14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, October 13, 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 and Dave Keuler; absent: Brian Fischer. Also present: Scott Bordeau, Scott Provost, Hagen Kacamarek, Rick Georgeson and Jess Chipley- Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for September 8, 2025: ***Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of*** **September 8, 2025** ***meeting; motion approved***.
4. Adams County Report:

County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek, Updates?, Watershed Coordinator vacancy? No report
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, unable to participate in 2025 – Dave T asked about WWASH conference in the Dells in December – both Dave K and Scott B plan to attend
6. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: Scott reported that Wood Co is submitting a Surface Water Grant to cover water testing along the 4 Mile (includes Wazeecha and Nepco lakes) plus Portage County areas. There was discussion on the availability of grant funds for planning purposes, but when groups are ready to implement, there are no grants available to help them move forward. We need to involve our legislators to help them understand this and to set priorities for the DNR to address this hole in support of watershed groups' efforts.
7. Evening Program: Kaysee Beckstrom, Clean Wisconsin, orientation and partnership potential – Kaysee is now the full-time Local Partnerships Manager for Clean Wisconsin. Her role is to work with local groups like us and to help with implementation and funding of BMP's. Other areas that Clean Wisconsin is involved in include: Policy Advocacy, a Legal Team, State and Federal Lobbying, Scientific Research supplying reports and analysis and a Communications Team.
8. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access:*** The next e-newsletter will be coming out soon and will highlight Wisconsin's Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant Program with an update on the Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek. Rick is working on a submission for the Camelot newsletter and will share it with Sherwood and Arrowhead.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – Date for 2026 will be set aside in future***:

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, Visit Rome grant request, update?** We should be hearing soon on the status of the Visit Rome grant

iv. **Farmers Market, feedback on summer FM, thoughts on winter participation? –** consensus that the summer market is worthwhile, but not the winter market

b. **Lake testing – Phil Rockenbach, CLMN testing, nutrient sampling of harvester weeds:** Phil will follow up with the CLMN coordinator, Paul S. Could the UW-SP lab be used instead? Also, 15 years of data is now updated on the website

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, interpretive sign received, frame in, concrete slab poured, No Mow and No Vehicle signs received:*** the sign/frame/stand is now here and will be mounted on the completed concrete slab. It will be stored at Visit Rome over the winter. Posts are needed for the No Mow/No Vehicle signs.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot erosion grant complete, reimbursement payments received. 3 HL plantings for next season. 3 HL plantings have been planned for next season.

Green Bay Packers Foundation biochar grant application, Visit Rome grant application and Tri-Lakes funding (Phil) – all funding requests have been submitted; Phil expects to hear on the GB Packers Foundation and the Visit Rome requests in October or early November.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status –following up on new contacts and reimbursements for completed projects. 10 potential projects currently. –** Dave is finalizing and getting HL contracts signed by the property owners.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, any discussion?** – Pat Rogers collected test samples in the two coves. More data needs to be collected and evaluated to determine the value of the bags.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb, 2026 Tree and Shrub Sale, other updates? Barb shared that the new Tree and Shrub sale offerings have been announced. A new feature this year is the offering of 2 different bundles with 2 bareroots of 5 species – this should be quite popular. The sale was announced through our e-newsletter mail list and will also be sent out to each of the lake associations.

e. Partnership Development – All:

i. ***Speaker ideas or discussion topics for upcoming meetings?*** **Any additional suggestions?** Pass on ideas to Dave Trudeau.

ii. ***Networking –PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek (DATCP grant app), other partners.*** Scott B reported that the next PACRS meeting will feature Pat Oldenberg with a TMDL update. Rick G shared attendance last week at a field day; one of the farmers has been experimenting with different spacing of corn to determine the best spacing amount to maximize cover crop success as well as corn yields. Dave T and Phil are working to complete the biochar grant application to the Sand County Foundation by the Nov 3 deadline.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update: Rick reported that our 3rd year of planning is coming up with meetings scheduled for Nov and Dec. Much of our discussion will center on what we can accomplish with our personnel and the importance of further recruitment of personnel.

9. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: No report

10. Municipal reports: Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Closing and winterization of nanobubblers, Adams Cty setback variance (11-5-2025), other updates?): Town: No reports

11. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in November is the 10th.

12. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid