

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
August 15, 2019

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Rob Molski (C-Stevens Point), TJ Niksich (C-Wausau), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), and *via teleconference: Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), and Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee).*

Absent/Excused: Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), Christopher Johnson (V-Kronenwetter), and Becky Frisch (Marathon County).

Others: Fred Heider (NCWRPC), and *via teleconference: Heather Schlessner (Extension Marathon County).*

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 July 18, 2019 Meeting.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Thuot / Turchi to approved the minutes of the July 18, 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.
- Pritchard mentioned that the No Farms No Food t-shirts are very popular in CPZ and UWEX. Wondering when they can buy them.

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of **\$44,446.35** – the same as last month, because there were no expenses.

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;
- \$500 to show Rubber Ducky ad on TV43 in Baraboo; and
- \$150 for a potential WI Stormwater Collaborative meeting lunch.

Available Balance = \$36,140.75

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

Agenda was moved around to accommodate Heather Schlessner.

7. Stormwater presentations and t-shirt distribution at FFA Chapters in Coalition Member high schools during the 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion: Logistics discussion occurred. Heather Schlessner (Extension Marathon County) will do a presentation to FFA Chapters in Marathon County, and she will coordinate with Extension agents in other counties to see if she will do the presentation at all Coalition Member FFAs or if another Extension agent will do the presentation at non-Marathon County FFAs.

Actions: The following actions were approved by general consent.

- a) Heather Schlessler will contact all Coalition Member FFAs in Marathon County (i.e., Wausau, D.C Everest, & Mosinee) to get on their schedule, and to collect updated t-shirt sizes from each FFA.
- b) Heather Schlessler will contact Extension agents in the counties of Lincoln, Portage, Sauk, and Wood to coordinate with that county's Extension agent.
- c) Either Heather Schlessler or another Extension agent will contact Coalition Member FFAs outside of Marathon County (i.e., Baraboo, Marshfield, Merrill, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids) to get on their schedule, and to collect updated t-shirt sizes from each FFA.
- d) Fred Heider will order additional t-shirts as soon as the new FFA t-shirt size lists come in (2-week turnaround to order and receive t-shirts).
- e) Each presentation will include Schlessler and/or another Extension agent, and the local Coalition Member. T-shirts will be distributed after each FFA presentation.

Pritchard had to leave, so Turchi took over as Chair.

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

Discussion: Discussion about whether the stormwater utility rule passed. Vergara was not available. This will be on the next agenda too.

6. Review how well Coalition activities satisfy MS4 General Permit requirements for public education and outreach.

Discussion: Members reviewed a table that identified current activities under each DNR required Topic Area. Members noticed that 3 Topic Areas were missing activities (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Stream and Shoreline Management, and Pollution Prevention).

Actions:

- a) Prichard was volunteered to find newsletter articles and handouts for all 8 DNR Topic Areas from the Stormwater Collaboratives online files.
- b) Heider will email those to Coalition Members when they are found.
- c) Prichard was volunteered to contact Marathon County's Conservationist about what possibilities exist to establish a streambank demonstration project in each Marathon County Coalition Member community.

Agenda #7 was done earlier.

8. Distribution of No Farms No Food t-shirts for other public educational purposes.

Discussion: Prichard (during the Chairperson's Report) & Heider mentioned how popular these t-shirts have been when others have seen them and wanted Coalition members to discuss if other distribution options should exist. Members discussed that a few should be kept on-hand for someone who is staffing a booth on behalf of the Coalition. Other than that, t-shirts will only be for FFA distribution at this time.

9. Establish 2020 Membership Fee [2019 Fee was \$1,250.]

Discussion: Discussion occurred about possibly staffing additional events in the future and that other educational items may take more money.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turner / Niksich to approve \$1,500 as the 2020 Stormwater Coalition membership fee.**

10. Announcements.

9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- To be determined as needed. Possibly January of 2020, but possibly earlier if something needs approval.
- Vergara will provide the Legislative update.
- Update to be provided on streambank demonstration project options.

10. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Turner / Lang to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
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