14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, March 11, 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 6:02 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, Rick Mervine, Greg Sager, Mark Samelstad, John Endrizzi, Carl and Donna Hasdal, Diane Pichelmann-Sutherland, Tom Wright, Scott Bordeau and Terry Tadysak.
3. Review and approve minutes for February 12, 2024: Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of February 12, 2024 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements:

- The annual State of Our Lakes will be held on June 8th
- 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 now closed.

5. Adams County Report: no County reps in attendance, however Colton submitted a report: ACLW department is down on staffing due to Kyle's leaving and retirement on 3/10 of Chuck Sibilsky. Both positions have been posted; however, the 9KEP Coordinator position will only run until November. Plants for the tree sale will be picked up from the nursery on April 17; distribution will probably follow that weekend pending confirmation that the Fairgrounds is available.
6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: No report.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James Mitchell: absent.
8. Guest speaker – **Rick Mervine: 14 Mile Watershed Strategic Planning, Update on planning, Review Strategies and Identify Tactics for 2024 –** Rick shared the core committee's list of tactics in support of the strategies previously developed. The next step in April is defining who will be responsible for what, followed closely by recruiting efforts.
9. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***Newsletter – any update? FAQ, outreach to respondents with interest in becoming active in 14 MWA, recruiting efforts:*** Phil reported that specific themes from the survey have already been identified and he asked board members to review that document, check our website for FAQ's already listed and submit questions and answers in response to remaining survey comments not yet addressed so that the FAQ can be expanded.

ii. ***Lake Property Association Newsletters:*** Sherwood newsletter just came out.

iii. ***Nekoosa School EE presentation – Gus***: Dave T. indicated that we need to connect with them this spring.

b. **Watershed Research, stream testing, grant wrap-up – Phil** –the final grant report to DNR has been submitted for reimbursement. Lake water testing will begin in May. It was suggested that we consider starting earlier since ice is already off the lakes.

c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.**

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, awarded on 2/7 - $38,233:*** Dave T. reported that this project is supported by the Town, Visit Rome and 14 MWA and is currently 80% funded. Fundraising efforts are underway to raise an additional $6,000.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – ***Camelot erosion – awarded on 2/7 - $25,087:*** There was a Zoom call today with the DNR and no permit will be required from them, but we will need to obtain a permit from the County.

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 12 practices, grant awarded on 2/7 - $13,000:*** Dave T is wrapping up submission of the report for 2021 projects. He also shared a Powerpoint presentation on the Sherwood Fish Sticks project. This year's efforts added 30 more trees to reach a total in Sherwood of 250 trees covering all of the public property sites on the lake. Arrowhead also did a project this year and Camelot may be considering one for the future. Any private property owners who are interested should contact Dave to discuss further.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator** – signs will be available at the Farmers Market booth.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb –

i. ***Tree Sale update***: Barb reported that emails have been sent to each person ordering to confirm their order and let them know we'll contact them again with a distribution date.

ii. ***Potential to raise funds by helping WI Trapshooting Assoc***.: Volunteer help has been requested by the WTA; each volunteer can submit a non-profit organization which will receive $15 per hour worked on a 10-hour event day. Several dates are available and would greatly benefit us – please consider volunteering.

e. Partnership Development - All

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

ii. ***Networking – PACRS (Update on Meet and Greet, 3/14), River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assocl, WPVGA, other partners:*** The Meet and Greet will run from 10:30 to 2 pm on March 14 at the new Farm and Food Center; over 50 are signed up and will come from other watersheds flowing into the Wisconsin River.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Rick M reported on the Camelot fish habitat committee meeting held recently.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: John Endrizzi reported that one of the two open positions on the Drainage Board has been filled by Phil McLaughlin. The remaining open seat will be discussed at the April meeting. Rick G reported on a recent meeting in Wausau sponsored by DATCP for producer-led councils. Since they first began to form in 2016, there are now approximately 50 groups. All presentations at the meeting were made by farmers. Carl Hasdal provided an update on the nano-bubbler trial. Further discussions were held with EPA and DNR; EPA has signed off on the project. Three informational meetings will be held on April 23,24 and 25 for the lake district property owners. Details for conducting a vote on approving Project Clean by district property owners are being developed.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 4/8.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid