

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**January 16, 2014**

**Members:** Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Rob Molski (for Joel Lemke, C-Stevens Point), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin King (C-Schofield), and Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter).

**Absent/Excused:** Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

**Others:** Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Ken Pozorski (Marathon County), Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Archie Becher (Becher Hoppe Associates) and Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC).

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being distributed to each community for posting and to local media, Acting Chair Vergara called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. in Room 2, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2013 Meeting as emailed.

**Action:** **Motion / second by Gau / King to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

3. Election of Officers: Chair.

**Discussion:** Acting Chair Vergara reviewed the status of the slate of officers with Chairperson Wessel's departure. The Bylaws specify the next election would be in April, and Vergara indicated per the discussion at the last meeting that he would be willing to continue as Chair at least until then to see how it goes. However, he also felt that we should have a Vice-chair in place just in case. King volunteered to take the Vice-Chair spot until the election.

**Action:** **Motion / second by Wodalski / Gau to accept King as "Acting" Vice-Chair until the April election. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

4. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Landeau reported that the current the balance stands at \$16,140.65 after sending the check to UWSP for the Wisconsin River mapping project. In addition, invoices for the \$1,000 community contribution for 2014 have gone out, and checks have just come in from Wisconsin Rapids and Kronenwetter. A \$150 check was also just received from Lincoln County for the two rain barrel workshop registrations that were written out to UWEX in error earlier this summer. With that deposit the balance will then be \$18,290.65.

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

**Follow Through:** None at this time.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Scope of Technical Services Pertaining to the TMDL Process from SES.

**Discussion:** Vergara handed out a copy of the scope of services and provided a brief introduction including how this evolved from the previous meeting. Schoen provided a brief overview of the scope which essentially sets aside 40 hours of his time in advance for the Coalition to use as needed to deal with the TMDL process.

**Action:** **Motion / second by King / Gehin to accept the SES Scope of Services. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

**Follow Through:** Chairman Vergara will sign the agreement on behalf of the Coalition.

6. Discussion on NCWSC Cooperative Agreement Renewal.

**Discussion:** There was extensive discussion regarding the process to renew the Coalition's Cooperative Agreement which was recently rediscovered to be expiring at the end of January. This is different that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Marathon County and only

those Coalition municipalities within Marathon County which has already expired. A PDF of the Cooperative Agreement was sent with the meeting notice and copies were available at the meeting. It was determined that the group should work on the agreement at the next meeting. The County will set it up to use their Smartboard to edit the document "on-the-fly". Four main areas were identified for update including: adding Baraboo and possibly Portage, increasing the term, adjusting the scope (possibly adding the TMDL); and the signature issue. Other areas suggested to look at include: purpose, Marathon County's role, and the program summary.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Vergara will make contact with the City of Portage. Each member should read through the existing agreement and bring their suggestions for changes to the February meeting.

#### 7. Education / Outreach Activity Tracking for NCWSC.

Discussion: Vergara reported that Wessel had given him her education tracking spreadsheet before she left. He handed out a copy of 2013 indicating that he had made some updates and broken it down by year. He asked everyone to review it and provide any revisions. The DNR recently sent an email indicating that annual reports for the permits are due March 31. Possible future educational activities were discussed including a city pages ad, Earth Day and developing a television commercial.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Vergara will email the education activity spreadsheet to group members following the meeting. Members should review the sheet for any additions from their communities, and the group will work up a final at the next meeting.

#### 8. Discussion and Possible Action on 2014 Rain Garden Effort.

Discussion: Vergara noted that the Coalition typically does two community rain gardens per year which entails a sign and \$750 for plants. Turner indicated that Rib Mountain was one selected for last year, but they are still working out a site. Landeau brought up an email from Kris Tiles regarding a rain garden demonstration in conjunction with the waters conference. Technical details of a show piece rain garden were discussed. Consensus of the group was to pursue development of a rain garden as a show piece in conjunction with the waters conference. Vergara asked if anyone else wanted to put in a rain garden. Gau indicated that Kronenwetter would like to install a rain garden. They have a site and a design, but their only problem is funding for the plantings. There was some technical discussion regarding the Kronenwetter project.

Action: **Motion / second by King / Gehin to provide a sign and \$750 towards Kronenwetter's 2014 rain garden project. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor (Gau abstained).**

Follow Through: None at this time.

#### 9. Discuss and Possible Action re 2014 Waters Conference.

Discussion: Frisch provided an overview of the conference with event stations being planned all along the river front. She indicated that the conference has the potential to grow in future years with association with the Rotary Club. As has been discussed the feeling of the group is that the Coalition does want to be involved in this effort. Potential Coalition participation has two elements: A financial contribution to work on name exposure / recognition and a rain garden demonstration project in conjunction with Kris Tiles and her rain barrel workshop. Frisch will bring back more details on the program to the next meeting, so that the group can see how its

participation might best fit in with what is being developed and can then determine how to proceed. There was additional technical discussion related to Coalition participation in the conference.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Frisch will forward latest notes from the steering committee.

10. 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: Vergara handed out an article about Dane County efforts to reduce phosphorus runoff from the agricultural sector. There was some discussion. Schoen reported on contact with Greg Fries (City of Madison) to talk about their experience with the Rock River TMDL. Landeau reminded the group about the upcoming Wisconsin River Symposium on February 14. An email was forwarded to the group with details.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Due to work on the Cooperative Agreement slated for February, Schoen will check with Fries on his availability to conference call with the Coalition at the March meeting. A conference call /speaker phone will need to be set up in advance.

11. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Action: Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be February 27 at 10:00 am with the location tentatively Room 5 at 212 River Drive, Wausau.

12. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by King / Gehin to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission