

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**January 17, 2019**

**Members:** Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), and via teleconference: and Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee).

**Absent/Excused:** TJ Niksich (C-Wausau), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Christopher Johnson (V-Kronenwetter), Becky Frisch (Marathon County), and Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo).

**Others:** Lauren Nichols (Marathon County), Fred Heider (NCWRPC), 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 10:01 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Meeting.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Wodalski/Turchi to approved the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

- 5-Year **Stormwater Management Cooperative Agreement** update – Thank You, they are all in.
- **Memorandum of Agreement** between Marathon County and Coalition members – these are due in December 2019.

4. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$39,695.40 after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$437.38 for attending the TMDL public hearing in Point; &
- Paying \$1,845 for the Erosion Control Field Guides.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- None.

Available Balance = \$39,695.40

**Also note:** 2019 Member Contribution invoices of \$1,250 went to each community's clerk this week.

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

5. Letter of Recommendation for Lake Wausau Report.

**Discussion:** Lauren Nichols reported the Marathon County CPZ is applying for a Lake Protection Grant through DNR for \$100,000 to apply educational efforts to Lake Wausau and the Big Eau Pleine River.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Vergara to approve providing a Letter of Recommendation for this grant application. Motion carried.**

6. Discussion and possible action on what to sponsor in 2019.

Discussion: Coalition membership and staff discussed what was sponsored in 2018 to see if this is what should also be sponsored in 2019.

Turner noted that he will need to create checklists due to DNR's recent MS4 audit, and that other communities will need these too. Turchi and Akey also noted that they are in process of getting an audit or an audit report soon.

Action: Pritchard will reach out to the WI Stormwater Collaborative and others to see what is out there, before authorizing funds to re-create them.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turner/Thuot to approve spending up to \$2,000 on t-shirts for FFA chapters that cover Coalition members, and "No Farms, No Food" to become: "No Water, No Farms, No Food." Motion carried.**

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Lang to approve sponsoring the WI River Cleanup at the \$500 level. Motion carried.**

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Akey/Wodalski to approve spending up to \$6,000 total on TV advertising (\$3K to WAOW, & \$3K to WSAW) using the Rubber Ducky spot. Motion carried.**

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Molski to approve sponsoring PaddleQuest at the \$500 level. Motion carried.**

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi/Thuot to approve providing up to \$150 for the WI Stormwater Collaborative meeting lunch. Motion carried.**

7. Consider creating educational "story book" style web page.

Discussion: Membership discussed a new educational tool that could be created. One thing they didn't want was to show their actual stormwater systems, and one thing they wanted was to identify that the storm sewers do not lead to the treatment plant.

8. HAVE field guide for contractors available for distribution TODAY.

Discussion: Wodalski brought all the printed Erosion Control pocket guides. Member communities present picked up their 20 copies.

9. Consider donation to Marshfield Zoo Welcome Center Water Education Exhibit.

Discussion: Turchi began discussion about the new zoo welcome center, and the stormwater and groundwater displays that are planned for this building. Discussion continued with a variety of questions about what may be possible with some type of Coalition sponsorship (ex. rain garden, logo sponsorship), and how many people are expected to enter the welcome center to the free zoo.

Action: Turchi will discuss with Zoo administration if there is a use for a rain garden outside the new welcome center building.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Akey/Turner to approve providing a \$2,000 sponsorship donation for the groundwater display at the Zoo. Turchi abstained. Motion carried.**

10. Consider making No Farms No Food t-shirts to give away to FFA students.

Discussion: Pritchard began discussion noting that UWEX is willing to make educational presentations to the FFA chapters. Further discussion is needed to review logistics, since the same UWEX agent does not cover all member high school FFA chapters.

Action: Pritchard will coordinate with UWEX to make sure there are presentations made at each Member Community's FFA chapter.

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- February 21, 2019 will be the next Coalition meeting.
- Possible agenda items: 1) Newtrient speaker; 2) League of WI Munis, 3) Boat launch educational signs.

12. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Vergara/Akey to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission