14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, January 8, 2024, 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: Rick Georgeson, Brian Fischer, Keifer Sroka, Kyle Kettner, Rick Mervine, Greg Sager, Mark Samelstad, Scott Provost, John Endrizzi and Jess Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for December 11, 2023: Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of December 11, 2023 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements: 2024 Wetland Science Conference to be held Feb 20-22 at the Radisson Green Bay. Register by January 19 for early bird rates. For more information: https://www.eventleaf.com/e/2024WetlandScienceConference#ss
5. Adams County Report

- County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek: absent
- Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner – Kyle is planning to meet with producers later this month or in early February to share data that he collected in last year's crop survey. He is also setting up to do a stream survey in the spring and is getting information from Ayers on ditches and culverts.
- Water Resources Update - Keifer Sroka – Keifer reported that rocks have now been added to the Upper Camelot dam to cut down on ATV and boat launching. He is also meeting with contractors to get quotes for controlling/eliminating the phragmites found in Leola.

6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: Scott shared that meetings are ongoing with Moleaer to ensure EPA and DATCP regulations will be met before implementation of the nanobubbler project.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James: absent.
8. Guest speaker – **Rick Mervine: 14 Mile Watershed Strategic Planning, Update on planning, Determine Measurable Objectives –** Rick shared the proposed Goal for the next 3-5 years and Objectives towards that goal that will be implemented in 2024. Comments and suggestions were shared by the meeting attendees.
9. Standing Committee Reports

a. **Publicity and Community outreach – Phil**

i.***Newsletter survey results, interest in becoming active in 14 MWA*** – Phil reported that the survey results have been posted on our website. Our next step is to review concerns that were expressed, identify themes and then publish a FAQ in the newsletter to address them.

b. **Watershed Research, stream testing, grant wrap-up – Phil** – Phil is working with Tri-Lakes to complete and submit the final grant report to DNR.
c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.**

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – Walden Park –
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion – This project will also include additional piers to keep boats from the shoreline; a separate grant to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission is required for this aspect of the project.

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 13 practices***: Dave is working on submitting projects from 2021 for reimbursement.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator** – on hold

d. Finance – Phil/Barb – **Tree Sale update, approx. order size upon deadline**: Barb reported that the final order has been submitted; 704 items were ordered and we will have some extras that can be sold on the distribution day this spring. She also has talked briefly with the new Foss Garden Center owners about expanding their offerings of native plants.

e. Partnership Development - All

i. ***Speaker ideas for February and beyond***: Moleaer Nanobubbler, Michael Goc – Dave is working to get both of them in the future.

ii. ***Networking – PACRS; River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, other partners***: Mark Samelstad reported that Tri-Lakes is in the process of issuing communications on an ongoing basis to inform the public on the nanobubbler project. Rick Mervine indicated that we will be sending information to our partners as we continue through the strategy development process. Rick Georgeson shared information on an upcoming 2nd Annual Meet N Greet event for all groups along the Upper Wisconsin River watershed. The date for the event to be held at the new Food + Farm Exploration Center in Plover is being finalized for Thursday, March 14.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Dave reported that he's working on Sherwood's Fisheree to be held on January 20; there will be a raffle; all proceeds from this fundraiser go towards conservation projects on Sherwood. Also, the fisheries meeting on 1/16 will be in the lower level of Sherwood Lodge at 2 pm. Rick mentioned that the Camelot Fish Habitat committee will be meeting at 11 am on Saturday, January 13. On January 16, Arrowhead will have a fish sticks meeting at 2 pm at Arrowhead; this meeting will include Jennifer Bergmann, DNR fish biologist.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: John Endrizzi reminded us that there is just one applicant for 2 vacancies on the Drainage District; their next quarterly meeting is in February at Heartland Farms.

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

13. Adjourn: Motion made by Barb and seconded by Dave K to adjourn with no objection. **Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid