

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**January 24, 2013**

**Members:** Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain)

**Absent/Excused:** Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Kim Kriedwald (C-Merrill), Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Joe Eichsteadt (C-Wisconsin Rapids)

**Others:** Ann Hirekatur (DNR), Rebecca Frisch (Marathon County), Kevin Lang (Marathon County), Valerie Parker (V-Weston), Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions); Archie Becher, Ryan Arnold (Becher-Hoppe Engineers, Inc.); Jay Knoke (CWE); Kirk Langfoss, Andy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Dave Mack, Lane Loveland, Ken Pozorski, Shawn Esser, Angela Wenninger, Paul Daigle, Dale Dimond (Marathon County); Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Pat Peckham (City Pages)

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being properly signed and posted, Wessel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department's Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the December 6, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** Correction to the minutes – Kevin Lang was incorrectly listed as Marathon County's representative. **MOTION / SECOND BY TURCHI / VERGARA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 MEETING AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

3. Wisconsin River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study – Ann Hirekatur.

**Discussion:** Ann Hirekatur, DNR project manager, presented on the Wisconsin River TMDL. The presentation covered:

- Need for more consistency state-wide regarding the development of TMDLs;
- How the river got to its current condition:
  - Scope of the TMDL – upstream from Lake Wisconsin;
  - The condition of Castle Rock/Petenwell area as the driving force behind the TMDL;
  - Political and financial background;
  - Responsibilities of the DNR and the US Army Corps of Engineers;
  - 19 monitoring stations on the river's main stem, 28 on tributaries, and 21 in reservoirs to determine Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Total Phosphorous (TP);
- Where the project is going:
  - Monitoring continues, modeling has begun, result to be allocations determination;
  - The TMDL development process:
    - Draft TMDL will undergo an internal review and public comment;
    - The final TMDL will be submitted to the EPA for approval, anticipated to be by 2017;
    - The TMDL will be implemented;
- The TMDLs impact to municipalities:
  - MS4 permits were defined;
  - Future issue of unregulated/unpermitted municipalities contributing to issues downstream;
  - How allocations and baseline loads are to be calculated;
  - Compliance schedules for municipalities with MS4 permits;
- Additional information regarding the Castle Rock/Petenwell TMDL process and its Implementation Team is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TMDLs/RockRiver.html>;
- March 28, 2013 – DNR symposium on TMDLs to be held in Stevens Point;

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- The DNR was forming a technical advisory group and would like a member from the coalition as a representative of urban municipalities;

Other topics discussed included: TSS and TP considerations for municipal projects, the possibility of approaching UWSP and Baraboo regarding joining the coalition to make a more unified and effective voice for the area, the need for the coalition to be represented on the DNR's technical advisory group to remain informed of developments related to the TMDL, adding TMDLs to the agenda for the upcoming spring conference in LaCrosse, the possibility of contacting the Castle Rock/Petenwell group, and the disparity between the standards for municipalities and agricultural producers.

Action: **NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Schoen to contact organizers of the spring conference regarding the addition of TMDLs to the conference agenda; Wessel to contact the Castle Rock/Petenwell group.

#### 4. Announcements.

Discussion:

- Marathon County has joined the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) and, as a result, all municipalities within the county are now members;
  - Conservation, Planning and Zoning will be shifting the administrative functions of the coalition to the NCWRPC including posting agendas, minutes and fiscal administration;
  - The by-laws will have to be reviewed to see if this move has any related impact;
- A UWSP student has expressed interest in the possibility of an education and outreach project.

Action: **NONE TAKEN.**

Follow Through: The coalition will be kept informed regarding transition of the administrative functions to the NCWRPC. A meeting of the Education and Outreach TAC will be called to see if it is feasible to create a project for a UWSP student.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: **CONSENSUS** REACHED THAT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COALITION WILL BE ON **FEBRUARY 28, 2013** AT 10:00 AM AT 210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU.

#### 6. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **MOTION / SECOND BY KING / VERGARA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:40 A.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by: Diane Wessel  
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