14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM
(Food and networking at 5:30 PM)

1. Call to order, confirm Zoom setup, welcome: Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll call of Directors: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Barb Herreid, Rick Mervine; absent: Brian Fischer and Dave Keuler. Also present: Heather Gayton, Mark Samelstad, Carl and Donna Hasdal, Scott Bordeau, Rick Georgeson, John Endrizzi, Jay Michels, Scott Provost and Jess Chipley-Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for June 9, 2025: ***Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Rick Mervine to approve minutes of*** **June 9, 2025** ***meeting; motion approved***.
4. Adams County Report:

County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek, LWRM 10-year plan: results of 1st Resource Advisory Committee Meeting 4/3 No update

Watershed Coordinator – Heather Gayton: She was informed earlier today that her job will expire on July 25. This will impact the implementation of the biochar grant. Additional funding of the Farmers of 14 Mile needs to be requested in September – who will handle?

Water Resources Specialist – Keifer Sroka: No report

Resource Conservationist – Tyler Torstenson-Harris: No report

5. UW –Madison Extension, Anna Mitchell – No report but she will join us next month.
6. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: Scott requested help collecting weed samples once per month from each of the lakes – Tri-Lakes is doing this and will provide Scott with the test results. The Camelot Lodge project is completed and he is just waiting for the forms to be submitted. There have been reports of kids getting sick after swimming in Lake Petenwell; he'll follow up with testing for blue-green algae. None has been noticed in the Tri-Lakes so far. Scott asked if 14 Mile is willing to meet and mentor the new lake district on Nepco – yes!
7. Evening Program: Barb Herreid, "Homegrown National Park, a grass-roots movement promoting native plants" – Barb presented a Powerpoint on this organization and their emphasis on restoring biodiversity in our communities, yard by yard.
8. Standing Committee Reports

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Phil

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access:*** We'll be putting together a July newsletter shortly and will include a reminder of the 8/23 concert at the bandshell – a fundraiser for us.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – Gus Mancuso, Save the Date, 9/16***: Gus is working towards a planning session once Mike S. returns from vacation.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign –** Phil will share the design on the pontoon with the Farmers of 14 Mile to get their reaction.

iv. **Farmers Market, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8:** Sign-ups for working the booth as follows: 7/18 – Phil and Dave T; 7/25 – Phil and Brian; 8/1 – Brian and Barb; 8/8 – Rick and Dave K.

v. **Camelot Frolic, 8/16 –** Dave T can work Camelot Frolic, but needs a 2nd volunteer. Discussion also on the continued problem of parking and boat launching off the Upper Camelot Dam. Cody has ordered signs; what about putting up a fence?

vi. Summer Concert Series, 8/23, The Blue Notes - The summer concert on 8/23 has Dave T, Rick and Phil, but will welcome additional help with beverage serving and the 50/50 raffle.

b. **Lake testing – Phil Rockenbach, CLMN testing, nutrient testing of harvester weeds:** July testing was completed on 3 of the lakes on 7/13. Shipping samples to the lab will be adjusted to better align with Rapids post office schedule. Nutrient samples are done once a month. Carl will follow up with Jay about placing a flow meter at the 8th Avenue location. Pat Rogers will be doing biochar bag testing.

c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave Trudeau:**

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park, interpretive sign development, copyrighted artwork purchases, remaining mulch applied, No Mow and No Vehicle signs selected:*** The Park Committee approved the interpretive sign and Dave will solicit bids. The No Mow and No Vehicle signs have been ordered from Amazon.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion, completed except planting, HL grant funding 3 native prairie plantings at site. The plantings have been completed.

Green Bay Packers Foundation biochar grant application (Phil) – the application has been submitted and awards will be announced this fall.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – Potential contacts from State of Our Lakes, met one on 7/10 –** Dave met with a Petenwell property owner who is interested in 5 practices.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, any discussion?** – none

d. **Finance – Phil/Barb, updates?** no report

e. **Partnership Development – All:**

i. ***Speaker ideas or discussion topics for upcoming meetings?*** **Kaysee Beckstrom, Clean Wisconsin on 8/11. Any additional suggestions?**

ii. ***Networking – PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc, WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile, other partners:*** Scott B shared that the next PACRS meeting will be 7/18. Tomorrow, he and Rick will be going to Milltrim Farms. The Wis. River Basin Bash will be held in Prairie du Sac on 8/7-registration is needed. Rick reported on a recent PACRS meeting where they had a speaker from the newly-formed department at DNR that is dedicated to Ag and Water Quality. That speaker, Joe shared that they are working towards establishing a nutrient loss strategy.

f. **Strategic Planning – Rick:** Rick will be polling the lead persons of the plans objectives to determine progress and start planning for next year.

9. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell:

10. Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Nanobubbler installation, data collection, other updates?): Carl reported that the Town has extended an offer for a zoning manager and is working on a Town Administrator. They are also looking for a specialist for IT and audio. For Tri-Lakes, Carl said that the large nanobubbler unit is installed and working on Lower Camelot; each week, two of the smaller units are being set up on Sherwood. The Milwaukee Journal is interested in doing an article on this technology. Mark reported that the wake boat issue is being worked on and that Tri-Lakes is getting assistance on a draft ordinance to present to the Town.

11. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in August is the 11th.

12. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid