

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
June 27, 2013

Members: Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield).

Absent/Excused: Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee).

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Kris Tiles (UWEX), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC).

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being distributed to each community for posting and to local media, Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., in Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2013 Meeting.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KING / WODALSKI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2013 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

3. Measurable Outcomes / Indicators.

Discussion: Wessel presented printouts from a Camden, Ohio community website which she discovered at a recent brownfields conference. There was a breakdown of stormwater project types and the water savings in terms of gallons captured. Wodalski felt that this approach could be adapted here to show what the Stormwater Coalition is doing. Wessel talked about how Marathon County and other communities are pushing measurable indicators and outcomes that show how successful a program is. Such documentation could also be useful at budget time to show the value of what's been done. Could also be incorporated into the stormwater annual report for each community and be posted on the website(s) as another educational piece.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel and Tiles will coordinate the documentation of rainbarrels, rain gardens, etc. for reporting and distribution to the communities.

4. Coordination with Other Surface Water Projects.

A. Lake Wausau Association.

Discussion: The Lake Wausau Association still wants to work together and have a Coalition representative come to their meetings. Schedules have not worked out so far.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel will coordinate with Lake Wausau Association Chair.

B. Wisconsin River Discharger Group.

Discussion: Wessel got more information at the request of Mosinee. Wisconsin Paper Council formed coalition of paper mills and cheese makers has hired a consultant with national expertise in TMDL. They found areas of data collection lacking and recommended more detailed look at transport and fate of phosphorous in the impoundments, including suggestion that modeling be based on biologically available P, not TP. Looking at the possibility of creating a Wisconsin River TMDL group based on the Rock River TMDL group agreement. Tiles indicated that the DNR is putting together a technical advisory group that will work together on the modeling with a representative from each sector including our stormwater group as well as this WI River Discharger Group, etc. Marshfield has concerns about the sampling and is doing their own supplemental. There was technical discussion on sampling and phosphorus utilization. Wessel focused in on the next steps for this issue as follows: 1) TMDL to be a standing item on the agenda, 2) further evaluation of whether we need to partner with other groups to form a TMDL group 3) need to determine who the Stormwater Coalition's representative should be.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY TURCHI / KING TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR THE JULY MEETING TO GET MORE INFORMATION TO HELP DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF WHERE WE WANT TO GO FROM HERE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Tiles to provide update on DNR TMDL processes at the July meeting.

C & D. Big Eau Pleine and Eastern Lakes.

Discussion: Standing items as things develop. Nothing new on Big Eau Pleine. Eastern Lakes grant and potential water conference pending DNR review.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Pending grant award.

5. Educational Group.

A. Rain Barrel Workshops.

Discussion: Rothschild workshop on June 20 had 10 attendees and 10 rainbarrels built. Merrill workshop on June 27 had 17 attendees and 15 rainbarrels built. Registration timing and parts availability are issues. Discussed problem with purchasing values and not being in stock at local hardware stores, so they need be ordered which can take up to 3 weeks. Discussed ordering larger quantity in advance from a special supplier. Tiles has time for a third workshop and parts for 12 barrels if any community is interested. Wessel volunteered to coordinate an open walk-up workshop at one of the farmer's markets. Wessel suggested again assembling extra barrels so that each community has some to donate for different events or organizations. Need to locate missing stickers or look at getting new ones made up.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel and Tiles will coordinate a farmer's market rain barrel workshop. Tiles will look into supplier options for valves.

B. Education and Outreach Plan.

Discussion: Discussion of any other education activities the group might want to do. Wessel suggested participating in the upcoming (September) United Way Community Days event in Marathon Park. It would be an opportunity to get the group's name out as a lot of people view the entries.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Consider group entry in event.

6. Technical Group.

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

Discussion: Schoen reported that DNR has provided a letter indicating the ordinance is okay to use.

Action: None at this time.

Follow Through: Schoen to provide copy of DNR letter to Wessel to distribute to group along with recommendation language relating to how the communities should proceed in light of LRB 581, see below.

B. LRB Paper 581 - Stormwater

Discussion: State budget amendment slipped in that limits local authority to manage stormwater and erosion control. It directed DNR to create uniform standards, thus limiting local ability to address stormwater flooding and to address the TMDL. A number of entities interjected and modifications to the proposal to primarily effect erosion control while maintaining local ability to manage stormwater flooding and address the TMDL. Proposal still has to go through the Governor and DNR rule making. It is now a wait-and-see how everything shakes out. This

ultimately may impact the ordinance that was just approved, so Schoen recommends holding off on ordinance implementation for a couple of months to see what DNR action may bring.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Schoen will continue to monitor this situation and report back to the group.

7. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

A. Review of Bylaws.

Discussion: Landeau presented the new language added to the proposed draft from the last meeting including the purpose and committee sections and majority of quorum for voting. There was discussion of the quorum issue. It was determined that quorum for regular meetings would be at least 5 members while quorum for votes on financial commitments and amending bylaws would still require a majority of the full membership or 7. There was discussion on polling or RSVPing membership to determine meeting attendance / quorum attainment in advance, so that members do not end up traveling distances for a meeting that can't proceed due to lack of quorum.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Landeau will finalize proposed bylaw revisions. Wessel will encourage attendance at the July meeting so that the amendments can be voted on.

B. Budget Report.

Discussion: Landeau gave the financial report. Rain barrel expenses were \$471.23, leaving a balance of \$17,816.63. However, pending deposit of registration fees from the rain barrel workshops will add to the balance.

8. Announcements.

Discussion: None at this time.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None needed at this time.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: **CONSENSUS** REACHED THAT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COALITION WILL BE JULY 25 AT 10:00 AM AT LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED (210 OR 212 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU).

10. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the coalition, **MOTION / SECOND BY WODALSKI / KING TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:00 A.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission