

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
December 18, 2014

Members: Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point) and Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids) *via teleconference*.

Absent/Excused: Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Tonia Speener (Clark Dieitz), Kevin Lang (Marathon County Hwy. Dept.), 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 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

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

Action: **Motion / second by Turchi / King to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

- Review of NCWSC Mission

Discussion:

- a. Chairperson Gau noted that Article VII in the NCWSC's Bylaws allows creation of sub committees, which have not been active in 2014. Landeau reported that nobody was currently on any of the sub committees. Discussion ensued that several agenda items may discuss the need for these sub committees to activate.
- b. Chairperson Gau handed out: "Removing Phosphorus When is Enough, Enough?" General discussion about pollution events that have occurred.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None needed at this time.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of \$16,842.86, after paying \$920 for the Rubber Ducky spot at Cedar Creek Cinema in November and December (totaling \$1,840), and paying Schoen Engineering Solutions \$453.68 to attend the DNR TMDL Meeting on Nov. 19th in Madison.

Outstanding liabilities include the balance of the TMDL Services Contract (\$2,241.32), and up to \$1,500 pledged to the Water's Edge event when those numbers are finally tallied.

Available Balance = \$13,101.54

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

5. Marathon County MOA

Discussion: Pritchard reminded Marathon County communities in attendance to forward their approved MOA's to him.

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None at this time.

6. Report on November [19th] TMDL Outreach Meeting.

Discussion: Schoen reported that DNR will be releasing TMDL modeling data in early 2015 with a short 14 to 21 day review period. The Group felt this short turn-around is inadequate and that the DNR should be approached for an extension.

Coordination with other stakeholders including the WWTPs and industry groups such as paper and dairy was discussed.

The Group felt SES should review the material. Special meetings will be called as necessary to handle the review and comment.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Turchi/King that the Coalition will submit a letter to DNR regarding the insufficient time period for review of the TMDL modeling with cc to WWTPs, Discharger Groups and others as appropriate. Motion carried.

Follow through: Turchi will draft letter for Coalition. Schoen will contact the DNR for more information and the other groups regarding potential coordination.

7. Discuss Plans For Marathon County / Joint Stakeholder Phosphorus Effort.

Discussion: Landeau stated that this topic was about Coalition members wanting to identify other major phosphorus sources, so that a dialogue among the affected groups could begin to see how everyone could work together.

Speener reported that Wausau Water Works is not joining Rib Mountain Sanitary District with studying phosphorus sources.

Several people noted that the invite to various groups should come from NCWRPC, which is seen as a neutral party.

Action: Moved by Gau and seconded by Turchi to table this discussion, and NCWRPC to develop preliminary outline of event for discussion at next meeting. Motion carried.

Follow Through: Landeau will meet with Andy Johnson for input on potential invitees and agenda for stakeholder meeting.

8. Review of 2015 Rain Garden Program School District Invitation.

Discussion: Landeau introduced the background on this project as a continuation of Coalition educational efforts.

Kris Tiles, UWEX, reviewed the rain garden letter to school districts, and provided possible revisions.

Turner suggested that the letter should state that additional monetary and staff resources would be necessary from the school to complete any project.

Action: Moved by Gau and seconded by Turchi to invite school districts that cover Coalition members to apply to receive a rain garden installation grant. Motion carried.

Follow Through: NCWRPC to mail application letter to school district administrators, and provide additional information online.

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9. Discuss Wausau Demonstration Project Scope Of Work, If Available.

Discussion: Wausau was not present, so Gau suggested tabling agenda item till next meeting.

10. Announcements.

Discussion: Gau referred back to earlier items on the agenda, and suggested the Coalition look at re-establishing its advisory committees for possible activation as needed. There was some discussion, and it was determined to place this on the next agenda.

11. Next Meeting Date / Agenda. Discussion: 3rd Thursday in January – 15th, 2015.

12. Adjournment.

Since there was no further business to come before the Coalition, **motion / second by King / Molski to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission