

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
February 18, 2016

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), and *via teleconference*: Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

Absent/Excused: Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Jon Lindert (Strand) *via teleconference*, Archie Becher (Becher Hoppe), Kevin Lang (Marathon County Hwy. Dept.) Tyler Betry (Marathon County), 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 10:01 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI, and noted that agenda items would be moved around to allow for Gau to take over as chair when he arrives.

2. Approve the Minutes of the January 21 Meetings as emailed.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Akey/Wodalski to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Chairperson's Report.

- Approval of Strand agreement. M.C. Corp. Council did not return it by today, so it will be on the next Coalition agenda.
- Review and revise Technical Committee and Educational Committee membership. Gau noted that a couple people are no longer part of the Coalition and should be replaced.

Technical Advisory Committee – Schoen was replaced by Scott Turner.

Educational Committee – King was replaced by Mark Thuot.

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

Technical Advisory Committee – Gehin, Vergara, Speener, Dums, Turchi, and Turner.

Educational Committee – Wodalski, Pritchard, Gau, Breit, and Thuot.

Coalition members approved the new Committee memberships above by general consent.

- Renewing membership in League's Local Government Stormwater Group. **Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Turchi to approve re-committing membership to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Local Government Stormwater Group, and taking each member municipalities' dues to the League's Group out of 2016 member contributions to the Stormwater Coalition. Motion carried.**
- Gau had Lindert update the Coalition on what bills in Madison affect the Coalition and what letters of support were created. Bills supported included AB 600 (and companion bill SB 459), and SB 567 (and companion bill AB 735).

After Gau reviewed the agenda and noted that no other items would need Strand's participation, then Lindert signed off the teleconference at 10:30 am.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of \$27,901.69, after:

- Receiving annual member contributions of \$1,500 from most communities (waiting to receive checks from Stevens Point & Rib Mountain); and
- Paying the Strand invoice of \$950.17 (for review of and creating Letters of Support for AB 600, & SB 567, and attending 1 hour of the Coalition's Jan. 21 mtg. via teleconf.).

Available Balance = ~~\$27,901.69~~.

NOTE: \$24,151.69 is the actual available balance, because the 2 following outstanding liabilities were not reported at the February 18th meeting:

The 2 outstanding liabilities include: 1) up to \$750 to Weston for their 2015 Rain Garden plantings, and 2) up to \$3,000 total for school rain gardens.

5. Pre-Authorize a TMDL Service Amount for Chairperson to have Strand review & respond to legislation between meetings.

Discussion: Gau noted that there was much Coalition activity in January that occurred between meetings. Heider noted that a Coalition pre-approved amount for the chair and co-chair to have access to for a specific purpose between meetings would alleviate a potential problem of conducting business outside of posted meetings that are open to the public.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Breit to pre-approve up to \$1,000 to be spent per task if both the chairperson and co-chair of the Coalition agree that legislative review and/or response that affects Coalition business comes up and must be acted upon before the next scheduled Coalition meeting. Motion carried.**

6. List of 2015 educational activities for MS4 permits.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that he shared the spreadsheet of 2015 activities that Coalition members did over the course of 2015, and requested any final changes. Weston did a rain barrel project too in 2015.

Action: Pritchard will send an email reminder again to everyone w/ an end-of-February deadline to reply.

Follow Through: Each municipality to provide any last details to Pritchard by the end of February.

7. Plan for educational activities in 2016.

Discussion: Pritchard began by noting many of the activities that were done in 2015, and Heider continued by adding why several items were chosen and 2015 costs.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Pritchard/Breit to approve \$500 to advertise the 30-second Rubber Ducky spot on Baraboo's TV43 per advertising proposal on file. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: Heider will have the Baraboo TV station create an invoice and pay it.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Pritchard to approve up to \$5,000 to advertise the 30-second Rubber Ducky spot in each of the theaters in Rothschild, Marshfield, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids in spring of 2016. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: Heider will have ScreenVision create an invoice and pay it.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Pritchard/ Wodalski to approve spending up to \$800 for 10 rain garden signs, as previously designed. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: Pritchard will contact Kirs Tiles and coordinate purchasing 10 rain garden signs.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Pritchard/Akey to approve adding technical colleges as eligible recipients of the rain garden mini grants, but not adding more than the original 3 awards of \$1,000 each for a total to be potentially awarded of \$3,000 among schools and technical colleges. Motion carried.**

Follow Through: Pritchard will get letter and other materials from Heider so he can send letter to technical colleges.

9. Announcements.

Discussion: Several items were discussed by Coalition members:

- Tyler Betry, of Marathon County CPZ, reported on what Marathon County's \$100,000 Lake Protection grant, if received, would be spent on. He noted that \$15,000 would be spent on educational efforts and the County would like to partner with the Coalition on this task. April is when the County finds out if they are awarded the grant.
- 2016 Gov't Affairs Seminar, Feb. 25, regarding TMDLs – Marathon County will report back to the Coalition, since they are attending.
- DNR's Healthy Soils, Healthy Water Workshop in WI Rapids, Feb. 22, regarding TMDLs – Duane Gau will represent the Coalition and report back.

10. Next Meeting Date / Agenda.

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

11. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Turchi/Akey to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
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