14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, June 8, 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 and Rick Mervine; absent - Dave Keuler. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl Hasdal, Pat Rogers, Brian Fischer, Jess Chipley-Trudeau and Scott Bordeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for May 11, 2026: ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of May 11, 2026 meeting; motion approved***.
4. Announcements: Educational Television recommendation: PRAIRIE PROPHET$, Solarus Cable channel 72, RFD Network or view past episodes at https://prairieprophets.com Dave encouraged watching episodes
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: Lakes and Rivers Convention Quick Hits summary: Lake Carrying Capacity Analysis, Justin Poinsatte (Trudeau) Dave walked us through the highlights of this presentation from the Lakes and Rivers Convention.
9. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access, Lake Association Newsletters:*** Phil reported that the e-newsletter will be ready shortly and will feature a recap of State of Our Lakes event. Phil has added a page to the website featuring agriculture in the watershed.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – next program in fall:*** We'll need to start planning soon.

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.

iv. **Farmers Market – 6/12 BH & BF, 6/19 ?, 6/26 ?, 7/3 BH & RM, 7/10 ?:** Phil and Dave T volunteered for 6/19; Brian for 6/26, 7/3 added Dave K as this is our day for Visit Rome sales and Brian added for 7/10. Another volunteer is still needed for both 6/26 and 7/10.

v. **SOOL debrief and feedback:** Comments shared: the start of the event was better organized and helped to keep the time close to the schedule; new set-up for lunch was efficient; help from the ski team was great!; Brian saved us from a technology glitch; Jeremie Pavelski did a great job and enjoyed it; attendance was down from last year, but very attentive; a topic suggestion for next year was discussing the sources of algae; topics need to be published earlier to encourage attendance; repeat having an ADA table again; dates for 2027 have been reserved with the Town.

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

b. **Lake testing – update:** May tests were completed and arrived at the lab the next day – the new return procedure is working!

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, interpretive sign in place, additional signage to be installed soon***

Surface Water Restoration Grant – Camelot Healthy Lakes plantings, three 350 sq ft plantings for this season, revisited site, OPTED OUT – the Board at Camelot has decided not to complete the project as planned.

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: Pat had a sign-up at State of Our Lakes and got additional names. Upper Camelot and Arrowhead are prioritized for this summer. She will also have socks available at the 6/20 Camelot annual meeting. Phil will handle Arrowhead; Pat will do Camelot and then Sherwood. Fourteen 'sentinel' bags will be placed and they are set up for 3 tests to be performed over the summer months. We'll need to follow-up with a reminder in September for property owners to pull out the bags and hold for use next year and possibly the following year.

Walden Homegrown National Park initiative – VR grant awarded, $4,750. Additional fundraising will be planned if needed: The grant was issued to the Town to help with the cost of expanded water lines in support of the project.

FOFMC: Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant awarded ($62.25 for year one), Denitrifying bioreactor – VR grant award - $10,000, DATCP funding ($7.5k), PACRS donation ($2k) Phil is drafting independent contractor agreements for Heather and Kristen.

ii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application approved $14,000 and 25% advance received, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed projects, 2023 HL project reimbursement was submitted on 4/13.** Dave noted that 5 property owners signed up at State of Our Lakes. He will be checking on reimbursements for previous years.

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

d. Finance – Phil/Barb, any updates? Phil reported that the raffle and silent auction at State of Our Lakes was down about 30% from last year. He will follow up with Tri-Lakes and the Town for their portion of the event's expenses.

e. Partnership Development – All:

i. ***Speaker ideas or discussion topics for upcoming meetings?*** **Additional 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 shared that PACRS had handed out socks in early May. He's received positive feedback on the project. June 19 is their next meeting and also their day for VR sales at the Farmers Market.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, any update? – Rick noted that State of Our Lakes event saw each one of our plan objectives in action. We'll now be shifting over to implementation of funded projects and grants.

10. Lake reports –

11. Municipal reports: Town (Solar Farm, Wake Boat ordinance), County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes, other updates?: Town: Carl reported that the County has also filed suit against the PSC. The wellhead protection zone may be approved next week with support received from DNR. The wake boat ordinance was approved by DNR and will be on the Town's agenda for a vote at the July meeting. The nanobubbler units on Sherwood were turned on May 15; the big unit on Lower Camelot is about to be turned on after the move to the new location and set-up.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in July is the 13th.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid