

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION**  
**Minutes**  
**June 17, 2021**

**Most via teleconference:**

**Members:** Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Austen Frederickson (V-Kronenwetter), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Dan Raczkowski (V-Weston), Eric Southworth (C-Stevens Point), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Dennis Biddick (C-Baraboo), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield) Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain)

**Absent/Excused:** TJ Nicksich (C-Wausau), Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Craig Czaikowski (C-Stevens Point), and Rod Akey (C-Merrill).

**Others:** Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Jon Lindert (Strand), Rick Eilertson (AECOM), Corey Huhta (AECOM), and Laurie Miskimins (Marathon County CPZ Director).

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

2. Approve the May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** **Moved/Seconded by Vergara / Thuot to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting.**  
**Motion carried.**

3. General Public Comment.

- Pritchard introduced the new director of Marathon County CPZ Department: Laurie Miskimins.

4. Chairperson's Report.

- Pritchard noted that we are now part of the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA).

5. Budget Report.

**Discussion:** Heider reported a current balance of **\$57,653.49 after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$508.61 for the February 18th meeting.
- Paying a WJFW TV invoice of \$1,800 for the Rubber Ducky ad.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- Up to \$3,655.60 (out of \$6,000) for "No Farms, No Food" t-shirts [\$2,344.40 spent]; and
- Up to \$71 for annual membership in the MNS4 group.

Available Balance = \$53,926.89

**Action:** **The budget report as presented is approved by general consent.**

6. Possible Eagle Scout Rain Garden Project.

**Discussion:** Not at this meeting. We will list this on an appropriate future agenda.

7. Set Salt Wise training & open house events, and sponsor advertising for events.

Discussion: No meeting available yet. We will list this on the next agenda.

Pritchard noted that Mayo Clinic is hosting a lunch webinar: "Hold the salt" on Sept. 1, 2021 where major employers' grounds department heads in the Stormwater Coalition should be invited to hear this.

Action: **Raczkowski and Turchi will discuss Salt Wise with major employer grounds crew contacts.**

8. Slips and falls liability for public and private sidewalks and parking lots.

Discussion: Members noted the difference between public and private protection in the law. Change in state statutes? Is liability a problem? The League of WI Municipalities is a good resource for local governments. Rick Eilertson mentioned that several programs have been developed around the state to conduct monthly specific conductance metering at streams and springs. The specific conductance tests are cheaper than chloride tests and correlate directly to chloride levels. Eilertson suggested that Heider and others consider reaching out to Allison Madison (WI Salt Wise) and/or Peggy Compton (Water Action Volunteers-UW-Madison Division of Extension).

Action: **Thuot will ask a major employer if this is a problem.**

9. Chloride Monitoring Study.

Discussion: Most members noted the chloride levels in their municipal wells to initiate discussion. What is the life of chloride in groundwater? The study should measure both groundwater and surface water in Coalition communities. Heider noted that DNR is interested and that USGS may be interested in partnering in the study too.

Actions:

- **By general consent the Coalition agreed to pursue studying how much a Chloride Monitoring Study will cost to do it right.**
- **Members will send their homework results to Heider.**
- **Pritchard and Heider will work with UWSP's Water Analysis Lab to design a chloride monitoring study for Member Community surface and groundwater.**

10. New Rubber Ducky ad and new website.

Discussion: Heider noted that a new high definition Rubber Ducky 30-second advertising is available for our use to modify for local use on TV and online. Maybe "no" to "rubber ducky" being the web address, because we want to branch out to other water quality opportunities.

No movement on creating a new website yet.

Action: **Moved/Seconded by Thuot / Turchi to approve spending up to \$500 to make a new production copy of the Rubber Ducky ad. Motion carried.**

11. Announcements.

- Various meetings and announcements were made.

12. Next Meeting Date & Agenda.

- July 15, 2021.

13. Adjournment.

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

Submitted by: Fred Heider  
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission