

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
October 16, 2014

Members: Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) via teleconference, Joe Eichsteadt (for Nick Dums C-Wisconsin Rapids) via teleconference, and Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point).

Absent/Excused: Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Tonia Speener (Clark Dieitz), , 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 10:04 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 September 18, 2014 Meeting as emailed.

Action: Motion / second by Turchi / Vergara to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.

3. Chairperson's Report.

- a. Recent news article on water pollution regulation & TMDLs
- b. Recent news article on phosphorus

Discussion: Chair Gau presented two recent articles in light of the recent Rib Mountain Metro meeting on long term planning for the treatment of wastewater. There was extended discussion on wastewater, stormwater and the ag-sector. Gau thought we should work as a region and wondered if Marathon County could help by taking a lead role. Wodalski suggested we all get together to discuss what we can do about phosphorus. Speener noted that the stakeholders are divided and it may be a battle.

- c. Discuss attendance and possible use of TMDL Services Contract at DNR TMDL Meeting

Discussion: Schoen gave some background on how this TMDL Outreach Meeting came about. Coalition attendance at this November 19 meeting was discussed including authorizing Schoen to attend on behalf of the Coalition and report back. The group will determine if additional work is needed from that report.

Action: Motion / second by Turchi / Wodalski to authorize Schoen to attend DNR TMDL Meeting on November 19th in Madison on behalf of the NCWSC including reimbursement for time and mileage. Motion carried by voice vote with all in favor.

Follow Through: Explore organizing an areawide meeting with Marathon County to discuss phosphorus issue.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Landeau reported a current balance of \$19,136.54 after paying another installment of \$920 for the Rubber Ducky spot at Cedar Creek Cinema. Invoices for 2015 contribution of

\$1,500 will go out in January. Fred Heider also with the NCWRPC will have a role in assisting with Coalition activities moving forward.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

5. Discuss Special Meeting Policy And Policy

Discussion: This item was a continuation of discussion from the previous meeting. The Coalition bylaws were distributed and discussed. The bylaws authorize any officer to call a special meeting, and a quorum is defined as 5 members. Several members expressed being comfortable with the policies and procedures in the bylaws. The consensus of the group was to continue to handle special meetings as needed following the parameters established within the existing Coalition bylaws.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

6. Discuss Opening Rain Garden Program To Other Public Entities.

Discussion: Landeau presented a draft letter and materials to invite school districts to participate in the Coalition rain garden program. With limited opportunity for additional rain gardens in the communities at this time, the group continued discussion on opening up to other entities and focused on school districts. It was determined that the materials should state that awards will be made on description of educational and maintenance plans for the rain garden as well as explain assistance available from the Coalition. Assistance will include design, plant ordering, educational program participation, and a sign. Tiles should be contacted to review the materials and determine if she is able to extend her rain garden support to the school districts. To control costs it was determined that awards should be limited to three per year. Gehin expressed concern about giving Coalition funds to other entities, and that there may be better uses for those funds.

Action: **Motion / second by Vergara / Turchi to revise the letter to the schools to provide for up to 3 grants of \$1,000 for a rain garden based on the applicant's education and maintenance plans. Motion carried by voice vote with 9 ayes and 1 nay.**

Follow Through: Landeau will follow up with Tiles and bring revised letter back to the Coalition for review at the next meeting.

7. Discuss Scope of Work For Wausau Demonstration Project.

Discussion: Gehin has been tied up with other projects and has not had time to work on this concept. He indicated that he would develop a preliminary scope of work when he had more time available. The group discussed the river edge rain garden demonstration project, the 1st Street permeable paver project, converting the rain garden program to a BMP program, and maintaining the rain garden program while adding a BMP program.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: Gehin will create a scope of work and submit to the Coalition for to discuss pieces/contributions when he has more time available.

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

Discussion: Most communities have their ordinances approved or are in the process.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

9. Announcements.

Discussion: Based on a recent webinar, Chair Gau asked the group about its outfall testing programs. Each member briefly discussed their approach to the outfall testing. Pritchard reminded the Marathon County members to follow-up on the municipal-county MOA. Schoen made an announcement about the water quality conference the first week of November which will include several water resources topics of interest including TMDLs. .

10. Next Meeting Date/Agenda.

Consensus was reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be December 18 at 10:00 am in the CPZ Conference Room at 210 River Drive, Wausau. After extensive discussion, it was determined that the next agenda will include planning to coordinate phosphorus efforts with Marathon County and beginning to pull the various stakeholders together.

12. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by Gehin / Vergara to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all in favor.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider/Darryl Landeau
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission