

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**September 26, 2013**

**Members:** Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), and Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee).

**Absent/Excused:** Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Joel Lemke C-Stevens Point, Richard Lupton, (C-Merrill).

**Others:** Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions) 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 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2013 Meeting.

**Action: Motion / second by Vergara / Gehin to approve the minutes of the July 25 2013 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

3. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Landeau noted that the Coalition's current bank balance stands at \$17,640.65 after \$300 of income from rainbarrel workshop fees and expenses of \$475.98 paid to Grainger for the bulk purchase of rainbarrel supplies for future workshops. The only issue remains the possible outstanding payments for registrations earlier this summer from checks mistakenly made out to UW Extension. Wessel noted that the rainbarrel workshop scheduled for Kronenwetter was canceled due to lack of interest, which is one reason the expenses are higher than income.

The issue of member contributions to the budget for 2014 was discussed including previous year's budget amounts. This year was zero due to the level of the reserve. Discussion of possible expenses for 2014 included support of the planned waters conference. It was suggested that the members contribute enough to provide a contribution of up to \$10,000 to the waters conference while maintaining the reserve balance. There are currently 12 members, but Marathon County's handling of the administrative duties serves as its contribution. Baraboo will come on-board next year as well.

**Action: Motion / second by Vergara / Gehin to set member, excepting Marathon County, contribution for stormwater education activities at \$1,000 for 2014. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

**Follow Through:** Wessel will follow-up with Tiles regarding the outstanding rainbarrel workshop payments. Landeau will send out budget requests for communities to include in their budgeting process, and invoices will be sent in December for payment in 2014.

4. Coalition Membership: City of Baraboo.

**Discussion:** City of Baraboo has requested to join the Coalition. Wessel discussed the reasoning behind the new addition was the realization that the only other MS4 permitted community in the TDML area was Baraboo. Vergara contacted the public works director there, Tom Pinion, who attended a couple of meetings. The City then decided to join due to the TMDL and also to take advantage of the joint educational activities.

**Action: Motion / Second by Breit / Turner to accept the City of Baraboo into the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

**Follow Through:** Wessel will send out an invitation to join to Baraboo.

5. Update on DNR Wisconsin River TMDL Data Request.

Discussion: Follow-up from last meeting / reminder, Ann Hirekatur from the DNR has requested information from each of the communities for the TMDL process. Wessel suggested sending the information directly to Hirekatur would be the easiest. The needs include the current municipal boundaries which the County will provide through its GIS. Other data needed includes 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.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Data collection as noted above and transmission to DNR. Each municipality will compile its data and provide directly to DNR. Marathon County will provide current municipal boundaries for all communities within the County.

6. DNR TMDL - Group Technical Representation of Coalition.

Discussion: The DNR has emailed information on the stakeholder technical meetings on November 6 and 13. The DNR has asked that we identify 1 or 2 individuals to represent the group at these meetings. Attendance and representation options were discussed. The feeling of the group is that each municipality is a stakeholder that should want to be represented. Some group members have already signed up (Turchi) and some will look to have their consultants attend on their behalf. Those that attend should brief the group on the proceedings at our November meeting. The group can then decide on how to proceed whether that entails hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant or not.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Discuss at November meeting.

7. Central Waters Gathering Event - Lake Management Grant.

Discussion: Grant was awarded and Central Waters Gathering event will proceed to bring together all the different water projects and activities that are going on in the area. Date has not yet been established; either 2014 or 2015. The various organizations and groups such as the Coalition are being asked to have a volunteer participate on a Steering Committee to plan the event. Gehin suggested developing an outline of what the stormwater track will entail. Contacting the Fox-Wolf Alliance was also discussed to learn how they do their annual conference.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel will distribute more information on the steering committee.

8. Set Date and Location to Assemble Rain Barrels for Donation/Distribution by Municipalities.

Discussion: Wessel explained that in the past the group has gotten together to assemble extra rain barrels for each community to take back and use as promotional items which becomes a public awareness and education opportunity. Consensus was that this was a valuable effort that should be continued. There was some discussion about possible dates/times and locations. It was determined that it would be scheduled immediately following the October meeting at the Schofield Municipal Center if available.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel will follow up with King regarding the Schofield Municipal Center.

9. Update on Ordinance.

Discussion: Reminder for communities to consult with Corporation Counsel (re Act 20) and proceed with adoption of the model ordinance to comply with changes to NR151 since it is expected that any additional rule making by the DNR will take a significant amount of time.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

10. Announcements.

Discussion: DNR TMDL webinar was discussed. Gehin notified the group that they have included a stormwater article in the City's latest newsletter. This was precipitated by a recent illegal storm drain discharge.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

11 Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be October 24 at 10:00 am at Schofield (subject to verification) to be followed by rainbarrel construction.

12 Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by Wessel / Vergara to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission