

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**November 21, 2013**

**Members:** Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Rob Molski (for Joel Lemke, C-Stevens Point), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), and Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter).

**Absent/Excused:** Kevin King (C-Schofield), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

**Others:** Rich Borden (V-Plover), 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 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the September 26 and October 24, 2013 Meetings.

**Action:** **Motion / second by Vergara / Wessel to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 and October 24, 2013 meetings. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

3. Budget Report

**Discussion:** Landeau reported that there has been no new budget activity since the last meeting, so the balance remains at \$17,640.65. Wessel reminded everyone that the community contribution amount for 2014 has been set at \$1,000 for which invoices will go out in December.

**Action:** None needed at this time.

**Follow Through:** Landeau will send an invoice to each community.

4. WRDG Membership and the Wisconsin River TMDL

**Discussion:** Mr. Rich Boden from the Village of Plover presented details on the Wisconsin River Dischargers Group including their goals, planned consultant work and membership issues. A copy of Mr. Boden's slides were provided as a handout. Membership will be more on the public side and not limited to wastewater but will also encompassing storm water. A community membership would be for both. Deadline for "original" membership is January 1, 2014.

There was extensive discussion revolving around the details of membership and alternative organizations for representation. What is the appropriate level for membership: individual community, Rib Mountain Metro, NCW Stormwater Coalition or some combination? Other representative groups were discussed including MEG (Municipal Environmental Group), League of Municipalities, and APWA (American Public Works Association). These groups are more statewide in focus not region specific and will likely have more involvement in the political arena at the tail end of the process.

**Action:** None needed at this time.

**Follow Through:** Discuss at next meeting.

5. Discuss DNR November TMDL Stakeholder Meetings - How to Proceed.

**Discussion:** Schoen gave an overview of the November DNR TMDL stakeholder meetings including his observations and concerns. There was general discussion about TMDL implementation and compliance. It was determined that the discussion on how to proceed will span several meetings.

**Action:** None needed at this time.

**Follow Through:** Members will bring report from December Rib Mountain Metro meeting. Continue discussion at next meeting.

6. Update on DNR Wisconsin River TMDL Data Request.

Discussion: Ongoing Reminder: Some communities have provided information to DNR, and some still need to. Ann Hirekatur (DNR) has 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. Gehin suggested the communities only need to provide their municipal boundary and current TSS reduction percent. There was additional broad discussion.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Those municipalities that have still not compiled their data for the DNR should do so.

7. Discuss 2014 Educational Activities.

Discussion: The shift in the 2014 waters conference to a more general, family fun day focus was discussed. The Coalition's role as far as level of participation and possible presentation (such as on the water cycle) and use of the various models (house, watershed, groundwater) and displays will need to be discussed. Gehin said that the Coalition will have to do something of a more technical nature to satisfy the DNR. It was suggested that the second annual water conference in 2015 might be an option. Wessel reported that Tiles is planning a rainbarrel workshop in January.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Discuss 2014 water conference and possible separate technical session at next meeting.

8. Update on Ordinance.

Discussion: Continuing reminder for communities to proceed with adoption of model ordinance to comply with changes to NR151. Process and hearing requirements were discussed.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Communities to proceed with adoption processes.

9. Announcements.

Discussion: None at this time.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

10. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be December 19 at 10:00 am at location to be announced (210 or 212 River Drive, Wausau). Items will include update on ordinance and WRDG.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by Gau / Vergara to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission