

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
June 4, 2015

Members: Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), and Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild).

Absent/Excused: Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Kevin King (C-Schofield), and Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield).

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), and Fred Heider (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.

2. Update SES Services contract

Discussion: Heider noted that the Coalition has less than \$5 remaining in the existing contract after paying SES for the Phos Fest preparation and presentation. Discussion continued with a motion being created.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Turner to amend the existing contract to add \$5,000. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: None at this time.

3. Discuss providing public comment on proposed multi-discharger phosphorus variance

Discussion: Gau noted that the Coalition just had Phos Fest and the DNR just had a public hearing regarding phosphorus variance program, but there is a second deadline for written comment, so we are to decide if the Coalition will provide written comment. Discussion continued stating that multi-discharger phosphorus variance is for point sources like municipal wastewater treatment plants, and other private sector plants, and not for MS4s. MS4s and municipal wastewater treatment plants are both paid by taxpayers, so the Coalition needs to participate in this discussion. A variety of points were made regarding how phosphorus variance may work, and that quantifiable results would be necessary to give point dischargers the data they need to verify how much money to spend.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Pritchard to have Kurt Schoen draft a letter containing the points made in discussion and in consultation with Marathon County Conservationist Paul Daigle, and to have Kurt Schoen review how the letter matches the proposed phosphorus variance regulation. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: Kurt Schoen will write the letter per the motion.

4. Adjournment.

Since there was no further business to come before the Coalition, **motioned/seconded by Vergara/Turner to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. p.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission