

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
January 21, 2016

Members: Jeff Pritchard & Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), and Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild).

Absent/Excused: Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Jon Lindert (Strand) *via teleconference*, Tonia Speener (Clark Dieitz), and Fred Heider (NCWRPC).

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being distributed to each community for posting and to local media, Vice Chair Pritchard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the October 15 & December 10 of 2015 Meetings as emailed.

Kevin Breit noted that he was at the October meeting via teleconference.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Breit/Turchi to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting with the attendance change. Motion carried.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Breit to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Chairperson's Report.

- Jon Lindert introduced himself from Strand.
- Lindert noted that at Gau's request, and with Coalition approval via email, he wrote a letter for the Coalition in support of AB 600 that Gau signed and submitted to the public hearing on the bill.
- Discussion then centered on a different bill – SB 567, relating to the water quality standards and the phosphorus variance.
- Lindert requested clarification as to how to determine what tasks he is being asked to review as part of Strand's contract with the Coalition.

Clarification for project requests under the Strand TMDL contract:

- a. Requests from the Coalition Chairperson outside of regular meetings to review bills or DNR statements that may affect the Coalition will be reviewed by Strand after Strand provides a Task Order to the Coalition Chair for approval.
- b. Requests from the Coalition to review TMDL modeling or other TMDL projects will be reviewed by Strand after the Coalition approves Strand's Task Order for a specific project.

Coalition members approved "a" and "b" above by general consent.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Breit/Turner to submit the draft professional services agreement between Strand and the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition to Marathon County's Corporation Council for review and consideration. It was the consensus of the Coalition members that Strand incorporate into the agreement a certificate of insurance with a specified amount of coverage. It was also the consensus of Coalition members that if Marathon County's Corporation Council has no problems with the agreement, the Coalition Chairperson is authorized to execute said agreement. However, if Marathon County's Corporation Council has concerns with the proposed agreement, then the aforementioned agreement shall be brought back before the Coalition without the Coalition Chairperson's signature for further refinement and consideration.

Motion carried.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of \$15,351.86, after:

- Paying the last Schoen Engineering Solutions invoice of \$2,042.50.

The only outstanding liability includes up to 3.5 hours from Strand for their review of AB 600 and subsequent drafting of a letter in support for the bill for the Coalition.

There was no interest in 2015 on the Coalition's checking account, and there were no fees either.

Available Balance = \$14,829.03

5. Review MS4 Storm Water General Permit Due Date matrix.

Discussion: Heider and Pritchard noted that Gau placed this on the agenda for Lindert to tell the Coalition how this affects them. Lindert went into detail regarding the matrix, and noted that there are some date discrepancies regarding where permit holders are in the state.

Action: No action.

Follow Through: Each municipality will review their own permit.

6. Review and revise Technical Committee and Educational Committee membership.

Discussion: Brief discussion noted to table this item until the next meeting.

7. List of 2015 educational activities for MS4 permits.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that he will share a spreadsheet of all the 2015 activities with Coalition members for their review.

Action: Pritchard will email spreadsheet to members.

Follow Through: Each municipality will review and revise the spreadsheet, and email it back to Pritchard.

8. Plan for educational activities in 2016.

Discussion: Pritchard began by noting many of the activities that were done in 2015, and others chimed in about how beneficial several items were.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Vergara to approve a 2016 or 2017 school rain garden program to award the first 3 schools to respond, \$1,000 each. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: Heider will craft and email the letter to each school district's District Administrator and School Board President, and copy each Coalition member in that school district.

9. Announcements.

Discussion: Several items were discussed by Coalition members:

- a) Frisch noted that Marathon County applied for a grant that will build community capacity for implementing the Wisconsin River TMDL, and would like to make a presentation at a future Coalition meeting;
- b) February 25, 2016 is a Governmental Affairs TMDL Seminar in Madison.

10. Next Meeting Date / Agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2016, at CPZ's large conference room at 10:00 am

11. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Vergara/Breit to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission