

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
May 18, 2017

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), and Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield).

Absent/Excused: Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

Others: Josh Huber (Becher Hoppe), Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Diane Thoune (Clark Dietz), Rick Eilertson & Steven Muir (AECOM) *and via teleconference: Jon Lindert (Strand).*

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being distributed to each community for posting and to local media, Pritchard 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 March 16 Meeting as emailed.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Molski to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Chairperson's Report.

- The Fall Conference for the American Public Works Association – Wisconsin Chapter (APWA WI) will be held in Wausau from Nov. 1-3, 2017. If any communities have stormwater-related projects that they would like to highlight on a greater Wausau area tour, then contact Pritchard.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael Wodalski who earned the 2017 APWA WI “Outstanding New Member Award” at last week’s APWA WI Spring Conference in Madison.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of **\$36,379.13, after:**

- Paying 2 Strand invoices totaling \$612.88;
- Paying our platinum sponsorship level of \$500 to the WI River Cleanup;
- Paying WSAW’s Rubber Ducky ad run of \$2,570.

Outstanding Liabilities total \$5,800:

- Up to \$2,000 for school commercial creation prize money, and
- Up to \$3,800 for group membership into the League’s Stormwater Group.

Available Balance = \$30,579.13

Approved by general consent to accept the budget report as presented.

5. Review 2017-2018 membership in League of WI Municipalities’ Stormwater Group.

Discussion: Heider mentioned that no paperwork was available from the League yet, so the communication between Vergara and the League states:

- 2017-2018 membership will be the same as 2016 – so does this mean \$200 for 2017 AND \$200 for 2018 for a community under 10,000 people?

Follow Through: As soon as the League’s paperwork comes through, the Coalition will decide if there is further approval necessary. The Stormwater Coalition already approved paying the dues from the Coalition membership fee.

6. 2017 Water's Edge Event sponsorship.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that Marathon County was creating this educational event, like they had in the past, per the handed out flyer. The Stormwater Coalition was a sponsor in the past, but there have been several years since the last event occurred. Discussion continued noting that if other counties or entities had water-based educational events, then the Coalition should consider funding those too.

Moved/Seconded by Akey/Wodalski to approve the \$500 sponsorship of the 2017 Water's Edge educational event in Edgar WI, with the understanding that if other beneficial educational events come up in other Coalition member counties that the Coalition would also consider sponsoring those efforts. Motion passed.

7. Review potential video competition paperwork.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that through a teacher review of the competition paperwork that a curriculum needs to be developed to provide more guidance, and that the teachers involved in the review had no time for creating that curriculum – even over the summer.

Moved/Seconded by Akey/Molski to terminate the video competition. Motion passed.

8. Possible NTC Agricultural Centre partnership.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that Marathon County is in the process of hiring a new staff conservationist. One task of that person could be to develop a relationship with future farmers that would be trained at the Ag Centre, and once that relationship is in place, then maybe the Coalition could fund a non-point source pollution demonstration project that would have a continuous educational component with it. The current Ag Centre director has been receptive to the concept. More information will come later.

9. Announcements

Discussion:

- Jon Lindert (Strand) noted that he is working with the DNR about guidance for USLE spreadsheet on erosion control.
- Jon Lindert (Strand) noted that he is a reviewer of double ring infiltrometer test. Public comment may be available within a month.

10. Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- July 20, 2017 will be the next meeting if needed.

11. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Turchi/Molski to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission