

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**April 4, 2013**

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

**Absent/Excused:** Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee),

**Others:** Shawn Esser (Marathon County), Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Archie Becher (Becher-Hoppe Engineers, Inc.)

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being properly signed and posted, Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., Conservation, Planning and Zoning Conference, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the February 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY KING / VERGARA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2013 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSSENT.

3. Election of Officers.

**Discussion:** Terms of office are currently 2 years. Since Schau left Merrill, the coalition has been without a vice-chair. A treasurer may be necessary in the future.

**Action:** WESSEL CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COALITION CHAIR. MOTION / SECOND BY KING / VERGARA TO NOMINATE WESSEL FOR COALITION CHAIR. MOTION / SECOND BY TURCHI / KING TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR WESSEL. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSSENT.

WESSEL CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COALITION VICE-CHAIR. MOTION / SECOND BY GEHIN / KING TO NOMINATE VERGARA AS COALITION VICE-CHAIR. MOTION / SECOND BY WESSEL / KING TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR VERGARA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSSENT.

**Follow Through:** If an additional officer is added to the bylaws, that officer would be elected at a future meeting.

4. Wisconsin River Symposium.

**Discussion:** The report on the 2013 Wisconsin River Water Quality Improvement Symposium included:

- A presentation on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) by Anne Hirekatur, DNR project manager;
- Presentations by citizen groups;
- Discussion of some point / non-point pollution sources;
- Video of the Wisconsin River showing phosphorous contributed by tributaries.

Additional discussion topics included:

- Appearance that the financial responsibility for phosphorous contributions is being shifted from farmers to municipalities;
  - Agricultural production has intensified;
  - Impact of applying liquid vs. solid nutrients;
  - Some farmers practice Best Management Practices (BMPs) and some do not;
  - Municipalities will have to negotiate with farmers to get credits for communities;
  - Need for follow through to ensure implementation;
  - Monitoring of the current Madison metro project;

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

Follow Through: None necessary.

5. Educational Group.

A. Weston Billboard.

Discussion: An ad will run on the digital billboards through April.

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

Follow Through: This activity will be tracked for inclusion in the annual report.

B. Channel 9 Public Service Announcement (PSA).

Discussion: Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) has produced a PSA on the department's activities. Photos submitted to be included in the PSA are of the Weston rain garden, stenciling activities, and the Wisconsin River Clean-up. The script for the PSA was read.

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

Follow Through: This will be tracked for the annual report.

C. UW-Stevens Point Environmental Educators and Naturalist Association (EENA).

Discussion: As the spring semester is ending, contact with this student group will be put on hold until the fall semester when the faculty advisor will be contacted. At that time brochures and workshops will be discussed.

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

Follow Through: The faculty advisor will be contacted prior to the 2013 fall semester.

D. Coordination with Other Surface Water Projects.

Discussion: Previous discussions had been held on the possibility of coordinating with other surface water projects. A brief description of the educational component of the Eastern Lakes Project planning grant CPZ and UW-Stevens Point are currently applying for was distributed. The proposed county-wide, one day educational session has two potential tracks: stormwater/construction site runoff and the other for the general public – shoreline restoration, NR115, and new impervious surface standards. Discussion covered:

- Funding:
  - Eastern Lakes Project – Planning Grant Funds;
  - Shoreland Ordinance Review grant;
  - Monetary donations from other organizations;
  - Staff and citizen in-kind time;
  - County Environmental Impact (EI) funds.
- Steering Committee comprised of:
  - Marathon County CPZ staff taking lead role;
  - Representatives from UW-Extension, UW-Stevens Point, Wisconsin Lakes, Center for Land Use Education (CLUE), North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition (NCWSC), Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC);
  - Private citizens and citizen organizations.
- Grant deadline is May 1, 2013, award anticipated to be announced in August, educational session anticipated to be held in January or February 2014;
- Available coalition funds to help with financial support of this session;
- The possibility of adding NCWSC as taking the lead with Marathon County;
  - Brings in 11 communities in 4 counties;
  - May provide additional points as the grant application is scored by DNR;
- Background on the county's EI funds and the possibility of applying for these funds for future projects;

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- Request for letters of commitment / support from potential partners:
  - Drafting a letter for all coalition members to sign.
- Session location – UW-Marathon County or Northcentral Technical College; potential to move the conference to Stoney Creek as it is more centrally located.

**Action:** **MOTION / SECOND BY KING / TURCHI TO SUPPORT MARATHON COUNTY'S EASTERN LAKES PROJECT PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

**Follow Through:** A letter in support of the county's grant application and expressed willingness to financially support the educational session will be drafted. Coalition members are to provide electronic signatures to be used for this letter of support.

6. Technical Group.

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

**Discussion:** Schoen's e-mail stated: the DNR anticipated that issues should be resolved without having to modify the contract between the coalition and Schoen Engineering LLC; the DNR will make a final review after Schoen has submitted his final revisions. Schoen stated that he was hopeful a final deliverable would be out at the end of the month.

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

**Follow Through:** This will continue to be monitored.

7. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

A. Role.

**Discussion:** The transition to North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) will provide the coalition with clearer structure and will provide increased oversight of the coalition's functions. NCWRPC will be assuming the following responsibilities for the Coalition:

- 1) Administration – Review and make any necessary changes to the bylaws presenting these changes at the next meeting; assume the responsibility of posting meeting agendas and drafting meeting minutes.
- 2) Fiscal – The bank where NCWRPC will be depositing the coalition's funds is requiring 2 officers to be listed as agents on the account. A copy of the bank's resolution was distributed and reviewed. No ATM or debit card will be attached to this account. NCWRPC will provide budget reports at future meetings.
- 3) Website – A copy of the current website was distributed. Tiles is no longer able to support the website due to her time allocations. This function will be taken over by NCWRPC. A link from CPZ's website will be maintained. Website content will be presented at the next meeting.

**Action:** **MOTION / SECOND BY KING / VERGARA TO ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION AND DIRECT THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

**Follow Through:** Wessel and Vergara will execute the signature page for the bank. Revised bylaws and website will be presented by NCWRPC at the next meeting.

8. Announcements.

**Discussion:**

- Wisconsin River Clean-up on ~~May 17~~ **May 10 (to be corrected 5/12/13 – ljs)**, 8 am to approximately 2 pm:
  - The coalition has been asked to make an educational presentation;
  - Vergara, Wodalski, Gehin, and Wessel volunteered, anyone else interested in volunteering should contact Wessel;

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- A presentation preparatory meeting is scheduled for April 10 after work hours.
- Wood County's Green Expo is scheduled for April 20 – 2 rain barrels have been donated to the Expo.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: **CONSENSUS** REACHED THAT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COALITION WILL BE MAY 23, 2013 AT 10:00 AM AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

Follow Through: Topics for the next meeting included:

- Review of revisions to bylaws – NCWRPC;
- Website development – NCWRPC;
- Standing agenda item – TMDL / information from Baraboo;
- Coordination with other surface water projects;
- Report on the Wisconsin River Clean-up.

10. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the coalition, **MOTION / SECOND BY VERGARA / GEHIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:32 A.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by: Diane Wessel  
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