

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 18, 2019**

**Members:** Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), TJ Niksich (C-Wausau), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), *and via teleconference: Christopher Johnson (V-Kronenwetter), and Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee).*

**Absent/Excused:** Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), and Becky Frisch (Marathon County).

**Others:** Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Steve Muir (AECOM), and *via teleconference: Rick Eilertson (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 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Meeting.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Turchi/ Molski to approved the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

- **Memorandum of Agreement** between Marathon County and Coalition members in Marathon County – still waiting for Kronenwetter and Weston.
- City of Portage is a new MS4, so they may join either our Stormwater Coalition or another one since they are in 2 watersheds. We sent them materials about joining us.
- DNR is opening a public comment period on Site Specific Criteria for 3 lakes, but that information is already in the adopted Wisconsin River TMDL, so we saw no need to comment either way.

4. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$44,446.35 after:**

- Receiving Wausau's annual member contribution of \$1,250;
- Paying a \$500 sponsorship of the WI River Cleanup; and
- Paying Weston \$2,344.40 so they can pay for the "No Farms No Food" t-shirts.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- Up to \$3,655.60 (out of \$6,000) for "No Farms, No Food" t-shirts [\$2,344.40 spent];
- \$2,000 for sponsorship of groundwater display at Marshfield Zoo;
- Up to \$1,000 for rain garden materials at Baraboo Zoo;
- Up to \$1,000 for rain garden materials at Marshfield Zoo; and
- \$150 for a potential WI Stormwater Collaborative meeting lunch.

Available Balance = \$36,640.75

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

5. Possibly create reporting spreadsheet for MS4 general permit.

**Discussion:** Pritchard opened discussion, noting that Jon Lindert received a request from the Town of Rib Mountain to create such a reporting mechanism. Other members noted what they were doing as part of their own permits. No further action seemed warranted.

6. Stormwater Legislative/Administrative Rule Update (Vergara).

Discussion: Since Vergara was not present, the Coalition decided to table this item to next month.

7. Stormwater Collaboratives teleconference – June 24<sup>th</sup> Wrap-up (Turchi & Pritchard).

Discussion: Turchi and Pritchard shared their experience with Coalition members. Discussion ensued, generally requesting what types of materials were available for individual communities to use.

Action: Heider will email the shared file path with Coalition members when it becomes available.

8. Review how well Coalition activities satisfy Proposed MS4 General Permit Revisions for public education and outreach.

Discussion: These MS4 General Permit Revisions are now law.

Action: Heider will create a basic table identifying what the Coalition is planning in 2019 to see how it correlates with the new permit requirements.

9. Consider 2019 sponsorship opportunities in the City of Baraboo (TV43, and others).

Discussion: Pinion was not available. Heider provided background on why we would use TV43 for Rubber Ducky advertising, and also noted that the Coalition provided Baraboo with Construction Guides and 2019 rain garden funding.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi/ Molski to approve \$500 to show the Rubber Ducky ad on TV43 in Baraboo. Motion carried.**

10. Announcements.

9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- August 15<sup>th</sup> to set the 2020 Membership Fee, and coordinate FFA Chapter presentations.

10. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Nicksich / Turchi to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission