14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, August 10, 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, Dave Keuler and Rick Mervine. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Pat Rogers, Brian Fischer, Jess Chipley-Trudeau, Carl Hasdal and Scott Bordeau.
3. Review and approve minutes for July 13, 2026: ***Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Rick Mervine to approve minutes of July 13, 2026 meeting; motion approved***.
4. Announcements: WWASH, December 15-16, 90 scholarships for first time farmers
5. Adams County LWCD Report(s):

County Conservationist – Colton Wolosek, Updates?, Adams Co 10-year Plan Watershed Coordinator vacancy, 9-KEP? No report
Water Resources Specialist – Keifer Sroka, Walden native planting: 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: Dave K presented Managing Runoff with HL Practices from session at the State Lakes and Rivers Convention; a nifty garden design exercise was part of the session and Dave used it to design a bed for his property.
9. Standing Committee Reports

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

i. ***E-newsletter, website, FaceBook, social media, Email access, Lake Association Newsletters:*** The August e-newsletter was distributed this morning and focused on the wake boat ordinance. Rick shared the new joint recruiting ad for 14 Mile and PACRS that he created with Canva. As a non-profit, we will be eligible for a free pro subscription to Canva and that it will also support video creations that can be used for Socks and other topics.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE coordination – next program in fall:*** Barb gave an update on difficulties setting up a fall field trip; Gus is suggesting to Nekoosa HS that we do Earth Day one year followed by a fall field trip the following year; no fall field trip for 2026.

iii. **Proposed producer water quality sign, any update? Additional donations, FOFMC logo, Phil and Rick M:** Rick created a logo that will be offered to FOFMC. Discussion on 9/15 deadline to apply for Producer-Led group funding for 2027. Phil and Dave T will review this year's submission. Rick is exploring software that can help us track grants. Dave T will also follow up with Scott Provost on the bioreactor progress.

iv. **Farmers Market 8/14 DK & BF, 8/21 BF & RM, 8/28 DK & PR, 9/4 BH & BF, 9/11 DT & DK:**

v. **Info packet for new property owners:** Barb added the New Lake Rules poster to the info packet and sent them out to all new shoreline owners for 2025 and 2024. Next will be 2026 and she will look at getting a listing from the Town of rental units to include in the future.

b. **Lake testing – update:** July tests were completed and August testing will be the last for the year.

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

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant – Walden Park, additional forms request completed, reimbursement to Town applied for. Distribution from DRAFT soon. NEW Surface Water Grant pre-applications due by 9/15. Final due 11/16:*** Dave T provided update

ii. **Socks for Docks – Biochar sock deployment update. Next sentinel sample?:** Pat Rogers and Phil have deployed all of the 200 bags. Tri-Lakes bags have also been popular with lots of pick-

ups there as well as distribution at our Farmers Market booth. The 1st round of sentinel samples was taken to the River Falls lab by Pat. One of the original tests recommended needs to be replaced at a higher price, but lab will honor original price quoted. As email addresses were collected as the bags were disbursed, Pat has been able to send out reminders and will send year-end instructions. Rick offered to do a video.

Walden Home Grown National Park initiative – Visit Rome grant awarded, $4,750. Additional fundraising planned. Incourage grant for $2,011 . . . thank you PACRS. Up to $2,000 approved by Town of Rome. Around $60 from DRAFT. The property has been tilled and sprinkler system installed; will seed it this fall.

FOFMC: Carbon Soil Amendment – SCF biochar grant awarded ($62,250 for year one): A meeting set for 8/6 needs to be rescheduled.

Denitrifying bioreactor – VR grant award - $10,000, DATCP funding ($7.5k), PACRS donation ($2k) update on implementation:

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 has paid out the 2023 reimbursements and will work with DNR on what is believed to be an overpayment.

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:**

ii. ***Networking –PACRS, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc., WPVGA, Farmers of the 14 Mile Creek, other partners.*** Scott Bordeau reported that their next meeting will be held at the Buckhorn Bar & Grill on Castle Rock. They are targeting September for pulling Socks. Their annual meeting will be held 9/18 at Necedah National Wildlife.

f. Strategic Planning – Rick Mervine, any update? – a recruiting ad was carried earlier in the meeting.

10. Lake reports – No reports.

11. Municipal reports: Town (Solar Farm, Wake Boat ordinance implementation), Tri-Lakes (nanobubbler update, Annual meeting), County, Leola Drainage District, other updates?: Town: Carl reported that the solar farm court date is 10/26; the County has also filed a complaint. Five candidates for the Town Administrator will be interviewed next week. The Town is dealing with cell phone issues. **Tri-Lakes*:*** Mark is trying to set up a meeting with the DNR Secretary to share the nanobubbler project. Five nanobubbler units have been placed on Camelot and are now running. Lake Arrowhead will receive 5 units sometime this year with power already in place. The Annual Meeting will be held on September 5.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday in September is the 14th.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid