

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
February 28, 2013

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

Absent/Excused: Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Joe Eichsteadt (C-Wisconsin Rapids)

Others: Kevin Lang (Marathon County), Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Archie Becher (Becher-Hoppe Engineers, Inc.), Jay Knoke (CWE), Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Kris Tiles (UW-Extension)

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being properly signed and posted, Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., Conference Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the January 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KING / VERGARA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2013 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

3. Educational Group.

A. Membership.

Discussion: Due to changing work assignments, some original members of this group are no longer involved – Tiles, Parker and Schatschneider. The size of both the Educational and Technical groups were limited to prevent issues with quorums. The members need to understand their responsibilities.

Action: NONE NEEDED A THIS TIME.

Follow Through: Current members – Wessel, King and Wodalski.

B. Wisconsin River Symposium – Booth.

Discussion: This symposium is scheduled for March 28 at UW-Stevens Point from 9 am to 3 pm. Discussion topics covered:

- Assembling a display booth – available props included the “little house,” rain barrel, tri-fold display panel;
 - Issues with having to man the booth – lack of available time;
 - General public is not anticipated to attend this symposium due to the technical nature of the symposium;
 - Focus of the symposium is water quality so may be more appropriate to get information on the coalition to increase name recognition:
 - Information would not have to be manned;
 - Information could include a list of member communities and others the coalition has worked with.

Action: NONE NEEDED A THIS TIME.

Follow Through: Wessel and Tiles to coordinate possible effort to have tri-fold display panels or informational flyers available to display at the symposium, if feasible.

C. Weston Billboard.

Discussion: This billboard has been made available to the coalition in the past with the cooperation of the village of Weston. A brief discussion covered the location of the billboard and past ads.

Action: NONE NEEDED A THIS TIME.

Follow Through: Wodalski to check on the village of Weston’s current policy on billboard use.

D. UWSP Environmental Educators and Naturalist Association (EENA).

Discussion: This UWSP student association has expressed interest in possibly doing an environmental project with or for the coalition. This group meets monthly. Possible projects discussed include assisting with rain barrel workshops, developing a brochure for the coalition, or taking part in the Wisconsin River Clean-up with the “rubber ducky” activity. Target audiences and the limited impact of the surveys were briefly discussed in conjunction with developing a project for this student group.

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

Follow Through: Wessel will coordinate with the EENA group.

E. Coordination with Other Surface Water Projects.

Discussion: Marathon County is currently involved in several surface water projects – Lake Wausau classification study, eastern lakes classification and management study, the Big Eau Pleine (BEP) strategic plan, and aquatic invasive species (purple loosestrife). These projects appear to address goals 4 and 5 of the Storm Water Management Education and Outreach Plan. Discussion topics covered:

- These projects all have an educational and outreach (E&O) component similar to the coalition’s;
- Coordinating E&O activities could be beneficial to all;
- Question of attendance to the Lake Wausau Association’s monthly meeting:
 - Impact of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study;
 - The County’s Environmental Impact Funds (EIF) used to help finance the Lake Wausau study;
- The possibility of the area hosting a conference similar to the Fox/Wolf River Alliance Conference:
 - Suggested by Brad Johnson, DNR;
 - Potential participants could include UWSP, Lake Wausau Association;
 - Possible schedule – number of sessions and audiences;
- Assistance requested to complete any grant applications with an acknowledged support for a financial contribution;
 - Grant application due May 1;
 - Additional information which may be available through Marathon County.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY KING / GEHIN TO COORDINATE A LAKE CLASSIFICATION AND PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION BEING WRITTEN BY MARATHON COUNTY AND THE UW-STEVENS POINT TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE A SURFACE WATER CONFERENCE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Additional information regarding the scope of the grant will be distributed to the members. A meeting may be scheduled to discuss this grant application.

4. Technical Group.

A. Update on DNR Review of Draft Ordinances (Schoen Engineering LLC).

Discussion: The draft ordinance incorporating the changes to NR151 is currently being reviewed by DNR; typographical errors and other changes requested by the DNR within the scope of the agreement with Schoen Engineering LLC will be made. No DNR requested changes beyond the agreement’s scope will be made without consultation with the coalition. Discussion topics covered:

- The flowchart had been previously distributed;
- Schoen Engineering LLC has received payment for its services;

- This draft ordinance had been presented to the village of Kronenwetter's board and not accepted – the board may not have realized this was a draft ordinance.
- It was anticipated that the DNR would complete its review by next week.

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

Follow Through: Upon the DNR's completion of its review of the draft ordinance, typographical errors and other changes requested by the DNR within the scope of the agreement with Schoen Engineering LLC will be made.

5. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

A. Role.

Discussion: The administration, fiscal management and website management of the coalition will be moved to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). The RPC provides similar functions for other groups. The RPC will oversee the following:

- 1) Administration – including posting agendas, minutes, review/revision of the by-laws, organization/structure, and promotion of the coalition.
- 2) Fiscal – the RPC will become the fiscal agenda for the coalition – paying expenses upon approval by the members.
- 3) Website – will assume hosting and maintenance of the website.

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

Follow Through: The members will be kept informed of this transition.

6. Announcements.

Discussion: The representative from Merrill was welcomed.

7. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: **CONSENSUS** REACHED THAT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COALITION WILL BE ON **APRIL 4, 2013** AT 10:00 AM AT 210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU.

8. 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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