14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 11, 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, Brian Fischer and Dave Keuler; absent: Rick Mervine. Also present: Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal, Scott Bordeau, Rick Georgeson, Pat Rogers, Hagen Kaczmarek, Greg Giel and Jess Chipley- Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for July 14, 2025: ***Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of*** **July 14, 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
Water Resources Specialist – Keifer Sroka: No report
Resource Conservationist – Tyler Torstenson-Harris: No report

5. UW –Madison Extension, Anna Mitchell – Science by the River is scheduled for Oct 18 in Wis. Rapids from 10 am to 1 pm; Anna passed out flyers for the Grow & Tell event sponsored by the Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri; the event will be held on Aug 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm; advance registration is required. Also, Anna shared that the Lake Nepco Celebration will be held at their park on Aug 16 from noon to 5 pm. Just a reminder that the deadline to extend funding for the Farmers of the 14 Mile is Sept 15.
6. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: No report
7. Evening Program: this month's speaker has rescheduled for the October meeting.
8. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access:*** The latest e-newsletter was issued last week and features the Walden Park Project.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – Gus Mancuso, Save the Date, 9/16***: Anna is working with Gus to set up 4 hands-on activities for 30 upper-level students. Several activities and sites were discussed.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, Visit Rome grant request, update?** Phil has submitted a grant request to Visit Rome for the sign.

iv. **Farmers Market, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5:** Sign-ups for working the booth as follows: 8/15 – Phil and Brian; 8/22 – Dave K and Brian; 8/29 – Rick and Dave T; 9/5 – Barb and Phil.

v. **Camelot Frolic, 8/16 –** Due to lack of volunteers availability, we will not participate this year

vi. Summer Concert Series, 8/23, The Blue Notes - The summer concert on 8/23 has Dave T, Rick, Dave K and Lynn, Phil and Brian will help with beverage ticket selling and the 50/50 raffle. They will have a short meeting to work out details.

b. **Lake testing – Phil Rockenbach, CLMN testing, nutrient testing of harvester weeds:** August testing has been completed and that is the last testing scheduled for this year. We need to follow up with Jay from EOR and with Scott Provost to determine the needs for future flow testing.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, interpretive sign ordered, copyrighted artwork purchased, remaining mulch applied, No Mow and No Vehicle signs selected:*** The interpretive sign has been ordered as Dave was able to negotiate a lower price so that bids do not need to be sent

out. The No Mow and No Vehicle signs have been approved by Parks and Rec and will be obtained from Amazon.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion, completed biobag planting, HL grant funding 3 native prairie plantings planned at site. The biobags have been installed and are growing and the 3 HL plantings have been planned.

Green Bay Packers Foundation biochar grant application, Visit Rome grant application and Tri-Lakes funding (Phil) – all funding requests have been submitted. Pat Rogers will be meeting with Scott Provost to determine the testing of the biochar bags and surrounding lake water for a comparison.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – Potential contacts from State of Our Lakes, following up on new contacts and reimbursements for completed projects –** Dave has been meeting with property owners and visited Greg Giel's completed project on Arrowhead earlier today. He got receipts and they can be finalized for reimbursement from the grant.

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 10/13. Any additional suggestions?**

ii. ***Networking – Report on WI River Basin Bash by attendees, PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile, other partners.*** Attendees of the WI River Basin Bash shared impressions of the topics and demos; Rick G told of the large (36") core sample of the root system of winter wheat and that it could be a good cover crop with corn. Scott B shared that the 8/15 PACRS meeting will be at Northern Bay and in October, the meeting will be at the Lester Library and Pat Oldenberg will give a TMDL update.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick: No report.

9. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: None

10. Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Nanobubbler installation, data collection, other updates?): Mark noted progress in the search for a Town Administrator; 14 applications have been received. A Zoning Administrator has accepted an offer. There will be a public information meeting on Aug 23 at 10 am on wake boats. Carl stated that the Town was successful in getting the $40 million assessment reversed and reduced. The Tri-Lakes Annual Meeting will be held on Aug 30 at the Town Hall. Tri-Lakes is also surveying members of a beach club on 8th Avenue and are hoping for a positive outcome. Seven of the nanobubbler units are now up and running.

11. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in September is the 8th.

12. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid