

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
September 18, 2014

Members: Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild) Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) via teleconference line, Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), and Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point).

Absent/Excused: Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Kevin King (C-Schofield), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Tonia Speener (Clark Dieitz), Rich Boden (WI River Discharger Group / V-Plover) via teleconference line, Fred Heider (NCWRPC) 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.

2. Approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2014 Meeting as emailed.

Action: **Motion / second by Gau / Turchi to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

Discussion: Chairperson Gau passed around a brochure on some porous paving products which may have some use for our stormwater control and management issues.

He also reported on some successful efforts to control stormwater flow and storage to reduce basement flooding in one residential area of the Village. The solution includes gravity flow to a ponding area with level controlled by a series of gates. They are analyzing data to anticipate the point where rain water loading into the groundwater causes problems in basements. Kronenwetter could host a Coalition meeting and do a tour of this operation if the group is interested.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Landeau reported a current balance of \$20,056.54 after paying \$1,106.75 for the stormwater training DVDs (plus \$37.24 to return the package that was not purchased), \$405 for Schoen Engineering's work on the 303d requirements, the first installment of \$920 for the fall Rubber Ducky spot at Cedar Creek Cinema and \$750 each for Kronenwetter and Rib Mountain rain garden plants.

Outstanding liabilities include the balance of the TMDL Services Contract (\$2,695), up to \$1,500 pledged to the Water's Edge event when those numbers are finally tallied, and the balance of the fall theater run (\$2,760) for a total of up to \$6,955 which would leave an available balance of \$13,101.

Landeau also reminded the group that they should start planning to take advantage of the training DVDs (one on municipal facilities and one on construction sites) and contact Jeff Pritchard to sign them out.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

5. Discuss DNR Permitting Guidance (A) Implementing Act 20 for Construction Site Erosion Control and Stormwater Management and (B) Watershed.

Discussion: Landeau reported placing this item on the agenda due to concern that the Coalition may be missing opportunities to comment on (i.e. influence) state rules and processes that may be significant to the communities through the TMDL or other stormwater related impacts. The number of instances seems to be increasing, and they do not allow much time to coordinate a response. In addition, some may present options that the Coalition perhaps should be working to understand and maintain on the radar for future use particularly in dealing with the TMDL.

Schoen explained that the Act 20 Implementation basically transfers some conflicting responsibilities from Department of Commerce to DNR, and he did not see much implication for the Coalition. The Watershed guidance outlines a process for communities to work together to get one permit on a watershed basis rather than maintaining their individual permits. He added that the communities should all take action to respond to Ann Hirekatur's (DNR) email from early September by reviewing the DNR's mapping for the areas to be used in the modeling process for the TMDL.

Gau stated that he wanted this item on the agenda to have a discussion on how the group wants to handle these situations where the relatively short comment periods don't match well with the regular meeting schedule. Turchi noted that the open meetings law may come into play, and the group needs to be mindful of maintaining transparency and keeping records, particularly when decisions are made outside of a normal meeting process. Some of these things have the potential for significant financial impact on the communities. So, if the situation needs attending to before a regular meeting, there should be an agreement to address either through a special meeting or at least tracking and keeping a record of the email traffic. There was discussion regarding establishing policy and procedures to ensure the group can react within a given time constraint.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Group will review bylaws and discuss policy and procedure options at the next meeting.

6. Discuss Next Community Rain Garden for 2015.

Discussion: No one had an immediate need for a rain garden application, but Wodalski said he would check with their Parks Department as a possibility near their aquatic center and Vergara noted a possible site. Turner and Gau offered to provide assistance help and Tiles is a big help in the process. Rain garden issues were discussed.

Vergara added that he heard the Wausau School District had put in at least one rain garden, and he felt that a school would be a good place for one for both the treatment benefits and educational purposes. Turchi added that environmental classes may be able to maintain such as at three schools in Marshfield. Wodalski said that the Everest District grounds manager was on their Public Works Board, and he would discuss it with them. Gehin said that if a member of the group becomes aware of a possible project near a school they could bring it for discussion.

The group came to agreement that it would be open to other public entities. Members can individually promote the program to other entities to submit a project and bring any proposals to

the group for consideration. February was discussed as a possible deadline due to ordering of plants.

Action: Motion / second by Turchi / Vergara to open rain garden funding to other public entities within the member communities with priority given to those with a hands-on, K-12 educational component. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.

Follow Through: Communities will follow up as noted above. Landeau will draft an invitation / letter to the school superintendents.

7. Discuss Potential Swale/Rain Garden Demonstration Project.

Discussion: There was discussion on the details involved in fully executing such a project: testing, design, approvals, etc. It was determined that it could be a multi-stage - multi-year project. Maintenance also needs to be addressed. Porous pavement applications were also discussed as an alternative demonstration.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Gehin will talk to Parks Dept. before next meeting to make sure they are open to the idea and lead in the development of a basic preliminary scope of work.

8. Discuss Status of Adoption of Model Construction Site Erosion Control Ordinance.

Discussion: This item is on the agenda as a reminder to adopt the new model ordinance implementing changes in NR 151. There was discussion on the status of various communities. Some have completed the adoption process, while others are at various stages. There was some technical discussion on how communities customized some of the provisions.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Communities should continue to push their adoption processes, and the item will be placed on the next agenda to maintain the reminder.

9. Discuss 303d Waters Reporting.

Discussion: There was brief discussion regarding this DNR permit requirement.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

10. Announcements.

Discussion: Turchi noted that the Global Water Center of Milwaukee has permeable pavement internal streets and parking.

The stormwater webinar series was discussed. It was suggested to tie-in with the meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be October 16 at 10:00 am in the CPZ Conference Room at 210 River Drive, Wausau. Agenda items will include the stormwater webinar (and other items noted above).

12. Adjournment.

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