

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
December 19, 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), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin King (C-Schofield), and Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter).

Absent/Excused: Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Kevin Lang (Marathon County), Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Christine Koeller (UW-Stevens Point), Bryan Deegan (UW-Stevens Point), 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 10:00 a.m. in Room 2, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2013 Meeting as emailed.

Action: **Motion / second by Turchi / King to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013. 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. All outstanding checks have cleared and no other expenses are in the hopper. Invoices for the \$1,000 community contribution for 2014 are being prepared.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Sponsorship of WI River Map.

Discussion: Ms. Christine Koeller and Mr. Bryan Deegan from the UWSP GIS Lab presented on their Wisconsin River mapping project. They are seeking sponsorships for the printing of their Stevens Point Flowage map. The goal is \$5,000 from various sponsors for 5,000 copies. Wessel thought it was a good opportunity to incorporate a storm water related educational message. Sponsors would receive 1 copy for each dollar of sponsorship. The coalition could distribute some to each community and use some for handout at upcoming events. The GIS lab would like to map other sections of the river in the future. King stated that is was a worthwhile project and good opportunity for the coalition to do something more for the southern tier of communities outside the Wausau area. Vergara noted that the group needs to start thinking about the greater watershed particularly with the TMDL issue. Schoen suggested putting the storm sewer outfalls on the map as an awareness. Koeller stated they would look into that.

Action: **Motion / second by King / Vergara to contribute \$1,500 to this project. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

Follow Through: Landeau and Wessel will forward the contribution amount and put together a graphic with the Coalition's name and message for the map.

5. Discuss How to Proceed re TMDL Process

Discussion: Gau reported that Rib Mountain Metro Sanitary District has joined the WI River Dischargers Group (WRDG). Vergara stated that it was apparent that the WRDG was focused on the sanitary side; ultimately leaving the Coalition as *the group* to represent the storm sewer side. He felt we should "lead the way" and monitor what is going on with regard to storm water. Vergara also indicated that he asked Schoen what he could offer the group to that effect. Schoen then described his concept of general technical services agreement as a cost-effective way to get focused technical assistance on the storm water side as needed as the TMDL

process unfolds. There was some discussion about the comparative workings of the WRDG and sanitary versus storm. Schoen would not attend the WRDG meetings but anticipates close involvement with the DNR going through the process parallel with the Strand efforts. Wodalski brought up the impact of drinking water supply treatment. Turchi noted that the fee / tax structure and revenue limits impact the interplay between these three areas within a given municipality. Wessel asked to bring the focus back on the question at hand of how to proceed regarding the TMDL. Turchi stated that he would like to find out more about how the role of storm water groups worked in the other TMDLs and mentioned the agricultural component.

Action: Motion / second by Vergara / Gau for the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition to take a leadership role representing stormwater interests in the TMDL for the watershed. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.

Follow Through: The group requested that Schoen provide a draft scope of services for discussion.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on WRDG Membership.

Discussion: Gehin indicated that Strands proposal to the Dischargers Group was made before storm water became a consideration. Strand had provided similar services for sanitary in the other TMDLs while AECOM handled storm. So, he is not sure what the Coalition could gain from it, especially considering the level of expertise of the DNR team as well as the industry side. In addition, the Coalition itself already has a voice for storm water in the process, so there is no need to pay into a different entity to provide that. Vergara stated that he felt that the WRDG was fine for the communities on the sanitary side, but that there needs to be representation on a storm water platform as well. There was additional discussion on the potential interactions.

Action: Motion / second by King / Gau for the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition to join the Wisconsin River Dischargers Group. Motion failed 10-1 by roll call vote:

No - Marathon County

No - Village of Rothschild

No - City of Stevens Point

No - City of Wisconsin Rapids

No - Town of Rib Mountain

No - City of Merrill

No - Village of Weston

No - City of Marshfield

No - City of Schofield

Yes - Village of Kronenwetter

No - City of Wausau

absent - City of Mosinee

absent - City of Baraboo

Follow Through: None at this time.

7. Update on DNR Wisconsin River TMDL Data Request.

Discussion: DNR wants to begin mapping soon and needs the data from each community for the TMDL process (by Jan. 6), including: the current municipal boundaries, 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: Those municipalities that have still not compiled their data for the DNR should do so ASAP.

8. Discuss 2014 Waters Conference and Possible Seperate Technical Session.

Discussion: The date will be June 7 or 8. Kris Tiles will be doing a session on rain barrels and rain gardens. Next steering committee meeting is February 13. Due to Wessel's departure for another position, a replace representative for the Coalition is needed. There was discussion on the transition. There is a January 20 deadline for input on speakers/sessions. A lot is being done by email. This is an educational opportunity the group may want to participate in. At this point, the intent is to participate in this "family fun" event in 2014, with the thought of adding on a more technical component in 2015. Vergara will represent the Coalition on the conference steering committee, at least short term.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Continue discussion at next meeting.

9. Update on Ordinance.

Discussion: Continuing reminder for communities to proceed with adoption of model ordinance to comply with changes to NR151.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Communities to proceed with adoption processes.

10. Announcements.

Discussion: Wessel "announced" she is leaving Marathon County to take a position in Lincoln County. The Coalition members thanked her for her service. As Vice-chair, Vergara will be acting-chair until elections. Wessel noted that her Department's administrators will be working with the Coalition on the transition including looking at the Coalition cooperative agreement (expires Jan. 2014) and the Marathon County MOA which has already expired.

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 January 16 at 10:00 am at location to be announced (210 or 212 River Drive, Wausau).

12. Adjournment.

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