14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, February 9, 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 (via Zoom). Also present: Rick Georgeson, Jess Trudeau, Keifer Sroka, Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal; also, Scott Provost and Scott Bordeau (Zoom).
3. Review and approve minutes for January 12, 2026: ***Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Rick Mervine to approve minutes of January 12, 2026 meeting as amended; motion approved***.
4. Announcements: 1) Central WI Farm Profitability Expo, Tuesday, 1/27, Marshfield, report – Dave Trudeau reported on two panel discussions on cover crops and crop diversity as well as a presentation by Pheasants Forever. **2) Fishers and Farmers Partnership: Profits from Protection webinar, 1/15, 1 pm, report –** Dave also reported on a Spring Green farmer who worked to improve the soil health on his land adjacent to a trout stream and how this change brought back native brook trout **3) WAV Winter Water Talks, Wednesday, 1/14, How Streams Get Their Water, report –** mapping stream efforts was discussed and 4**) 2026 Lakes and Rivers Convention, April 15-17, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point,**
5. Adams County Report:

County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek, Updates?, Watershed Coordinator vacancy? No report

Water Resources Specialist – Keifer Sroka, Additional Walden native plantings, Home Grown National Park program: Keifer reported on 1) he is working with Wood County and Golden Sands RCD on a project to survey any invasive species in cranberry bogs; 2) the Leola Ditch where invasive phragmites was removed will be reseeded; 3) he has completed drone training; 4) he is working on a grant for a project on Friendship Lake and 5) he shared plans for native plantings at Walden Park as well as adding some oak trees , a rain garden and interpretive trail. Funding is needed and he outlined the potential costs. Land and Water are willing to provide labor for the project.

Resource Conservationist – Tyler Torstenson-Harris: No report

6. UW –Madison Extension, Anna Mitchell – No report
7. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: Scott reported on grants that have been approved in Central Wisconsin. Pat Oldenberg has retired. EOR will be presenting results of their testing in 2025. Dave T would like to set up a meeting with Scott to develop a testing protocol for 2026 for the Socks for Docks. Scott will be doing a Wed workshop and Fri presentation at Lakes and Rivers Convention. Parting words from Scott: "Concentrate on implementation!"
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:*** Phil suggested a topic for the Feb newsletter: conservation practices planned for this year including the biochar grant from Sand County Foundation, the Socks for Docks and Healthy Lakes. Lake association newsletters deadlines are coming up – Rick will work on an article to share with each association.

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?** This will be pursued further at the Farm & Food meeting later this month.

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 but signage will be installed in April; ***Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot Healthy Lakes plantings, three 350 sq ft plantings for next season, plants should be ordered by February –***

Socks for Docks - Green Bay Packers Foundation grant award, Visit Rome grant award

FOFMC: Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant application submitted – This grant was just approved today - $62,500! **The Nature Conservancy (TNC) grant application for denitrifying bioreactor, awards by mid-February –**

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application submitted, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed projects, in progress** Dave reported that he is sending out information for ordering plants for this spring

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, biochar "Socks for Docks" implementation plan** – Tri-Lakes will be discontinuing distribution of barley bags. Both PACRS and Tri-Lakes are interested in a joint order.

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. An internal audit was completed in January.

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 (slide presentation at DATCP Farmer-Led Annual Workshop, February 24, Food+Farm Exploration Center), other partners.*** Scott B reported their 1/16 meeting where Jennifer Bergman shared information on muskie pit tagging efforts. Their next meeting will be in March.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update on implementing 2026 plan – each objective for the year has a board member coordinating efforts in that area and we're moving forward with the plan.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Dave T reported on the success of the Sherwood Fisheree held on Jan 17. Proceeds go to funding Sherwood's conservation programs and were boosted this year with a silent auction for golf foursomes at both Sand Valley and Lake Arrowhead. Each lake association met with Jennifer Bergmann for an annual fish status update. Mark S reported on the fish stick project that was worked on today at Arrowhead with 4 to 5 bundles placed on the south side of the lake. Reps from Camelot were also there and may want to implement a project next year. There will be a fisheree on Camelot on Feb 21.

11. Municipal reports: Town, County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Any nano-bubbler updates, data results or other updates?): Town: Carl reported that a PSC matrix of issues for the proposed solar farm has been published and the Town's response is being prepared. A wake boat ordinance will be discussed at the Feb 19 meeting. **Tri-Lakes:** EOR gave a presentation at the last meeting; there are some additional test results expected. The Town has now included nanobubblers as part of the town's utilities.

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

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid