14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 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. ***Motion made by Tom Wright and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to add agenda item 9D-Strategy Plan Update - Rick Mervine; motion approved.***

2. Roll call/confirm quorum: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Barb Herreid, Rick Mervine, Brian Fischer and Dave Keuler. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Carl and Donna Hasdal, Scott Bordeau, Hagen Kaczmarek, Tom Wright, Pat Rogers, Anna Mitchell, Mark Samelstad, Gus Mancuso and Lynn Keuler.

3. Review and approve minutes for July 8, 2024: ***Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Rick Mervine to approve minutes of July 8, 2024 meeting as printed; motion approved***.

4. Announcements: none

5. Adams County Report:

County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek, separation of LWCD from P&Z: In a recent email, Colton advised that LWCD would once again be a stand-alone department effective January 1, 2025.

Water Resources Update – Keifer Sroka: no report

Watershed Coordinator – Heather Gayton: In a recent email, Heather advised that she is coordinating a producer meet-and-greet next week. ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Barb Herreid to provide up to $150 in support of the meeting; motion approved.***

Resource Conservationist – Tyler Torstenson-Harris: no report

6. UW –Madison Extension, Anna Mitchell: Anna promoted the upcoming Science By The River event to be held along Ben Hanson Park in Rapids on October 5th from 11 am to 2 pm. She encouraged us to participate with a Discovery Station booth about watersheds. Our model for last year's rained-out event is not in the best shape, but Anna can lend us a watershed model to use. Anna also reported on the recently-held presentation at the Rome Library on the Social Indicator Survey results that she and Guolang Liang conducted last year with producers.

7. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: no report

8. Guest Speaker – none this month

9. Standing Committee Reports

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Phil

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media:*** The August e-newsletter was recently sent. Phil and Dave are working on Discovery Farms information to share.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE presentation, 5/22 – Gus***: Gus is working with the school to set up a presentation with the 25 Environmental Sciences students for September 16 or 17.

iii. ***Rome Farmers Market Scheduling:*** 8/16 will be Phil; 8/23 – Dave K and Barb; 8/30-Barb and Brian; 9/6- Dave T and Phil.

b. Lake testing – Phil no report

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, fund raising for $6k+ Sand Valley commitment for $500-$1,000, ACEC Round-Up award for $2,000:*** Dave T. reported that the project is almost fully funded with a recent commitment from ACEC. Rick will help Dave install a silt fence on site

tomorrow morning. The vegetated mats are scheduled to arrive in late September or early October.
Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion, permits Adams Co. P&Z – no further update.

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 4 landowners, 7 practices to date, reimbursements out for 2021, signs to be distributed for completed projects -*** Dave continues to work with interested landowners.

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

d. Finance – Phil/Barb - **Updates?** No report.

Strategy Plan Update, Rick Mervine – Rick provided an update on our progress this year which included: 1) obtained water testing data so that we can work towards interpretation of it; 2) recruitment efforts have netted individuals who can help with water science and farmer science; we'll need to continue efforts to get help in other areas, especially getting our message out via social media and 3) working to establish relationships in the producer community. In November, we'll work on updating the plan for 2025.

e. Partnership Development - All

i. ***Speaker ideas for upcoming meetings?*** **Contact info for Michael J. Goc? –** Dave to reach out to him.

ii. ***Networking – PACRS, River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc, WPVGA, other partners:*** Scott Bordeau reported on the River Bash event held July 19 – more power with more groups unified towards common goals. Approximately 100 registered for the Bash.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Dave T was asked to have our booth set up at Camelot Frolics on 8/17 from 10 to 2; Dave T and Dave K will man the booth.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: Carl reported that he's been working with Kerber Rose, an accounting firm for help in setting up the budget. DNR has approved permits for the nanobubbler project and they are moving forward with the bidding process for financing. The Annual Meeting will be held 8/31 and Jay from EOR will be the guest speaker and will update everyone on timeframes for implementation etc. There will be a meeting with Visit Rome tomorrow morning.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in September is 9/9.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid