# 14 Mile Watershed Alliance
# Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
# Agenda/Minutes for Monday, January 12, 2026 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. Also present: Scott Bordeau, Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal, Hagen Kaczmarek; Pat Rogers and Scott Provost (Zoom).
**3. Review and approve minutes for December 8, 2025:** ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of Dec*ember 8, 2025 *meeting; motion approved***.
**4. Announcements: 1) Central WI Farm Profitability Expo, Tuesday, 1/27, Blue Heron Brew Club, Marshfield, 10 am – 3 pm, RSVP required; 2) Fishers and Farmers Partnership: Profits from Protection webinar, 1/15, 1 pm, request link; 3) Lake Tides newsletter from WI Lakes and Rivers Partnership, updating distribution list, reply to: https://forms.gle/3hhAtCBb2BN7dwqS6 4) Water Action Volunteers (WAV) Program, Winter Water Talks, Wednesday, 1/14, noon, Register at: https://wateractionvolunteers.org/events/ Topics – Where our Waters Come From (groundwater); 5) 2026 Lakes and Rivers Convention, April 15-17, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point, Early bird registration ends 2/1 (20% discount), www. wisconsinwaterweek.org/agenda/**
**5. 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

**6. UW –Madison Extension, Anna Mitchell – WI Water and Soil Health Conference, 12/16-17 (Dave Keuler/Scott Bordeau).** Both reported on this well-attended, informative conference which included a session on bioreactors presented by UW-Madison. **Agriculture Water Quality Webinar Series in January through March –** no information has been received yet
**7. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost:** UW-SP may be interested in doing a study on the nanobubblers
**8. Evening Program:** No program this month
**9. Standing Committee Reports**

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access:*** The January E-newsletter will include information on the Green Bay Packers Foundation grant and the List of Accomplishments for 2025. Phil and Dave will work on adding a page on the website about the Walden Project.

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 and would like some feedback from the Farmers of 14 Mile Creek.

**b. Lake testing – Completed for season:** Phil is hopeful that switching from USPS to UPS for submitting samples will improve the transportation delay issues.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, field work completed, update:*** project is finished and reimbursements from grant are expected soon. He's working on adding more native plantings. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot Healthy Lakes plantings, three 350 sq ft plantings for next season, plants should be ordered by February –*** Rick will follow up to ensure plants are ordered this month for best availability.

**Socks for Docks - Green Bay Packers Foundation grant award, Visit Rome grant award, Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant application progress, The Nature Conservancy grant application for denitrifying bioreactor (FOFMC) –** our grant request to the Green Bay Packers Foundation was approved for $3,000. Visit Rome awarded $4,000. The application to the Sand County Foundation is in progress and will be submitted by the end of January. An application to the Nature Conservancy for additional funds towards a bioreactor will also be submitted.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application submitted, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed projects** Dave reported he is waiting to hear on this year's grant applications.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, biochar "Socks for Docks", data report discussion** – Pat Rogers shared test results for the first year of her Biochar Bags in the Bay project. Her report highlighted that the July testing did show removal of Nitrogen and Phosphate, and further, the September testing showed 3 times the amount of N removed since July and 2 times the amount of P. After discussing it with Scott Provost, some further testing protocol for 2026 needs to be established. The testing changes will result in being able to extrapolate the impact of N/P removed by the bags compared to how much N/P in in the lake water. Additional data can further answer questions on the overall effectiveness in different areas of the lakes. Also, we need to determine how many bags would be needed in larger areas than the bay that was tested. Scott feels it shows promise as a better option than barley straw bags. It will also be interesting to see if there will be synergy with the nanobubblers. Tri-Lakes will be making a decision on barley straw at their next meeting; both Tri-Lakes and PACRS are interested and suggested combining orders to get better pricing and reduced freight costs. Hagen asked about any ditch clean-up projects that might benefit as well.

**d. Finance – Phil/Barb, 2026 Tree and Shrub Sale, other updates?** Tree and Shrub order has been submitted to ACLW; delivery is expected at end of April/early May.

**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 , other partners.*** Scott B reported that their next meeting is on 1/16 and Jennifer Bergman will be sharing pit tagging efforts. Dave T. will follow up with the Farmers of 14 Mile Creek to set up a joint meeting.

**f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update on feedback and implementing 2026 plan –** the finalized plan will be discussed further tomorrow at the Board meeting. Rick has been discussing the possibility of joining recruitment efforts with PACRS.

**10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell:** Dave T reported on the Sherwood Fisheree set for Jan 17 during a no license-required weekend. Proceeds go to funding Sherwood's conservation programs. Camelot has their board meeting on 1/17 and will be discussing fish cribs surfacing issues.

**11. Municipal reports: Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Any nano-bubbler updates, data results or other updates?): Town:** Carl reported that a 25-page brief prepared by Nextera's attorneys has been posted and that the Town will respond. To avoid the incorrect tax bills being sent out in the future, a CPA at Kerber Rose will train staff and also review calculations related to the TIF district. At the 1/15 board meeting, wake boats will be discussed to start the process to have an ordinance in place for the upcoming season. **Tri-Lakes:** All nanobubbler testing results have been submitted to the DNR and we are awaiting approvals to expand the number of units.

**12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in Febuary is the 9th.**

**13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid