

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 20, 2020**

**Members:** Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Craig Czaikowski (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), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Christopher Johnson (V-Kronenwetter), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), *and via teleconference: and Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), and Dennis Biddick (C-Baraboo).*

**Absent/Excused:** Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

**Others:** Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Eric Thompson (MSA), Jon Lindert (Strand), 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 August 15, 2019 Meeting.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Turchi / Vergara to approved the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. Chairperson's Report.

- Stormwater Coalition election coming up.
- Strand contract coming due in July 2020.
- Marathon County CPZ may bring up ideas for funding.

4. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$57,499.62 after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$198.52 for the July 2019 meeting.
- Paying a Strand invoice of \$105.58 for the August correspondence w/ Prichard.
- Receiving annual member contribution of \$1,500 each Member except Baraboo.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- Up to \$1,012.97 (out of \$6,000) for "No Farms, No Food" t-shirts [\$4,987.03 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 = \$47,836.65

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

5. Report from Members who received MS4 grants.

**Discussion:** Various Members discussed their MS4 grants.

6. Revise approval of funding for Marshfield Zoo to become a new set of requests (Turchi).

**Discussion:** Turchi noted that \$2,000 was approved by the Coalition for a Marshfield Zoo table display about the natural water cycle. Since donations exceeded need to construct the table, then the Stormwater Coalition's money was not used. Money for educational materials would be useful.

**Action: Moved/Seconded by Akey / Thuot to replace \$2,000 sponsorship of groundwater table at Marshfield Zoo with \$1,000 for educational handouts. Motion carried.**

7. Discuss original purpose and potential future need for Coalition to maintain engineering services on retainer.

Discussion: Pritchard noted that the reason for a Coalition engineer was to respond to development of the Wisconsin River TMDL for phosphorus. Pritchard opened discussion, and Members contributed.

Action: Keep this on the next agenda.

8. Public Education – Visiting school FFA chapters, or other classes.

Discussion: Pritchard reported on school visits that he and Extension Agent Heather Schlessler, presented at. FFA presentations were disasters, because nobody was paying attention. Other classes were very good, because the students paid attention and participated in the presentations. Pritchard and Schlessler visited high school classes representing the communities of Mosinee, Wisconsin Rapids, both Wausau high schools, and D.C. Everest. T-shirts went over really well.

Action: Pritchard and Schlessler are still lining up other high schools for presentations this spring.

9. Potential UW-Extension video development.

Discussion: Pritchard mentioned that we may have access to Extension Agent Heather Schlessler's skills to create videos for the Stormwater Coalition.

Action: Pritchard will keep the Coalition informed.

10. Educational requirements for MS4 permits.

Discussion: Melissa Yarrington from DNR began noting some of the requirements. Members continued the discussion.

Action: Yarrington will forward Pritchard a variety of materials that Coalition Members can use.

11. Discussion and possible action on what to sponsor in 2020 (e.g. WI River Cleanup, Rubber Ducky ad on TV, FFA t-shirts, other?).

Discussion: Due to the long meeting already, Pritchard noted that maybe we should consider this agenda item at our next meeting in April.

Action: Keep this on the next agenda.

12. Announcements.

13. Next Meeting Date & Agenda: April 16, 2020

14. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Wodalski / Vergara to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission