

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 21, 2019**

**Members:** Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), TJ Niksich (C-Wausau), and via teleconference: Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), and Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

**Absent/Excused:** Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Christopher Johnson (V-Kronenwetter), and Becky Frisch (Marathon County).

**Others:** 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 January 17, 2019 Meeting.

**Action:** **Moved/Seconded by Thuot/Molski to approved the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

- 5-Year **Stormwater Management Cooperative Agreement** update – Thank You, the Marathon County Committee appreciated seeing every community resolution.
- **Memorandum of Agreement** between Marathon County and Coalition members – these are due in December 2019.
- *Everyone should have received by email the WI River TMDL Appendix R. We will discuss that later in the agenda.*

4. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$45,339.05 after:**

- Receiving annual member contributions totaling \$12,500 (\$1,250 ea);
- Paying WAOW TV \$2,900 for Rubber Ducky air time around Earth Day;
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- Paying a sponsorship fee of \$500 to Stevens Point's PaddleQuest event this August; and
- Paying a Strand invoice of \$545.25 for the January meeting; &
- Paying \$11.10 to mail 20 Erosion Control Field Guides to our Baraboo member.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- \$2,000 for "No Water, No Farms, No Food" t-shirts;
- \$500 for sponsoring the WI River Cleanup; and
- \$150 for a potential WI Stormwater Collaborative meeting lunch.

Available Balance = \$42,689.05

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

- Schofield and Wausau have yet to pay, but most likely are in-route.

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

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

Discussion: Turchi was not here or on the teleconference, but Tom Pinion from Baraboo was on the teleconference, so we just mentioned what this agenda item was for, and encouraged Pinion to inquire what stormwater project/rain garden we could sponsor in Baraboo. He will get back to us next month.

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

Discussion: We have way more than 40 FFA students per high school chapter, so a discussion occurred about the t-shirts. A discussion also occurred about the exact wording on the front of the t-shirt, and whether it should be the previously approved: "No Water, No Farms, No Food" or if it should be shortened to the 2018 design of "No Farms, No Food."

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turner/Thuot to approve spending up to \$6,000 on t-shirts for FFA chapters that cover Coalition members. Motion carried.**

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turner/Bonack to approve removing: "No Water" from the phrase: "No Water, No Farms, No Food." So the graphic will read: "No Farms, No Food." Motion carried.**

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

Discussion: Additional discussion occurred it this was the right tool to use to get the Coalition message across to the public as to how runoff occurs and why it is important to reduce pollutants.

Action: Prichard/Heider will seek video clips that may be available from the WI Stormwater Collaboratives group, or other sources.

8. League of WI Municipalities – consider stormwater membership options.

Discussion: Discussion occurred about the value of membership and whether it was justified to pay for each member's potential membership out of Coalition funds if everyone doesn't want to join, or if it is fair for smaller communities that may pay \$300 to partially subsidize larger communities' membership that may pay \$600.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turner/Niksich to not fund League membership out of Coalition funds. Motion carried.**

9. Wisconsin River TMDL moves forward to EPA. Discuss WDNR replies to Coalition comments and possibly act on those comments.

Discussion: No discussion beyond a brief note from Pritchard as to where the comments are at (they are at EPA with the TMDL for final approval).

10. Announcements.

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- March 21, 2019 will be the next Coalition meeting.
- Possible agenda items: Boat launch educational signs.

12. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Turner/Molski to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission