

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
October 15, 2015

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild) and Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids) *via teleconference*.

Absent/Excused: Richard Lupton (C-Merrill), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), and Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield).

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions), Tonia Speener (Clark Dieitz), Darryl Landeau & 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 September 17, 2015 Meeting as emailed.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Molski to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Chairperson's Report.

Report time was ceded to Kurt Schoen. Schoen announced that he is getting out of engineering by November 2, 2015 for a career change.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of \$17,394.36. No transactions since August 20th.

At the Coalition's August 20th meeting, a review of the SLAMM Urban Runoff Model inputs was authorized, up to \$2,000 under the TMDL Services Contract, therefore this outstanding liability may produce a final balance of \$3,008.82 for the TMDL Services Contract.

A new TMDL Service Contract will be needed with a different entity, since SES LLC (Kurt Schoen) is no longer available.

Available Balance = \$12,385.54

Action: None needed at this time.

Follow Through: None.

5. Establish 2016 Membership Fee.

Discussion: Gau opened discussion to determine how much each municipality would like to provide for Coalition use in 2016. Most members noted that they already budgeted for \$1,500.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Turner to approve setting the 2016 Stormwater Coalition Membership Fee at \$1,500. Motion carried.

6. Discuss overall planning for complying with WI River TMDL.

Discussion: Landeau started discussion by noting what the Regional Planning Commission was intending to do: 1) will continue staffing the Stormwater Coalition, 2) continue creating Land & Water Resource Mgmt. Plans, and 9 Key Element plans for counties; and 3) offer technical assistance for a fee to counties regarding creating stormwater plans.

The floor was opened to general discussion on what to do next. Here are the general ideas:

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1. Amanda Minks, DNR speaker for an upcoming meeting.
2. Mini summit of group leaders (4 people – possibly permit holders & ag.)
3. Find out more about how DNR is approaching agricultural interests, and partner with them.
4. 2017 – WI River TMDL released and about 2 years to decide how to implement TMDL in permit cycles.
5. Develop agricultural partnerships.
6. Develop benchmarks for Coalition to reach.

Action: Stormwater Coalition generally directed NCWRPC to layout what speakers would present in 2016.

Follow Through: NCWRPC will contact speakers.

7. Review which phosphorus reduction methodology to select for point sources within the WI River TMDL.

Discussion: Schoen noted that Kevin Kirsch, DNR, spoke to other TMDL groups in Wisconsin. Kirsch spoke about how the allocation method was chosen for permit holders out of all the EPA approved allocation methods.

August has small agricultural inputs of phosphorus to the Wisconsin River, but permit holders are still contributing, so there is a need to understand how permit holder allocation method was chosen.

Discussion realigned the speakers discussed in Agenda item #6 to the table below, based upon this new information.

Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Possibly June 2016
Kevin Kirsch, DNR	Amanda Minks, DNR	DATCP	Mini Summit Ag, MS4, WasteWater, & Industrial.

Action: Stormwater Coalition approved above table of speakers by consensus. This supersedes the Agenda #6 action.

Follow Through: NCWRPC will contact speakers per above table.

8. Provide technical review of DRAFT Wisconsin River TMDL Model Data.

Discussion: Schoen noted that industrial permit holders will be reviewing the SWAT model, so Coalition will not need to review it.

Action: Stormwater Coalition decided not to pursue model review by consensus.

Follow Through: None.

9. EPA funding available to address polluted runoff in urban areas.

Discussion: Gau and Vargara noted that one of EPA’s eligible geographic areas for this grant covers Coalition members in Marathon County. Discussion continued about what type of project would be eligible, and that several Coalition members could not participate due to the eligible area. Grant application is due Nov. 20th, and there is a webinar about it on Oct. 22nd.

Action: Coalition will not pursue grant. Marathon County will review possible use of grant.

Follow Through: Pritchard will notify other CPZ staff about this grant opportunity.

10. Announcements.

Discussion: Coalition members wished Schoen well in his new career pursuit.

11. Next Meeting Date / Agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016, at CPZ's large conference room at 10:00 am

Discussion: There may be a need for another brief meeting to approve a new TMDL Service Contract.

12. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Vergara/Thuot to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission