14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, July 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 6:01 pm.
2. Roll call of Directors: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Barb Herreid, Dave Keuler and Rick Mervine. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Pat Rogers, Brian Fischer, Jess Chipley-Trudeau, Hagen Kaczmarek and Scott Bordeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for June 8, 2026: ***Motion made by Rick Mervine and seconded by Phil Rockenbach to approve minutes of June 8, 2026 meeting; motion approved***.
4. Announcements: Lakes at Stake WI, New Wakeboat Research video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrgmKutRs28 **Dave T recommended; about 3 minutes in length.**
5. Adams County LWCD Report(s): Comments on issues along the Evacuation Route and also the proposed ADA accessible fishing pier on Upper Camelot.

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 – Dave Keuler attended the recent Scoping Session to provide input on our group's needs for this position. He indicated that they are planning to combine the groundwater and surface water positions. The position has not yet been posted.
7. WI DNR Update - Scott Provost: No report
8. Evening Program or guest speaker: none this month; Dave K will present next month.
9. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access, Lake Association Newsletters:*** The July e-newsletter will be sent later this month or combined with August.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – next program in fall:*** Barb will contact Gus to get a date for the fall.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, any update? Additional donations, FOFMC logo:** Phil contacted Rapids Signs to get an updated quote for the sign and he will also work on a proposed logo.

iv. **Farmers Market 7/17 DK and RM, 7/24 BH and BF, 7/31 BF and ?, 8/7 BH and ?:** Phil volunteered for 7/31 and Dave T will cover 8/7.

v. **Info packet for new property owners:** Barb shared the final version of the packet and will begin sending out to the most recent new shoreline owners from 2026 and 2025 followed by 2024.

b. **Lake testing – update:** June tests were completed and arrived at the lab the next day – the new return procedure is working! Earlier testing results are starting to be posted on SWIMS. July testing is in progress.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, additional signage complete, reimbursement to Town applied for. Distribution from DRAFT soon:*** The small signs were installed last week. Dave spelled out the amounts from the grant and donations to both the Town and 14 Mile.

ii. **Socks for Docks – Biochar sock deployment update:** Pat Rogers and Phil have distributed all but 20 of the 200 bags. Tri-Lakes bags have also been popular with lots of pick-ups. Phil will collect samples for testing from the 14 sentinel bags, freeze them and Pat will deliver to the lab

up north; a dry sample of the biochar will also be supplied to serve as a baseline. Scott Bordeau reported that all of their bags are out and they will only test in September.

Walden Home Grown National Park initiative – Visit Rome grant awarded, $4,750. Additional fundraising planned. Incourage grant for up to $2,500 will be submitted by PACRS. Up to $2,000 approved by Town of Rome. Dave T estimated the total cost to be $9,700

FOFMC: Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant awarded ($62.25 for year one): Contractors' agreements have been sent to Kristen and Heather; once signed, we'll be able to pay them for their activities with a 1099 issued at year-end. Heather indicated that she will be setting up a meeting with the 2 farmers' groups (FOFMC and Roche-a-Cri); once the farmers are lined up, Pat Rogers said that delivery could be made in about a week.

Denitrifying bioreactor – VR grant award - $10,000, DATCP funding ($7.5k), PACRS donation ($2k) update on implementation: a good meeting with Scott Provost and Greg Sager was recently held and the project can start to be implemented. Scott will contact NRCS to assess and design the chosen site; the size is 20' x 80'; they may do one normal plus 1 that includes 50% biochar mixed in with the wood chips to determine if there is a difference in results.

iii. **Healthy Lakes status – 2026 HL application approved $14,000 and 25% advance received, following up on reimbursements for 2022 – 2025 completed projects (some from grant advance), 2023 HL project reimbursement received, review of DNR bookkeeping.** Dave will follow up on perceived overpayment from DNR.

iv. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator, biochar "Socks for Docks" implementation plan discussed in grant report above.** No further report.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb, any updates? No report.

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. Dave K. will present in August.

ii. ***Networking –PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek, other partners.*** Scott Bordeau reported that their next meeting is Friday at the Necedah Town Hall where they will be discussing their protocol to use for testing of the Socks for Docks. The water quality on Petenwell has been variable.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, any update? – Rick noted that we're in the 'grind it out' portion of this year's plan. Recruiting has to be a priority.

10. Lake reports – No reports.

11. Municipal reports: Town (Solar Farm, Wake Boat ordinance), County, Leola Drainage District, Tri-Lakes, other updates?: Town: Mark reported that the solar farm is on the July agenda; the proposed wake boat ordinance will have a separate meeting on July 23. Five nanobubbler units have been placed on Camelot, but not yet turned on, pending approval from DNR. Lake Arrowhead will receive 5 units sometime this year with power already in place.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in August is the 10th.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid