

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**January 21, 2021**

**Most via teleconference:**

**Members:** Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), TJ Nicksich (C-Wausau), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), and Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill).

**Absent/Excused:** Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Dennis Biddick (C-Baraboo), Eric Southworth (C-Stevens Point), and Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

**Others:** Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Jon Lindert (Strand), Katie (Ruekert & Mielke), 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 10:05 a.m. with most people attending remotely, with Jeff Pritchard and Fred Heider staffing the Large Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** **Moved/Seconded by Breit / Turchi to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. General Public Comment.

- No comments from the public.

4. Chairperson's Report.

- 2020 was a lean year of activities for MS4s to report for their educational MS4 reports.

5. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$50,480.76** – there were no expenses since our last meeting on October 15, 2020.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- Up to \$3,655.60 (out of \$6,000) for “No Farms, No Food” t-shirts [\$2,344.40 spent]; and
- \$1,000 for educational materials for the groundwater display at Marshfield Zoo;

Available Balance = \$45,825.16

Invoices of \$1,500 for each member community's annual contribution have been mailed this month, so when those all come in, we will have an additional \$18,000.

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

6. RFQ for Coalition engineering firm.

**Discussion:** Pritchard noted that only one entity applied, which was Strand. A decision of either a 3-year or a 5-year contract is needed.

**Action:** **Moved/Seconded by Nicksich / Vergara to approve a 3-year contract with Strand. Motion carried.**

7. Work Group 5-year education plan (under development)—Status report.

Discussion: Turchi provided a status report to the group. He noted that several discussions among the Work Group, West Central WI RPC, and North Central WI RPC occurred. Heider provided additional information from North Central WI RPC.

**Action:** Heider will work with the Work Group to determine a potential schedule for providing Public Education & Outreach for the Coalition's members to consider at next month's meeting.

8. Household Hazardous Waste collection discussion.

Discussion started about seeking information.

**Action:** Pritchard will ask Meleesa Johnson, Marathon County Landfill Director to attend an upcoming Coalition meeting to discuss possible ways to improve household hazardous waste collection efforts.

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

Discussion: Pritchard noted that 2020 was a lean year of activities for MS4s to report for their educational MS4 reports. Discussion continued about how and where municipalities could distribute the t-shirts.

**Action:** Pritchard will keep the t-shirts for potential fall 2021 distribution in classrooms.

10. Possible membership to the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA).

Discussion: Pritchard and Turchi noted that maybe nothing has happened since last time. We will continue to watch for any development.

11. Announcements.

- DNR's Melissa Yarrington has moved to another position, so DNR's Teagan Seneczko will replace her.
- Possibly have Allison Madison with Smart Salting Training either to provide a presentation to the Coalition or a training event at an upcoming meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date & Agenda.

- February 18.

13. Adjournment.

**Motioned/seconded by Vergara / Turchi to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission