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Lake Sherwood is planning the winter fisheree for the free-fishing weekend. Also, 2,160 walleyes were stocked. Lake Arrowhead has 2 more weeks on the nano bubbler test.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: No report.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 11/13.

13. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid