

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
June 18, 2015

Members: Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Becky Frisch & Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), and Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) *via teleconference*.

Absent/Excused: Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), *vacant* (C-Schofield), and Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield).

Others: Dan Marzu (UWEX Marathon & Lincoln Counties), Paul Daigle (Marathon County LCD) Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), 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 10:02 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2015 Meeting and June 4, 2015 Meeting as emailed.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Wodalski to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.**

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Wodalski to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

Chairperson Gau showed everyone the recognition plaque that the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition was presented—the UW-Stevens Point GIS Center's Outstanding Partner Award. Discussion centered around how the plaque would be displayed. Marathon County would be honored to hang it in the lobby of where the Coalition meets. Frisch will also mention to her committee about this recognition that the Coalition received for their work.

Action: Hang the recognition plaque.

Follow Through: Becky Frish will make sure that the plaque is hung.

4. Elect Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion: The Stormwater Coalition appreciated Kevin King's involvement in the Coalition, and Gau will write a letter of appreciation to King.

Nominations opened and closed with Michael Wodalski being the only person nominated for the position.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Gehin/Pritchard to nominate Michael Wodalski as the Coalition's next Secretary-Treasurer to complete the current term. Motion carried.**

5. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of \$18,194.36, after:

1. paying the \$2,408 invoice from ScreenVision;
2. paying the \$1,472.50 invoice from SES for Phos Fest;
3. receiving membership contribution of \$1,500 from Marshfield; and
4. paying \$300 sponsorship fee to Wisconsin River Cleanup 2015.

At the Coalition's June 4th meeting, a \$5000 TMDL Services Contract extension was approved, therefore outstanding liabilities include the balance of the TMDL Services Contract (\$5008.82).

Available Balance = \$13,185.54

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None.

6. Discuss Phosphorus Stakeholders Meeting “Phos Fest” Results.

Discussion: Landeau noted that a final report will be coming, but is not available yet. All member groups invited were represented, but maybe the farmers were not as well represented as all three other groups. Phos Fest was a perfect start to appreciate how important this problem is to solve.

Action: Distribute articles written about Phos Fest.

Follow Through: Marathon County will scan and email to Coalition Members the editorial (City Pages), and article (Record Review) written that summarize what phosphorus reduction will mean to everyone.

7. Discuss potential phosphorus trading and adaptive management options.

Discussion: Schoen presented a slide show on the topic that he received from Amanda Minks of the DNR.

Adaptive Management = Clean up receiving water by whatever means necessary.

Phosphorus Trading = Buy credits from entities that have reduced phosphorus deposition into the receiving water. Credits directly offset the need for point sources to upgrade facilities.

Marathon County LCD would like to present the department’s perspective on how farmers are currently regulated, and how LCDs implement their programs to clean the water; may be presented to Coalition in the fall of this year.

8. Announcements.

Discussion:

- 2015 Waters Edge event, possibly in the fall or spring, or may partner with Rotary Club.

9. Next Meeting Date / Agenda. Discussion: 3rd Thursday in August – 20, 2015.

10. Adjournment.

Since there was no further business to come before the Coalition, **motioned/seconded by Wodalski/Gehin to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission