14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, December 8, 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 (via Zoom). Also present: Scott Bordeau, Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal, Tyler Torstenson-Harris and Jess Chipley- Trudeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for November 10, 2025: ***Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Brian Fischer to approve minutes of*** **November 10, 2025** ***meeting as amended; 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: Tyler reported on shoreline assessment reports that he's been working on. The properties involved may be eligible in the future for limited cost share funding through DATCP. Examples of shoreline damage include ice heave damage, muskrats and failing seawalls. Thirteen properties on the Tri-Lakes were assessed and represent a total of 2113 feet of shoreline. Discussion on using verbiage on stabilization from the 9KEP to help justify additional future funding. Dave T shared that the Adams County Land and Water 10-Year Plan is now available. It has been approved by the LWC committee and now will go to the County Board for final approval.

5. UW –Madison Extension, Anna Mitchell – WI Water and Soil Health Conference, 12/16-17. Agriculture Water Quality Webinar Series in January through March. – Registration deadline for WWASH is next week.
6. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: No report
7. Evening Program: No program this month
8. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access:*** The December E-newsletter included a plea for donations in conjunction with Giving Tuesday and was met with some success.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – Date for 2026 will be set aside in future***: We will follow up in the spring.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, Visit Rome grant request, update?** Phil will be seeking some funding for the proposed producer water quality sign.

b. **Lake testing – Completed for season, nutrient sampling of harvester weeds:** Testing is done until May.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, ground work complete, No Mow and No Vehicle signs on hand, steel posts to be purchased:*** the posts are here and will be installed yet before the ground freezes.

Surface Water Restoration Grant –Camelot Healthy Lakes plantings, three 350 sq ft plantings for next season. 3 HL plantings have been planned for next season.

Socks for Docks - Green Bay Packers Foundation grant award, Visit Rome grant award, Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant application, The Nature Conservancy grant application for denitrifying bioreactor (FOFMC) – our grant request to the Green Bay Packers Foundation has been partially approved and will be officially announced on 12/17. Visit Rome awarded $4,000. Questions by SCF to their application are being responded to. Also, partial funding of $6,800 for a bioreactor will be awarded with funds from DATCP. An application to the Nature Conservancy for additional funds towards a bioreactor will be submitted; PACRS will provide us with a letter of support.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application submitted, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed 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", January report.** – Pat Rogers submitted test results to DNR and is awaiting an assessment from Scott Provost. Further testing protocol for 2026 needs to be established and we will coordinate the program with Tri-Lakes.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb, 2026 Tree and Shrub Sale, other updates? Tree and Shrub sale deadline is December 15.

e. Partnership Development – All:

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

ii. ***Networking –PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek (DATCP grant received), other partners.*** Scott B reported on last Friday's PACRS meeting where there was an enthusiastic discussion on Socks for Docks and getting a program going for Petenwell. He also shared several activities including 1) will be attending a workshop 12/9 at the Food + Farm Center in Plover, 2) the Civil War prints have been sold, generating some income, 3) they are working with Marathon County on manure spreading regulation, 4) the 1/16 meeting will provide an update on musky tagging program and 5) have just signed the documents to serve as the financial agent for the Friends of Roche-A-Cri funding.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update on second planning session Strategies and Tactics: Rick reported on our December meeting and shared our strategies and tactics for each of the five objectives decided on in November. Each objective will have a board person leading the activitities.

9. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Dave T is working on the Sherwood Fisheree set for Jan 17 during a no license required weekend. Proceeds go to funding Sherwood's conservation programs. Mark stated that Lake Arrowhead is planning to install additional fish sticks this winter. Camelot is trying to understand why their fish cribs are surfacing.

10. Municipal reports: Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Any nano-bubbler updates, data results or other updates?): Town: Carl reported on the 2 sessions of the Solar Public Hearing held on 12/3 with over 50 speakers. The deadline for written comments on the PSC website is Friday, 12/12. **Tri-Lakes:** All nanobubbler testing is completed and sent to the DNR; to map in the spring and possibly test dissolved oxygen levels. A variance was approved to move the large nano unit on Camelot. Tri-Lakes is planning for locations of additional units as approval comes. Mark shared that he will run again in April for the County Board. Seat changes on the Tri-Lakes board: Carl will represent the Town Board and Tim Schumacher will be the new rep for Camelot.

11. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in January is the 12th.

12. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid