14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, May 11, 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, Brian Fischer, John & Jean Endrizzi, Jess Chipley-Trudeau, Jay Michels and Scott Bordeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for April 13, 2026: ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of April 13, 2026 meeting; motion approved***.
4. Announcements: UW-Extension: Ag Water Webinar Series for 2026 – All of the webinars are now online at https://agwater.extension.wisc.edu/webinars/#recordings
5. Adams County LWCD Report(s):

County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek, Updates?, Adams Co 10-year PlanWatershed Coordinator vacancy? No report
Water Resources Specialist – Keifer Sroka, Additional Walden native: 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 Rockenbach**

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access, Lake Association Newsletter submission update:*** Phil reported that the e-newsletter will be ready shortly; all lake associations received our spring update for publication in their newsletters.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – Earth Day Program report by participants:*** Rick Georgeson, Rick Mervine and Barb Herreid shared their positive impressions of the Earth Day program at Nekoosa High School. All grade levels were included and received 4 sessions in the morning. The students were very attentive and asked good questions. It was a very well-organized event.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, any update? PACRS donation:** Phil continues to work on soliciting donations so the sign can be ordered and installed. It was noted that our current sign on 5th Avenue was recently damaged by strong winds; Phil is working with the sign company to repair it.

iv. **Farmers Market – begins 5/15:** Dates through 6/5 were lined up and all have access to the sign-up spreadsheet.

v. **SOOL planning - Updates**: Anna Wilkinson and Jen Bergman are confirmed speakers; one additional speaker is being worked on.

vi. **Info packet for new property owners:** Rick M will provide info on pocket folders and then we can proceed with the mailing.

b. **Lake testing – New season update:** Both Arrowhead and Sherwood have been completed. The new procedure for submitting test vials to the lab is working well; Phil's shipment arrived the next day in Madison! All equipment and supplies are on hand for the remainder of the season.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park, field work completed, signage to be installed in May, QR code info:*** The sign will be installed tomorrow afternoon; Phil, Brian and John Endrizzi will assist Dave Trudeau. Dave is finalizing paperwork to submit a final report for grant reimbursement. **Please visit the Walden Park restoration interpretive info using the following QR code and provide feedback:**

Walden Park interpretive sign QR code:

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot Healthy Lakes plantings, three 350 sq ft plantings for this season, revisited site, plants should have been ordered – planting will take place this spring and a deer fence has been suggested to protect the plantings.

Socks for Docks - Green Bay Packers Foundation grant award ($3K), Visit Rome grant award ($4K), Incourage Foundation award ($2.2K) Biochar sock order arrived and in storage at Tri-Lakes. Biochar sock deployment update: Our share of 200 bags plus Tri-Lakes share of 200 are being held at the Tri-Lakes garage. Further discussion with Jay Michels of EOR concerning the placement of the bags such that they do not affect the nanobubbler testing results. Jay advised not placing in the same bay as a nano unit and in other areas, at least 1 acre distance from a nano unit. A further check with Scott Provost will take place to see what he advises for a limited test of a sock close to a nano unit to determine if additional benefits will be gained.

Walden Homegrown National Park initiative – VR grant to be submitted. Additional fundraising will be planned if needed: The Visit Rome board will be deciding on grants on 5/12.

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) Discussion on the Biochar Now product and why their production process makes it the preferred product. It has been certified and is a NRCS-approved practice.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application submitted, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed projects, 2023 HL project reimbursement has been submitted, advance for 2026 HL projects received.** Dave is waiting for 2023 reimbursement and is engaged in recruiting and answering questions for future projects.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, biochar "Socks for Docks" implementation plan discussed in grant report above.**

iv. **Request for support for turtle crossing on S Curve, update?:** Phil contacted the County sign department and they have declined to provide a sign.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb, 2026 Tree and Shrub Sale results, other finance related updates? Phil reported that higher prices for the bundles decreased our profit this year to around $500. We will need to re-evaluate prices for next year.

e. Partnership Development – All:

i. ***Speaker ideas or discussion topics for upcoming meetings?*** **Lakes and Rivers Convention summaries:** Dave T suggested that each board member do a 5-minute presentation of a subject from the recent Lakes and Rivers convention.

ii. ***Networking –PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek, other partners.*** Scott Bordeau picked up the 100 socks ordered by PACRS; 60 will be placed on Petenwell and 40 on Castle Rock. A 4' rope will be supplied. They will submit their testing to the lab at UW-River Falls. The next PACRS meeting will be 5/15 at Rustic Ridge on Castle Rock Lake.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, update on implementing 2026 plan – Rick noted that each one of our objectives will be addressed by our annual State of Our Lakes event scheduled for June 6.

10. Lake reports – Small tree saplings have sprouted up on the Sherwood Dam and will be addressed this summer by Adams County Land & Water.

11. Municipal reports: Town (Solar Farm, Wake Boat ordinance), County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes (Any nano-bubbler updates, data results, 2026 implementation?), other updates?: Town: Mark reported that the PSC gave final approval to the project; the Town will appeal to the Circuit Court. The Wake ordinance has been written and is being reviewed by their attorney; it will be acted on at the next board meeting; a public meeting is being planned and they are hoping to implement the ordinance this summer. Ten nanobubbler units on Sherwood will be turned on this Friday; three of them will be tested with ozone. Sites on Arrowhead and Camelot need to be determined. John Endrizzi reported the Drainage District will be meeting next week.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid