14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, November 10, 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, Brian Fischer and Dave Keuler; absent. Also present: Scott Bordeau, Scott Provost, Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal and Jess Chipley- Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for October 13, 2025: ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of*** **October 13, 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 10/18 - feedback– PACRS had a booth for the event and passed out 90 highlighters
6. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: Scott reported that he and Pat Rogers met re testing of biochar bags. Pat will follow up to get readings of the biochar bags prior to placing in the water so a comparison can be determined.
7. Evening Program:
8. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access:*** Rick (Crazed Old Fisherman) reported that he and Dave T (Blue-Green Algae) set up and manned a 14 Mile booth at the community Halloween party; 400 candy bars were distributed. 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 submitted an article and the tree sale information for the Camelot newsletter. Phil will be working on updating the news portion of the website.

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.

b. **Lake testing – Completed for season, nutrient sampling of harvester weeds:** Carl verified that harvester weed sampling was completed and results will be shared with Scott P and 14 Mile.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, interpretive sign received, frame in, concrete slab poured, installed for photo op, No Mow and No Vehicle signs on hand, steel posts to be purchased:*** the sign/frame/stand was mounted on the completed concrete slab, photos were taken and the sign is now stored at Visit Rome over the winter. Posts are needed for the No Mow/No Vehicle signs and will be installed next spring; also the sprinklers need to be raised because of the growth of plants.

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 application, SCF biochar grant application, Visit Rome grant application and Tri-Lakes funding (Phil) – all funding requests have been submitted. We've been notified

of partial funding on our grant request to the Green Bay Packer Foundation which will be awarded in December.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status –following up on new contacts and reimbursements for completed projects. For 2026, 5 landowners, 8 native plantings, 2 rain gardens, 4 runoff diversions (14 projects). –** Dave reported on these results for this year's grant submission to the Healthy Lakes program.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, biochar "Socks for Docks" results, any discussion?** – discussed earlier in agenda

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 – several orders have already been received; the deadline is December 15.

e. Partnership Development – All:

i. ***Speaker ideas or discussion topics for upcoming meetings?*** Pass on ideas to Dave Trudeau. Rick suggested a meeting or workshop with the Farmers of 14 Mile before the next growing season.

ii. ***Networking –PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek (DATCP grant app), other partners.*** Scott B reported that the latest PACRS meeting featured Pat Oldenberg with a TMDL update; the presentation has been posted on their website. Their next meeting is scheduled for Dec 5 and will be held at the Necedah Town Hall. The January meeting will include an update on musky stocking in Petenwell and Castle Rock. PACRS donated to the 4 Mile Creek Watershed Alliance and provided a letter of support. Rick M suggested that we do the same. Dave T and Phil reported on the funding from the DATCP grant application for a biochar reactor; we will need to find additional funds to cover a $7,000 shortfall. Several suggestions were made and they will follow up on them.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update on first planning session Goals and Objectives: Rick reported on our November meeting and shared our goals and objectives. We'll be meeting again on Dec 1 and will complete the planning by adding the tactics needed to achieve the objectives.

9. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Dave T reported that Brian and Brad Adkins are joining him on the conservation committee at Sherwood and have begun planning for the fisheree. Carl reported that 4,000 walleye were stocked in Camelot this fall and Dave added that 2,160 were added to Sherwood that same day.

10. Municipal reports: Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Closing and winterization of nanobubblers, Adams Cty setback variance (11-5-2025), relocating 8th Av unit?, other updates?): Carl reported that the nanobubbler units were turned off on Sept 30. After meeting with the County on the variance request, it was approved. Large unit on 8th Av will need to be repositioned. A location for a large unit on Sherwood needs to be determined as Beach Clubs cannot be used unless 100% of property owners agree to it. All testing was finalized at the end of October and has been submitted to the DNR. For the Town, Carl shared that the budget meeting is set for Nov 13, a meeting on the solar farm is being planned for December and there will be 2 supervisor positions open on the spring election ballot.

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

12. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid