14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, February 12, 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 (Zoom). Also present in person or Zoom: Rick Georgeson, Brian Fischer, Rick Mervine, Greg Sager, Mark Samelstad, Scott Provost, John Endrizzi, Carl and Donna Halstad, Gus Mancuso, Hannah Butkiewicz, Chris Stephan, Jay Michels, Dan Minter, Diane Pichelmann-Sutherland and Jess Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for January 8, 2024: Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of January 8, 2024 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements:

- The annual State of Our Lakes will be held on June 8th
- Dave Trudeau has a link to the January 23rd presentation on Riparian Water Rights sponsored by Water Action Volunteers
- UW-Extension is holding the following online seminars:
    - Optimizing Nitrogen Use (1/16) link available
    - Soil Health Practices Impact on Phosphorus – 2/13, registration required
    - Grazing and Water Quality – 2/27, registration required
- The Wood County Citizens Water Group is holding 'The Future of Clean Drinking Water in the Central Sands' on March 18 at McMillan Library; George Kraft of UW-SP will be speaking
- WI Lakes and Rivers Convention will be held at Holiday Inn, Stevens Pt. from April 10-13. Early Bird discounted registration is available through February 29. Motion by Phil, second by Barb to reimburse board members $150 for early registration + $80 for the Wednesday seminars; motion approved.

5. Adams County Report: no County reps in attendance
6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: Scott met with Dustin Grant of Adams County Planning and Zoning to discuss a replacement for Kyle as the 9 KEP Coordinator; Dustin will be trying to hire a temporary replacement for the summer. Jay Michels of EOR indicated that they are shortly expecting direction from DNR defining any permit requirements for the nanobubbler project. Also, prior to leaving, Kyle identified over 70 sites that could be possible wetland mitigation sites.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James: absent.
8. Guest speaker – **Rick Mervine: 14 Mile Watershed Strategic Planning, Update on planning, Review Objectives and Discuss Strategies –** Rick shared the proposed Goal for the next 3-5 years as well as Objectives and Strategies towards that goal that will be implemented in 2024. The next step in March is defining the Tactics to be followed to meet the Goal and Objectives.
9. Standing Committee Reports

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Phil

i. ***Newsletter – any update? Re: survey results, interest in becoming active in 14 MWA:*** Phil reported that specific themes from the survey have been identified and that he is working on FAQs to address the comments. Dave T passed on the comments re fishing to Jennifer Bergman, DNR Fisheries Biologist for comments.

ii. ***Lake Property Association Newsletters:*** Camelot and Sherwood deadlines are Feb 15 and articles were submitted; articles will also be sent to LAA for their weekly e-newsletter

b. Watershed Research, stream testing, grant wrap-up – Phil –the final grant report to DNR was submitted last week. Phil is also working on wrapping up the educational grant submission. Phil also spoke to Sam, the Adams County GIS Specialist about the Story Map that Kyle created to identify shoreline restorations; Sam will work with us to learn how to use the Story Map and how to add to it in the future.

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – Walden Park, awarded on 2/7 - $38,233
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion – awarded on 2/7 - $25,087

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 12 practices, grant awarded on 2/7 - $13,000:*** Dave T. reported that there is 9" of ice around the Sherwood islands so the fish stick project can proceed. Contact him if you can help with an ATV or manpower to put the trees in place. Visit Rome may be able to take photos of the work.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator** – on hold; the article submitted for the spring lake newsletters addresses fertilizer.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb – **Tree Sale update**: 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. Distribution will be late April or early May and will again use the auxiliary building at Tri-Lakes.

e. Partnership Development - All

i. ***Speaker ideas for April and beyond***: **Chris Stephan, Michael Goc –** Chris is confirmed for our April 8 meeting.

ii. ***Networking – PACRS; River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, other partners***: 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 from 10:30 to 2:00.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Dave reported that the Fisheree on January 21 was able to be held in spite of the warm weather. Registration was down, but they still had 110 participants and raised money for their conservation fund.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: John Endrizzi reported that Phil McLaughlin and Karen Knotek from Rome will be filling the 2 vacancies on the Drainage District Board. Mark Samelstad reported that Tri-Lakes will meet tomorrow via Zoom with Chris and Jay on the nanobubbler project to discuss placement locations and how to address citizen questions about noise levels. The Wednesday meeting of the Tri-Lakes Board will discuss plans further and will name the project. Informational meetings to the electors are being planned for the end of April.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 3/11.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid