

**Northcentral Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition
Minutes
January 16, 2025**

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Laurie Miskimins (Marathon County), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), TJ Niksich (C-Wausau), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Caleb Novitch (C-Merrill), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), and Michael Wodalski (V-Weston).

Absent/Excused: Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), Andrew Kiefer (C-Wisconsin Rapids), , Dan Raczkowski (V-Weston), Shane Kohlen (C-Stevens Point), Craig Czaikowski (C-Stevens Point), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Josh Mauritz (C-Marshfield), Eric Southworth (C-Stevens Point), and Greg Marsicek (UWSP).

Others: Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Jon Lindert (Strand) Rick Eilertson (AECOM), Allison Madison (Salt Wise), Amanda Harvey (DNR), Brooke Robinson (DNR), Jenna Monahan (DNR), Pat Oldenburg (DNR), Patricia Cicero (Jefferson County – Speaker), Maureen McBroom (C. Watertown – Speaker), Eric Thompson (MSA), Tom Boisvert (Lincoln County), Matt Kaelin, Andrew B, and James.

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. with a mix of remote and in-person attendance. Those attending in-person were in the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Wodalski / Akey to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

3. General Public Comment.

- No public comment made.

4. Chairperson's Report.

- Congrats to Tom Turchi and Kevin Breit.

5. Stormwater Coalition – 2024 Annual Report (Heider).

Discussion: Heider noted that in 2024 educational efforts hit all 8 topics required by MS4 permits, and that over 5 delivery mechanisms occurred, with 3 active mechanisms (only 2 need to be active). The 2024 Annual Report was attached as a Word document for each Member to add their own activities and then to use that document to submit to DNR as part of your annual permit paperwork.

6. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of **\$8,785.76 after:**

- Paying a NCWRPC invoice of \$455 for services from July through September;
- Reimbursing NCWRPC for \$1,347.50 for stormwater stickers to Members, and web hosting costs (July-Sept.);
- Reimbursing NCWRPC for \$78.76 for mailing stormwater stickers to Members;
- Paying the \$10,000 sponsorship of Salt Wise; and
- Reimbursing NCWRPC for \$54.00 for web hosting costs (Oct.-Dec.).

Outstanding Liabilities:

- _____.

Other maximum variable liabilities per contracts on an as-needed basis:

- a) An agreement with NCWRPC to provide up to \$12,000 staff time annually for Stormwater's Outreach Coordinator position through April 1, 2026.
- b) An agreement with Strand to provide up to \$35,000 in engineering services through April 22, 2027.

2025 Membership invoices will go out by the end of January.

Available Balance = **\$8,785.76**

Action: **The budget report as presented is approved by general consent with change noted in previous action.**

7. Salt Wise update & possible action (Allison Madison).

Discussion: Madison discussed the following items:

- Salt Wise 2024 Annual Report (cover pic is of WI Rapids training session.)
- Mentioned National Weather service issue;
- Winter Salt Awareness Week 2025 (Jan. 27-31);
- Limited Liability bill is coming back in 2025;
- Item in Gov's State Budget to support equipment purchases;
- Excellence in Snow & Ice Control Award – Wisconsin Rapids!

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara / Lemke to re-authorize Salt wise at the \$10,000 level for 2025. Motion carried.**

8. **Presentation:** Hear about the partnership that the City of Watertown and Jefferson County have formed to implement a trading program to achieve Watertown's MS4 obligations under the Rock River TMDL

Patricia Cicero, Director, Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department
Maureen McBroom, Stormwater Project Manager, City of Watertown

9. Discussion about Water Quality Trading, Adaptive Management, & Other Options.

Discussion: Various members began discussion.

Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse – get a speaker about this .

10. Announcements, Next Meeting Date, & Next Agenda Items.

- In spring 2025 (April), there will be a statewide conference in Stevens Point for the American Public Works Association. Agenda items needed by end of January.
- Next meeting is February 20, 2025.

11. Adjournment.

Action: **Motioned/seconded by Akey / Thuot to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission