

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
February 18, 2021

Most via teleconference:

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), TJ Nicksich (C-Wausau), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Dennis Biddick (C-Baraboo), and Mark Thuot (C-Schofield).

Absent/Excused: Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Eric Southworth (C-Stevens Point), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), and Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids).

Others: Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Jon Lindert (Strand), Rick Eilertson (AECOM), Allison Madison (Salt Wise).

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. with most people attending remotely, with Jeff Pritchard and Fred Heider staffing the **Small** Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the January 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi / Vergara to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.**

3. General Public Comment.

- No comments from the public.

4. Chairperson's Report.

- We'll get back to the group about the Agreement with Strand at the next meeting, since it just came this morning.
- Stormwater Collaboratives update was given by Pritchard.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Vergara / Wodalski to approve joining the national stormwater group (MNS4) at an annual cost of between \$50-\$71. Motion carried.**

4. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of **\$66,675.98 after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$304.78 for the January 21st meeting.
- Receiving annual member contributions of \$1,500 from each Member except Marshfield.

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 = \$62,020.38

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

6. Presentation: Wisconsin Salt Wise by Allison Madison.

Discussion: In addition to the presentation, a Q&A session occurred. March 12 is the next free Salt Wise session with a few spots remaining. The possibility of hosting a fall session: \$2,000 per session for 100 participants. Wisconsin Salt Wise is funded through 2021, but needs additional longer term funding.

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

Discussion: Turchi and Heider provided a status report to the group. They provided information about a discussion between the Work Group and NCWRPC.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Nicksich / Turchi to hire NCWRPC as Outreach Coordinator for up to \$10,000. NCWRPC to come back to the Coalition with a proposal for the next meeting. Motion carried.**

8. Rain barrel program.

Discussion: Nicksich noted that Wausau is doing a rain barrel program to rebate the cost for any residents who want to buy a rain barrel.

9. Announcements.

- Today at 1:00 pm is a DNR webinar about the Urban Planning Grant program.

12. Next Meeting Date & Agenda.

- March 18.

13. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Thuot / Lang to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission