

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
July 17, 2014

Members: Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild) Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), and Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point).

Absent/Excused: Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: 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, Chair Gau called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI and asked for a round of introductions. No one appeared via teleconference.

2. Approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2014 Meeting as emailed.

Action: **Motion / second by King / Breit to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

Discussion: Chairperson Gau and Turner gave an update on the rain gardens that they are putting in Rib Mountain and Kronenwetter. Rib Mountain installed fabric, pea stone and rock edgers to help reduce maintenance. They are going to put in some extra signing that identifies the plants. Turner thanked Gau and Tiles for all their help.

Kronenwetter had the local Lion's Club volunteer to assist in the planting. On their website, they invited the public to observe as well, and a few residents did come by to check it out. It will be hooked into the adjacent home owners' association's sprinkler system to provide water - keeping the plants healthy in dry times. Gau thanked the Coalition and Tiles noting that she an excellent job assisting both Kronenwetter and Rib Mountain.

Left over plants were donated to Marshfield where Turchi used them to create a rain garden at their transitional housing project. The original design called for stormwater management through a rain garden, and now they have one. He also got some soil donated. Turchi thanked the group.

These activities would be part of the educational programming of the Coalition and be included in the annual report to the DNR. Schoen noted that part of the educational stuff relates to how much of an impact that the activity has. So, in the park setting for example, you can estimate the number of people exposed as an educational thing over the course of the year.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Turner and Gau will forward pictures, etc to Landeau who will set up a rain garden information section on the website.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Landeau reported a current balance of \$24,025.53 after a deposit of \$240 in workshop registrations from Merrill and paying the final of 3 bills at \$920 each for the Rubber Ducky spot at Cedar Creek Cinema and \$807.35 for rainbarrel supplies and equipment. Outstanding liabilities include the TMDL Services Contract (\$3,100), up to \$1,500 pledged to the Water's Edge event when those numbers are finally tallied, \$1,500 for the Kronenwetter and Rib

Mountain rain gardens, and the fall theater run at \$3,680 for a total of up to \$9,780 which leaves an available balance of \$14,245.

Landeau also reported on a number of related items. He reminded members to use the updated website in any newsletters or other applications: www.ncwrpc.org/ncwsc/. Rob Molski brought the Stevens Point flowage maps sponsored by the Coalition, so members should pick theirs up on the way out. Landeau will take extras and disperse to members not present. The rain barrel logo stickers are in and will be divided between Tiles, King and Pritchard. Marshfield, Wausau, Marathon County and Baraboo have not submitted their signed resolutions for the adoption of the new cooperative agreement. An update on the discussion about certain towns in the Wausau area showing up in DNR WPDES permit materials, new status listings on the DNR website indicate that they have determined that Bergen, Knowlton, Maine and Stettin are not required to obtain a permit. Landeau asked about UWSP. Schoen explained that UWSP does have their own MS4, so they get a permit. They have been to a few meetings, but their compliance is not at the same level as a community, so there doesn't seem to be the need for them to participate in the Coalition.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Landeau will email a reminder to the communities still needing to get their cooperative agreement resolution in.

5. Discuss Member Contribution Level for 2015.

Discussion: Landeau noted that the group felt this discussion came a little late last year, so he put it on the agenda now. Some group members indicated that they need to have their budget requests in within the next two weeks already. In addition to the outstanding expenses of \$9,780, looking forward to possible 2015 expenses will likely include rain barrel workshop expenses (recouped via fees), contributions related to the next water's event +/- \$1,500 (?), WI River Clean Up \$300, community rain garden \$750, Rubber Ducky run at theater \$6500 for a total around \$9,000+. The members discussed various levels of contribution. Increasing involvement of the Coalition in community activities along with the TMDL coming seem to indicate more funding may be needed in the future.

Action: King's motion to set member contribution at \$2,000 - failed due to lack of second.
Motion / second by King / Turchi to set member, excepting Marathon County, contribution for stormwater education activities at \$1,500 for 2015. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.

Follow Through: Landeau will send out budget requests for communities to include in their budgeting process, and invoices will be sent in January for payment in 2015.

6. Discuss Rain Barrel Workshop Fees.

Discussion: The question was raised as to the appropriate level of fee for the rainbarrel workshops. Do we need to recoup all the cost of materials or would a lower registration fee encourage more participation? How the workshops are promoted was a question. Gau suggested that there may need to be more effort at the community level to market their workshop. There was some speculation that after several years of workshops the segment of the population with interest in this type of thing might possibly be saturated. King thought the Spring and Fall times are more popular than Summer season. Tiles has been getting some inquiries about the rainbarrels following the latest workshops.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Pritchard will contact Tiles regarding how the workshops are marketed and what timing might be better.

7. Discuss Fall Run of Spot at Movie Theater(s).

Discussion: Landeau stated that the Spring run of the Rubber Ducky spot at Cedar Creek has been completed. This run was for 12 weeks at \$2,760 and approved separately from the Fall which would begin September 5 for 16 weeks at \$3,680, so action would be required to proceed with the Fall run if the Coalition so desires. Landeau noted that he could not recall if there was a reason the runs were not approved simultaneously or if that's just the way it's been done. Vergara thought it was due to the cost but added that he felt it was worth it for the number of people reached. King mentioned that the theater program was originally done to target a certain age group.

Action: **Motion / second by King / Vergara to approve the Fall run at Cedar Creek Cinema for \$3,680. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Follow Through: Landeau will place the order with the Marcus/Screen Vision rep.

8. Report on Waters Event & Discuss Project for Next Year.

Discussion: King reported on the Water's Edge event. There were 47 entries for rainbarrels, and the water models drew interest to the stormwater area. Pritchard, Gehin, and Valarie Parker assisted King. Overall, more attendees were hoped for, but things went well, and the plan appears to be to continue with it next year. Lessons learned will help improve the event. The area will be condensed and focused near the Farmer's Market to draw people from, and then it can still grow/expand in future years.

Gau turned attention to the issue of the demonstration project / show case that had been discussed as part of the Water's Edge event planning. The idea was for a swale/rain garden application near the Farmer's Market to clean the runoff from that site. Such a project would take a significant amount of time for the planning and engineering. Even with Coalition support, Wausau would need to take the lead with the site being in their jurisdiction. Without Gehin present, Gau suggested placing this item on the next agenda, and he would contact Gehin about it. Vergara asked about incorporating contractor training with the development of this project.

The group discussed Vergara's idea of adding a porous concrete paver demonstration element to the runoff house model. Gau asked if the Coalition might consider expanding its support to other stormwater projects such as if a community wanted to install porous pavers. Some financial assistance may encourage some of these best practices.

On a final note, water bottles with the Coalition logo were purchased for use with the Water's Edge event. The remaining bottles are for use by the Coalition perhaps for next year's Water's Edge or some other program of the Coalition. Marathon County (Pritchard) will be the custodian.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Gau will contact Gehin regarding the Farmer's Market - Water's Edge swale/rain garden demonstration project.

9. Training Package Options.

Discussion: Landeau handed out some background materials on the training packages. He noted that while looking back in the records on another topic, he discovered that the very first expense of the Coalition was for one of these same training DVDs. A list of customers in Wisconsin was obtained from the vendor, and Baraboo, Stevens Point and Wausau show up on the extensive list. It appears that the Wausau package was the one paid for by the Coalition. It is now out of date. He also found out that the Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium maintains some of these same training videos for use by its member municipalities. If there is an update issued within one year of purchase, the company will provide that to us at no additional charge.

There was some discussion regarding the application of the different programs. Schoen suggested that the Rain Check and Ground Control would be the most applicable. Wisconsin has some specific IDDE things different from the overall national EPA stuff. Pritchard or Landeau would act as librarian getting the packages to municipalities as needed and making sure they come back into circulation when a training session has been completed.

Action: King's motion to purchase all three kits - failed due to lack of second. **Motion / second by Turner / King to approve purchase of the Rain Check - Stormwater Pollution Prevention for MS4s and Ground Control Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Construction Sites for \$1,090. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Follow Through: Landeau will confirm the order with the vendor and return the third package not to be purchased by the Coalition.

10. Announcements.

Discussion: Schoen reminded the group that the new WPDES permits went into effect May 1. The only thing that requires a short term response by the municipalities was to notify DNR within 90 days if they discharge into a 303d listed water body. There was some discussion. He offered to map, as part of the current retainer contract, the 303d waters against the municipal boundaries to make it easy for each community to determine if they outfall to any of them for reporting to DNR. He will also seek clarification from the DNR. Due date is August 1. There was group consensus for Schoen to proceed as discussed.

Schoen also noted that there are changes in the dry weather screening requirements. He is seeking clarification from the DNR and will bring that forward when available. However, he suggested that it is a good time for communities go out and inspect outfalls even if deciding not to do the chemical analysis part in case some preventative patching is needed. This is part of the IDDE program requirements.

11. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be September 18 at 10:00 am in the CPZ Conference Room at 210 River Drive, Wausau. Agenda items will include construction erosion control ordinance reminder.

12. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by King / Vergara to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Submitted by: Darryl Landeau
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission