

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 27, 2014**

**Members:** Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), and Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter).

**Absent/Excused:** Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

**Others:** Shawn Esser (Marathon County), Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Archie Becher (Becher Hoppe Associates) Kevin Lang (Marathon County) Michelle Scarpace (UWSP) 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 10:10 a.m. in Employee Resources Conference Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2014 Meeting as emailed.

**Action:** **Motion / second by King / Turchi to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

3. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Landeau reported that the current balance stands at \$28,528.58. All members have paid the \$1,000 community contribution for 2014. In addition, a check was received for \$237.93 from registrations for the Garden Visions rainbarrel workshop put on by Kris Tiles. The only pending expenditures are the rain garden plant subsidies for Rib Mountain and Kronenwetter. However, Kris Tiles has let us know that rain barrel supplies are low and will need to be reordered for any new workshops this year. The NCWSC logo stickers for the rainbarrels are also running low. The ordering of these items in Wessel's absence will have to be discussed, particularly the new ordering process through Grainger for the hardware. King reported that he usually obtains the barrels themselves from Tri-City Drum, and he has a trailer to haul them as needed.

On a side note, related to the current and future number of financially participating members of the Coalition, Landeau reported on a WisDNR fact sheet he discovered about communities newly coming under the WPDES permitting requirements, primarily as a result of the 2010 Census. This list contains the City of Portage which was brought to our attention and are now recruiting. However, the list also contained another community in our area: the Town of Stettin. There was some discussion regarding the status of the Town of Stettin. Turner has some connections with Stettin. Vergara reported on his contact with the City of Portage which it not interested in joining the Coalition at this time.

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

**Follow Through:** Frisch will follow-up with King regarding rainbarrel supplies and report back at the next meeting. Turner will follow-up on the Town of Stettin status.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on NCWSC Cooperative Agreement Renewal.

**Discussion:** The group worked through revisions to the Coalition's Cooperative Agreement using the Smartboard in the conference room. The main revisions included adding Baraboo, increasing the term, modifying the purpose to match revised bylaws, minor clarifications to the scope, and an approval section referring to the separate communities adopting resolutions as the signed approval of the agreement.

**Action: Motion / second by King / Gau to approve the Stormwater Management Cooperative Agreement as revised. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

**Follow Through:** *(Editor's note: Some additional discussion seems likely needed to advance the agreement through the community approval process.)*

5. Discussion on Education / Outreach Tracking.

**Discussion:** The group worked through revisions to the Coalition's Education and Outreach Activity Tracking spreadsheet the Smartboard in the conference room. Turchi reported on the Marshfield Green Living Expo. Dums needs to check on possible activity from Wisconsin Rapids.

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

**Follow Through:** Landeau will add any last items from Dums and email the final education activity spreadsheet for 2013 to group members.

6. Discuss and Possible Action 2014 Waters Conference.

**Discussion:** Shawn Esser with Marathon County CPZ gave an update on the development of the event (June 7, 9am-2pm). Kris Tiles is involved as one of the organizers and has already planned to have the runoff-house demo set up near the rain garden and rain barrel at 210 River Drive (CPZ Bldg), and the Coalition is welcome to develop an exhibit. Other parts of the program will cover topics related to our mission/goals such as impervious surfaces. There is a need for funding to cover some aspects of the event that won't be covered under their grant. Esser thought our group might want to plan one of our rain barrel workshops as part of the event.

The rain garden concept was discussed. It was determined that planning and executing a new rain garden was too ambitious to accomplish by June. Instead, the rain garden at 210 would be incorporated into the Coalition exhibit for this year. The sign needs to be replaced. Frisch added that the idea is for this event to build on success and grow for 2015, so the Coalition might want to look at taking the time to plan and organize the new rain garden demonstration project for next year. The idea of developing a sign board "previewing" that proposed rain garden project was suggested. The existing rain garden was discussed. It was determined to leave as is due to the difficult logistics involved.

Rain barrel concepts were discussed. One idea was to have a drawing to give-away some of the remaining, assembled rain barrels (ie 1 per hour for each hour of the event; approx. 5). Organizing and set-up would be needed, including registrations and drawing winners. King volunteered to coordinate the rain barrel drawing. The idea of a rain barrel "demo", possibly interactive for children, was discussed.

In summary, the Coalition's effort for the 2014 Waters Event will consist of the run-off house and the existing rain garden (new sign) and rain barrel at 210 River Drive along with the rain barrel drawing and kid's demo. Volunteers will be needed to man the exhibit, and King agreed to coordinate. Members should contact him by email to volunteer. Financial sponsorship was also discussed. Frisch indicated that they are working on marketing and posters, etc., and the Stormwater Coalition would be on all of that, so part of the sponsorship by the Coalition would go toward that advertising.

**Action: Motion / second by King / Gau to approve the financial sponsorship of the 2014 Waters Event up to \$1,500. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor. Motion / second by King / Gehin to have the Coalition exhibit for the event to be comprised of the run-off house and the existing rain garden and rain barrel at 210 River Drive along with the rain barrel drawing and kid's demo. (See details noted above.) Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

**Follow Through:** Place on future agendas for planning purposes (as there are only a few short months before the event).

**7. MS4 TMDL Implementation Guidance.**

**Discussion:** The newly released TMDL Implementation Guidance was discussed. March 18 is deadline for comment. Vergara brought Item 8 into the discussion. Meeting options were discussed. Logistics for the review were discussed. As discussed at previous meetings, Greg Fries from City of Madison/Rock River TMDL will be asked to present at this meeting which may help to inform the review.

**Action: Motion / second by King / Turchi to have Schoen review and assess the TMDL Implementation Guidance for the Coalition with a cap of \$500 from our existing agreement for services. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

**Follow Through:** Set next meeting early, ahead of comment deadline, for group to review Schoen assessment for submission.

**8. Discussion on Contact with the WI League of Municipalities**

**Discussion:** Handled in conjunction with Item 7.

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

**Follow Through:** Vergara to handle in conjunction with the comment on TMDL Implementation Guidance.

**9. Announcements.**

**Discussion:** Michelle Scarpace a student at UWSP is working on a project in partnership with the Lake Wausau Association that involves a socio-economic analysis of the Lake Wausau area as part of a Lake Management Plan. She is looking at how land governance and management affect the water quality of Lake Wausau and wants to conduct interviews on our roles related to this. To participate in the study through an interview, contact Michelle at Michelle.R.Scarpace@uswp.edu.

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

**Follow Through:** Members are urged to assist Michelle with her study which will return a useable report / information.

**10. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.**

**Action:** Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be March 13 at 10:00 am with the location tentatively CPZ Conference Room at 210 River Drive, Wausau.

**11. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by King / Gau to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau  
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