14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, May 13, 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, Rick Mervine, Brian Fischer and Dave Keuler. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl and Donna Hasdal, Scott Bordeau, Gus Mancuso, Jess Chipley-Trudeau, Tom Wright, Scott Provost and Keifer Sroka.
3. Review and approve minutes for April 8, 2024: Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of March April 8, 2024 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements:

- The annual State of Our Lakes will be held on June 8th
- WI Lakes and Rivers Convention was held from April 10-13 with many attendees from Rome.
- Cent WI Farm Profitability Expo, 4/24, Mid-State Tech; Phil attended and shared impressions.

5. Adams County Report:

Water Resources Update – Keifer Sroka: He shared information on the Nekoosa School visit with Anna James-Mitchell on May 8th as well as some thoughts on how to better engage the students on the fall field trip. Keifer provided an update on the status of the blockage on the Upper Camelot dam.

6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: Scott shared that Marathon County may host a summer event for the watersheds along the Wisconsin River. His area at DNR is currently short-staffed and he's been spending time on grants.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James Mitchell: No report.
8. Guest speaker(s) – **Rick Mervine: 14 Mile Watershed Strategic Planning, Distribution to Partners and Public, Recruiting, Data Mining –** Rick reviewed the finalized plan and shared priorities and tactics for the remainder of 2024. One of our biggest needs is to recruit additional people with specific capabilities and Rick will be focusing our efforts in this area. Phil shared his progress in gathering the existing data. Gus reported on the May 8th visit at Nekoosa High School and the upcoming visit on May 22 led by Carl and Barb. He will be coordinating a fall field trip with hands-on activities. Rick will give a short review at State of Our Lakes.
9. Standing Committee Reports

a. **Publicity and Community outreach – Phil**
   i. ***Signs, website, FaceBook, social media:*** He has ordered two 3' x 6' banners
   ii. ***Nekoosa School EE presentation, 5/22 – Gus***: Reported under agenda item #8.
   iii. **SOOL planning:** Next meeting is tomorrow morning and will continue until June 4.
   iv. ***Rome Farmers Market Scheduling 5/17 – 6/7:*** The first date is Friday May 17 and Phil and Brian will man the booth. May 31st – we will receive the proceeds from the Visit Rome sales at the market that date.

b. **Lake testing – Phil and Dave K** – Arrowhead and Lower Camelot were tested in April; Sherwood and Upper Camelot will be tested this month.

c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.**
   i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, fund raising for $6k:*** Dave T. reported that LCPOA raised $1,000 at their last meat raffle; LSPOA also held one at the end of April that raised $838. He also approached the Home Town Rome Players.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – ***Camelot erosion, permits Adams Co. P&Z:*** An Adams County permit application is in process for this project. He also met with Nick Homann of Lakescapes about the geologs for erosion control.

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 12 practices, grant awarded, advance of funds:*** Additional interest in future projects should be generated at SOOL and the Farmers Market.

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 all of the trees pre-ordered were picked up and that all the surplus stock was also sold.

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 June and beyond***: **Anna Mitchell, Producer Survey results –** Dave is working with Anna to set up a date for her presentation.

ii. ***Networking – PACRS, River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assocl, WPVGA, other partners:*** Scott Bordeau reported that they will be helping to plan the summer Wisconsin River Bash on July 19; it will be a family event with fun, demos and speakers from the ag community.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: none

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: Carl Hasdal reported that the nanobubbler vote to go ahead with the project was 587 to 58. Tri-Lakes also had a booth at the Lakes Convention and there was lots of interest statewide in the nanobubbler technology. Even though 100 additional barley straw bags were ordered this spring, all have already been picked up.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 6/10.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid