14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, November 13, 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 6:05 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 Wolosek, Rick Mervine, John Endrizzi and Jess Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for October 9, 2023: Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of October 9, 2023 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements: Colton Hutchinson has left DNR for a job at Jefferson County as the Water Resource Specialist.
5. Adams County Report

- County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek: Colton will be coordinating the Tree and Shrub sale and the order form is now available.
- Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner – Kyle is finishing up the crop and tillage survey report; he is turning now to stream surveying and is also working with EOR and Tri-Lakes on external mitigation.
- Water Resources Update - Keifer Sroka – Keifer reported that he and a team checked out a report of seepage on the north side of the Lower Camelot dam and that they will need to keep an eye on it for the future. He also noted that a previously identified sinkhole on the Upper Camelot dam is being monitored.

6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: Scott reported that a targeted watershed assessment will be upcoming.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James: Anna was unable to attend but shared that her position will now be funded by NRCS and that she is currently analyzing data from the social indicator survey and it should be ready to share with us next spring.
8. Guest speaker – **Rick Mervine: 14 Mile Watershed Strategic Planning, Process and Timetable –** Rick shared his background with helping companies to develop a strategic plan and described the process that he will be leading us through at each meeting from December through March. In preparation for December, he tasked us with considering the broader view of the 14 Mile Watershed and what it needs to be over the next 3-5 years including what we do well, as well as, not so well. From this information, we will identify Goals for the next 3-5 years. He encouraged us to include strategic planning as an ongoing agenda item to maintain focus for the future.

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; Phil and Barb will work the booth.

ii. Newsletter – distribution and preliminary response – Phil reported that the newsletter was mailed November 1 to 3550 property owners in the Tri-Lakes District. He's already received 127 surveys in the mail along with 35 online responses. Additionally, he's received some donations. The survey deadline to respond is November 30 and then the data can be compiled and will help us in formulating our Strategic Plan. Phil is finalizing figures related to the newsletter for the Education grant and will send an invoice to Adams County for their page.

b. Watershed Research, stream and lake testing – Phil – Lake testing is now complete and will resume again in the spring. Dave K reported on the stream testing that was done on Nov. 12 and he commented that flows are coming back up again. December will be the final month for stream testing.

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.

i. Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park – grant application has been completed and submitted.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion – this application had to be reworked with a different product along the shoreline and he's hoping to meet the Nov. 15 deadline. Additional piers as a part of the project will need to be addressed by a different grant that doesn't have a specific deadline date.

ii. Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 13 practices: Approve Authorizing Resolution - ***Motion by Barb and second by Dave K to approve the Authorizing Resolution to include in the grant application; motion approved.***

iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator – Don Ystad will be reviving the Clean Water Cooperator of the month recognition; please pass along names and addresses that we think should be recognized.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb – Tree Sale update: Barb reported that we have received 16 orders already; deadline to order is December 15.

e. Partnership Development - All

i. Speaker ideas for December and beyond: Moleaer Nanobubbler, Michael Goc who is an historian of Adams County/Leola areas before the lakes were developed. It was also suggested that we consider the area history from the Ho-Chunk Nation perspective.

ii. Networking – PACRS; River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, other partners: Scott Bordeau reported that the next PACRS meeting will be December 1; they will be planning for the W. River Basin meet 'n greet for the future.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: The River and Lakes Convention will be held earlier in the month of April, 2024. Rick Mervine attended the recent Camelot fishing meeting. Keifer confirmed that Adams County Parks Department plans to set some boulders on the Upper Camelot Dam to deter boat launching. On Sherwood, Brian and Dave T looked at fish stick locations and were able to get a one-year extension on the grant. On Arrowhead, the Association is planning some tree drops and some fish stick projects for this winter.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: John Endrizzi explained the job requirements for members of the Drainage District; the board has been expanded to 5 members, but 2 members are retiring. The Board meets quarterly. If interested, contact Linda Arneson at the UW-Extension Office for Adams County, phone 608-339-4237. Kyle reported that the Tri-Lakes board is investigating funding sources for the future which would allow them to pursue new projects or practices on the lakes.

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

13. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid