

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
July 25, 2013

Members: Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Rob Molski (for Joel Lemke, C-Stevens Point), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), and Tonia Speener (for Richard Lupton, C-Merrill).

Absent/Excused: Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

Others: Ann Hirekator (DNR), Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Archie Becher (Becher Hoppe Engineering), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Kevin Lang (Marathon County), Ken Pozorski (Marathon County), Shawn Esser (Marathon County), Lane Loveland (Marathon County), Tom Pinnon (City of Baraboo), Loretta Schultz (Marathon County), and 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 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2013 Meeting.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY TURCHI / KING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2013 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSSENT.**

3. Wisconsin River TMDL Update.

Discussion: Ann Hirekatur from the DNR provided an update on the TMDL process. Her presentation was divided into four parts: A) Background on the TMDL process - refer to Powerpoint presentation on the NCWSC website or on file. B) What the TMDL means for permitted MS4s. C) Data request - information the DNR needs for the modeling process. D) Q & A. The DNR needs from each municipality the current municipal boundary, map of major outfalls & outfall sheds and storm sewer mapping that would have been done for the MS4 permit, estimated TSS reduction rate, and a contact person (along with info on others that should be added to the distribution lists). Preference for the mapping would be GIS shape file formats. Ms. Frisch offered the assistance of the County GIS which has already compiled some of the data at least for the Marathon County communities. Wessel stated that the County did not do its own outfall mapping, but that each community had done it for county facilities in their area, and she requested their assistance in compiling that for the County. Someone suggested the Highway Dept may have some of it. Ms. Hirekatur also encouraged participation in TMDL technical stakeholder meetings slated for November with possible follow-up in early 2014. The person(s) should be technical and a strong advocate. These meetings will review the technical scope of the modeling processes and discuss data collection. Group representation was discussed. It was felt that each community would want to be represented due to the potential impact. Ms. Hirekatur stated that she would check with others in the Dept to see what could be done.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Data collection as noted and transmission to DNR. Each municipality will compile its data including those Marathon County outfalls within their jurisdictions. Marathon County will provide current municipal boundaries for all communities within the County. Determine representatives based on feedback from DNR.

4. Coordination with Other Surface Water Projects.

- A. Lake Wausau Association.
- B. Wisconsin River Discharger Group.
- C. Big Eau Pleine.
- D. Eastern Lakes.

Discussion: Waiting for word on grant applications. No further update.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

5. Educational Group.

- A. Rain Barrel Construction / Workshops.
- B. Education and Outreach Plan / United Way Event.

Discussion: An additional workshop in conjunction with the farmer's market was discussed along with possibly assembling extra barrels at some point (fall?) so that each community has some to donate for different events or organizations.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel will coordinate with Kris Tiles on a possible farmer's market rain barrel workshop and arranging a fall barrel construction session.

6. Technical Group.

- A. Update on Ordinance Distribution.

Discussion: Kurt Schoen reported that the ordinance has been distributed with a memo explaining what was done.

Action: None at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

- B. LRB Paper 581 - Stormwater

Discussion: Schoen explained that the state budget (adopted as 2013 Wisconsin Act 20) addresses local municipal stormwater ordinances by directing the DNR to develop "uniform statewide standards" for construction site erosion control and storm water management. The DNR is also directed to develop a model zoning ordinance for construction site erosion control and storm water management in the form of an administrative rule. The DNR will likely update their model erosion control and stormwater management ordinances (NR 152 Appendix A and B) with performance standards similar to those incorporated in the new NCWSC ordinance. He also noted that Act 20 allows a city, village, town or county to adopt standards more strict than the State uniform standard if necessary to: 1. Control storm water quantity or control flooding or 2. Comply with federally approved total maximum daily load requirements. Administrative rule making generally can take up to several years. Schoen anticipate that issuing the updated administrative code, and determining the interpretation of limits on municipal adoption of more strict standards, will take until at least the latter half of 2014 and potentially well into 2015. His recommendation is that NCWSC members consider adopting the updated ordinance to bring municipal codes in line with NR 151; and then consulting with their corporation counsels for a legal opinion regarding the impact of Act 20 on specific situations.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Municipalities should consult with Corp Counsel and consider adopting the new ordinance.

7. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

A. Adoption of Amended Bylaws.

Discussion: Landeau stated that the final revised bylaws were distributed to the group and asked for any final questions or comments.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY GAU / TURCHI TO ADOPT THE REVISED BYLAWS. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: None needed at this time.

B. Budget Report.

Discussion: Landeau noted that he left the financial report in his office, so specific numbers would have to be reported next time, however, there were no new expenses and the registration fees from the rain barrel workshops were deposited. Landeau also noted that he still has not seen final few registration fees that were supposed to be transferred over from Extension. Wessel added that the Coalition has a rebate credit at Menards of about \$48 from the last supply purchase. She also stated that the only foreseeable expense would be bulk purchase of rain barrel supplies as previously discussed.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None needed at this time.

8. Announcements.

Discussion: Archie Becher mentioned that he had attended the Fox-Wolf River Alliance conference which had TMDL as a focus. He said he talked with some of the conference organizers who offered to come to our group and help with lessons learned in putting together such a program, and they also talked about inviting our group to be a part of their conference in the future. Wessel added that the County is still planning on doing a water conference with the Eastern Lakes grant including a stormwater track and asked if there was interest in inviting some of the Fox-Wolf people to our meeting to talk about the conference. There was some general discussion on Fox-Wolf River Alliance operations.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel will follow-up with Fox-Wolf River Alliance conference planners about attending a future meeting to discuss conference set-up.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: **CONSENSUS** REACHED THAT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COALITION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 26 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 GAU / BREIT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:35 A.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission