

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 20, 2017**

**Members:** Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), and via teleconference: Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee) and Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

**Absent/Excused:** Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

**Others:** Josh Huber (Becher Hoppe), Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Diane Thoune (Clark Dietz), Steve Muir (AECOM).

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being distributed to each community for posting and to local media, Pritchard called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the May 18 Meeting as emailed.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Downey/Wodalski to approve the minutes of the May 18, 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.

4. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$35,475.53, after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$403.60;
- Paying our \$500 sponsorship of the 2017 Water's Edge event in Marathon County;

Outstanding Liabilities total \$3,800:

- Up to \$3,800 for group membership into the League's Stormwater Group.

Available Balance = \$31,675.53

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

5. Establish 2018 Membership Fee.

**Discussion:** Reasons for the membership fee were discussed:

- WI River TMDL review;
- Extra educational outreach to the public & municipal boards;
- Possible letters of support needed to react to legislation.

**Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Downey to approve setting the 2018 Stormwater Coalition membership fee for each community at \$2,000. Motion passed.**

7. Discuss DNR multipliers on vegetative swales.

Discussion: Turchi began discussion noting that DNR has a large safety factor and then another excessive cushion factor on top of that without seemingly any science support behind it.

**Moved/Seconded by Vergara/Downey to have Strand write a letter of support for appropriate vegetative swales multipliers. Tom Turchi will provide direction to Strand. Motion passed.**

9. Announcements

Discussion:

- Vergara mentioned that Cedar Creek Cinema is undertaking a multimillion dollar upgrade. There may be some opportunity for the Stormwater Coalition there.

10. Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- To be determined. Downey noted that in late August, NCWRPC was going to bring the new DPW staff up-to-speed on the Coalition activities, and everyone else will be invited.
- There may not be another meeting in 2018 if other agenda items do not need action.

11. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Vergara/Turchi to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission