14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, April 13, 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 and Dave Keuler. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal, Brian Fischer, Greg Giel, John & Jean Endrizzi, Jess Chipley-Trudeau and Scott Bordeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for March 9, 2026: ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of March 9, 2026 meeting; motion approved***.
4. Announcements: 2026 Lakes and Rivers Convention, April 15-17, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point – many of us will be attending. Dave also mentioned that all of the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance officers were re-elected for another year: President-Dave Trudeau, V-P-Dave Keuler, Treasurer-Phil Rockenbach, Secretary-Barb Herreid.
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, meeting with Parks and Rec Committee and approval by Rome Town Board: No report

Resource Conservationist – Tyler Torstenson-Harris: No report

6. UW –Madison Extension, Position Vacant – No report
7. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: No report
8. Evening Program or guest speaker:
9. Standing Committee Reports

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Phil

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access, Lake Association Newsletter submission update:*** Phil reported that the e-newsletter was sent out last week with the topic of protecting groundwater.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – Earth Day Program update:*** Barb reported that we will be providing 3 topics in the morning: 1) Get Involved! Citizen Volunteers Can Make a Difference! by Rick Georgeson, 2) Water Testing Through Wisconsin's statewide Citizen Lake Monitoring Network program by Rick Mervine and 3) Plant Native and Become Part of the Homegrown National Park Movement by Barb Herreid. After lunch, 15 students will join Tri-Lakes at the 8th Avenue boat landing to learn about the Nanobubbler Iniative.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, any update? PACRS donation:** Phil is working on finalizing; donations toward the sign have been received from PACRS and WPVGA. Once a couple more donations have been received, Phil will go ahead and order the sign.

iv. **Farmers Market:** The Farmers Market will start up on May 15. The first two weeks are covered, but 5/29 is open. On the July 3rd date, we will receive the sales proceeds from Visit Rome.

v. **SOOL planning**: Bi-weekly planning meetings will begin on Tuesday, April 21. Kwik Trip will once again help us with sodas at cost as well as distributing event flyers for the June 6th State of Our Lakes.

vi. **Info packet for new property owners:** Barb has identified new shoreline property owners from 2024 and 2025 and will be finalizing a mailing to them with helpful information on key topics to protect water quality. We will order pocket folders to send it out to them.

b. Lake testing – New season update: Testing will begin shortly once the test kits are received from Keifer.

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave Trudeau:

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, field work completed, signage to be installed in April, QR code info****:* signage will be installed in April.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot Healthy Lakes plantings, three 350 sq ft plantings for this season, plants should have been ordered – planting will take place this spring after the docks have been installed.

Socks for Docks - Green Bay Packers Foundation grant award ($3K), Visit Rome grant award ($4K), Incourage Foundation award ($2.2K) Biochar sock order update: 500 bags were ordered today (200 for 14Mile, 200 for Tri-Lakes and 100 for PACRS). They will be shipped by the end of April. We will be using the same protocol for testing as Lake Wissota. Fourteen of the bags (sentinel bags) will be tested three times over the summer. We may produce a short video showing how to install the bags.

Walden Homegrown National Park initiative – VR grant to be submitted plus fundraising if needed: a native planting is planned to cover 2/5 acre at the park and a grant submission will be sent to Visit Rome for some of the funding.

FOFMC: Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant awarded ($62.25 for year one), Denitrifying bioreactor – VR grant application, DATCP funding ($7.5k), PACRS donation ($2k)

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application submitted, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed projects, 2023 HL projects ready to submit and wrap up, advance for 2026 HL projects** Dave reported that the 2023 grant project report was approved and reimbursements will follow.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, biochar "Socks for Docks" implementation plan** – covered earlier in the agenda

iv. **Request for support for turtle crossing on S Curve, update?:** Phil to contact the County sign department.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb, 2026 Tree and Shrub Sale dates and times, other updates? Trees and Shrub order will be delivered to us on April 15; we will bundle up the individual orders on Friday and distribution will take place on Saturday, April 18 at Tri-Lakes.

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 Bordeau reported that PACRS will be supplying a 4' piece of rope for hanging the Socks for Docks. Their next meeting is April 24. Rick shared his impressions of the recent Common Ground meeting in Marathon County.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update on implementing 2026 plan – Rick reported that we all are working on the plan for 2026 to meet or exceed all of our key objectives.

10. Lake reports – Small tree saplings have sprouted up on the Sherwood Dam and will need to be removed.

11. Municipal reports: Town (Solar Farm, Wake Boat ordinance), County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Any nano-bubbler updates, data results at next meeting?), other updates?: Town: Carl gave an update on: 1) the solar farm, 2) an emergency response warning system will be implemented, 3) 3 new housing projects in the Town, 4) a grant committee is forming and Taylor will be attending training for it and 5) work on the Wake Boat ordinance is moving forward. Tri-Lakes provided an update on the Nanobubbler Initiative.

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

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid