

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**April 21, 2016**

**Members:** Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), and *via teleconference*: Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), and Duane Gau (V-Kronenwetter).

**Absent/Excused:** Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

**Others:** Jon Lindert (Strand) *via teleconference*, Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Josh Huber (Becher Hoppe), Paul McGinley (UWSP), 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 10:03 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 February 18 Meetings as emailed.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Turchi to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

- Approval of Strand agreement. Marathon County Corp. Council recommended some changes. Pritchard reviewed the changes with the group via the Smart board so everyone could see the changes.

**Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Akey to approve the Marathon County Corp. Council version of the Strand agreement. Motion carried.**

- Strand Update: Lindert commented on Proposed TMDL Guidance for MS4 Permits. Lindert also commented on the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in Madison with the EPA consultant that presented TMDL reservoir modeling for Castle Rock and Petenwell.
- Strand to hold off on reviewing any other modeling for now. **Coalition members approved holding off by general consent.**
- Strand to find out if review is being down by the Industrial Users Group (Angela James) or Wastewater Dischargers Group (Rich Bowden). **Coalition members approved Strand to contact both groups by general consent.**

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

- June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Wisconsin Municipal Stormwater Groups – Pritchard volunteered to attend and report back to the Coalition. **Coalition members approved Pritchard's attendance by general consent.**
- Membership in WI Association for Floodplain, Stormwater, & Coastal Management – Discussion occurred. **Coalition decided by general consent not to join this group, because they are already paying members of the League's Local Gov't Stormwater Group.**

4. Coalition Board elections.

Chairperson: Jeff Pritchard. **Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Wodalski to approve Jeff Pritchard as Coalition Chairperson. Motion carried.**

Vice-Chairperson: Tom Turchi. **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Gau to approve Tom Turchi as Coalition Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.**

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Wodalski. **Motion of unanimity by Gau to approve Michael Wodalski as Coalition Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.**

5. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider showed the Coalition's account history since February on the Smart board. Heider reported a current balance of \$22,702.29, **after:**

- Receiving annual member contributions of \$1,500 from Stevens Point & Rib Mountain;
- Paying the Coalition's membership into the League's Local Gov't Stormwater Group (\$3,200);
- Paying the Rubber Ducky invoice on Baraboo's TV43 (\$500);
- Paying the Strand invoice of \$968.10 (for attending and reporting on the TMDL Reservoir Modeling for Castle Rock and Petenwell on Apr. 20);
- Paying the second Screen Vision invoice (\$2,476); and
- Paying the Strand invoice of \$255.30 for working through the technical details of the Service Agreement. Discussion ensued that the Coalition should not pay for contract negotiations. **Coalition members approved voiding the \$255.30 check to Strand by general consent.**
  
- Outstanding Liabilities total \$6,050:
- Up to \$750 to Weston for their 2015 Rain Garden at the farmers market;
- Up to \$3,000 total for school rain gardens;
- Up to \$500 for Rubber Ducky ad in Merrill @ Cosmo Theater;
  - **Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Gehin to approve up to \$500 to be spent advertising the Rubber Ducky in Merrill at the Cosmo Theater. Motion carried.**
- Up to \$500 for Strand's review of TMDL Guidance for MS4 Permits-Addendum B, and subsequently submittal of comments to the DNR on the Coalition's behalf;
- \$500 for platinum level sponsorship of the annual Wisconsin River Cleanup, May 16, 2016
  - **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Akey to approve \$500 for platinum sponsorship of the 2016 Wisconsin River Cleanup in the Wausau area. Motion carried.**
- And...
- Up to \$800 for 10 rain garden signs (signs are made, and the invoice is coming).

Available Balance = \$22,702.29 (This does not take into account that the Coalition just voided Strand's check of \$255.30.

Discussion also noted for NCWRPC to get in writing from ScreenVision why they did not charge the Coalition for the full amount agreed upon. **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Wodalski to accept the budget report as presented. Motion carried.**

6. Plan for educational materials.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that we took care of WI River clean-up and Cosmo sponsorships and advertising back in the Budget part of the agenda. Discussion began about verifying that funds are spent on the rain garden. Frisch and Pritchard will review with Heider what is asked of the schools to verify costs, and if necessary, add additional requirements to this potential rain garden recipient.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Wodalski to approve \$1,000 to the second Merrill school rain garden. Motion carried.**

7. Announcements.

Discussion: Several items were discussed by Coalition members:

- 2016 Gov't Affairs Seminar, Feb. 25, regarding TMDLs – Pritchard reported that a cheese factory was the focus, with their solution being to purchase an upland or downstream farm and permanently remove it from agriculture.
- DNR's Healthy Soils, Healthy Water Workshop in WI Rapids, Feb. 22, regarding TMDLs – Gau reported on the results.
- Marathon County CPZ received the \$100,000 Lakes Protection Grant, and will present to the Coalition at an upcoming meeting.

8. ***Presentation: Following the Water, Implications for Phosphorus (Paul McGinley, UWSP)***

***Big Takeaways:***

- 1. Phosphorus is the limiting factor in how much algae is in waterbodies;***
- 2. The soil can accept more phosphorus, but the water can only accept limited additional quantities, which are taken up relatively quickly to create algae blooms;***
- 3. Reducing water velocity over soil will reduce phosphorus in the surface waters, by allowing the water to soak into the soil.***

10. Next Meeting Date / Agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2016, at CPZ's large conference room at 10:00 am

11. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Vergara/Akey to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission