

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
October 24, 2013

Members: Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Keith Donner (for Michael Wodalski V-Weston) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Absent/Excused: Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Joel Lemke C-Stevens Point, and Richard Lupton, (C-Merrill).

Others: Pat Peckham (City Pages), 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 10:15 a.m. in Schofield City Hall, 200 Park Street, Schofield, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2013 Meeting.

Action: Landeau reported that the minutes were not ready, but would be available for the next meeting.

3. Update on DNR Wisconsin River TMDL Data Request.

Discussion: Reminder: send Ann Hirekatur, DNR, the requested information from each community for the TMDL process, including: the current municipal boundaries which the County will provide through its GIS, 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.

4. Discuss DNR November TMDL Stakeholder Meetings.

Discussion: The issue of attending these meetings was discussed whether it be each community, Coalition Representatives or hired consultant. At the previous meeting it was determined that those that do attend can brief the group which would then decide on how to proceed. The efforts of the wastewater side were also discussed. They are working on putting together their own group: the Wisconsin River Dischargers Group. They are looking at putting together a significant budget and hiring a consultant. The question is how the two groups should interact. It was pointed out that there should be some coordination so that something done on one end doesn't hurt the communities on the other. The wastewater utility separation from some communities was also discussed. The non-point side was discussed.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Donner will follow-up with Gau on contacting Rich Boden of the Wisconsin River Dischargers Group to invite him to a meeting to begin to find out more about their goals and how we might best work together.

5. Discuss Approach to Stormwater Session(s) at Waters Conference.

Discussion: Wessel handed out the notes from the first steering committee meeting for the waters conference being planned for spring 2014. The committee is looking at having this become an annual event. For this inaugural program, they have shifted the focus to be more general and more of a "family fun day on the water", so it is not looking like the technical part

that the Coalition was interested in will be part of it. Wessel suggested if it becomes annual, perhaps a more technical component could be added in 2015 or maybe the Coalition goes in with another group or does something on its own. Wessel asked whether the group still wants to participate in this type of event. King noted previous discussion about targeting young people. There was general consensus that it would still be a good opportunity to do education; possibly on the water cycle or other related activities with the mini-house and other displays. Wessel will go to the next steering committee meeting and bring back more information to start planning the activity the Coalition will do and possible contribution. There was some general discussion on the educational programming of the group.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Wessel will attend conference steering committee and report back.

6. Update on Ordinance.

Discussion: Continuing 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.

7. Announcements.

Discussion: Schoen stated that Matt Kruger of the Wisconsin River Alliance is looking for groups to partner with and has requested an opportunity to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Schoen will contact Kruger and Wessel will place him on a future agenda when he is available.

8. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be November 21 at 10:00 am at location to be announced (210 or 212 River Drive, Wausau).

12. Adjourn to Rainbarrel Construction Session.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by King / 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