

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
January 20, 2022

Most via teleconference:

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Dan Raczkowski (V-Weston), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), TJ Nicksich (C-Wausau), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Andy G. (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Eric Southworth (C-Stevens Point), and Rod Akey (C-Merrill).

Absent/Excused: Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Craig Czaikowski (C-Stevens Point), Austen Frederickson (V-Kronenwetter), and Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill).

Others: Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Jon Lindert (Strand), Rick Eilertson (AECOM), Allison Madison (Salt Wise), and Kevin Masarik (UW-Stevens Point).

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 **Small** Conference Room 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the August 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Vergara / Turchi to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 as amended. Motion carried.

3. General Public Comment.

- No public comment made.

4. Chairperson's Report.

- Pritchard discussed 4 items: He mentioned that Wisconsin Stormwater Collaborative updates and National Municipal Stormwater Alliance updates should be coming to everyone directly via email. He provided a report on the Equipment Open House in Wausau in October of last year. And he noted the Heider will get everyone the Annual Report of Stormwater Coalition activities for them to add to and for them to then submit to DNR.

5. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of **\$51,501.88 after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$429.43 for the August 19th meeting;
- Paying a NCWRPC invoice of \$2,062.50 for August through October services;
- Paying for the new TV production of the Rubber Ducky ad for \$250 to WSAW; and
- Paying a NCWRPC invoice of \$247.50 for November through December services.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- Up to \$3,655.60 (out of \$6,000) for "No Farms, No Food" t-shirts [\$2,344.40 spent].
- Up to \$10,785 for Salt Wise programming in 2022 [none spent yet].

Other maximum variable liabilities per contracts on an as-needed basis:

- a) An agreement with NCWRPC to provide up to \$10,000 in 2022 of staff time for Stormwater's Outreach Coordinator position [not re-authorized for 2022 yet].
- b) An agreement with Strand to provide up to \$35,000 in engineering services through March 15, 2024.

Invoices for annual Member contributions of \$1,500 each will go out at the end of January.

Available Balance = \$37,061.28

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

6. WI Salt Wise-2021 Year in review & 2022 Outlook (Allison Madison).

Discussion: Madison presented a summary of 2021 virtual and in-person events and discussed 2022 activities.

- Shall we make an Equipment Open House? Stevens Point is interested.
- Shall we make a Salt Wise Open House for contractors? Rib Mountain is interested.
- Salt Wise success stories (up to 3 in Stormwater Coalition) Wausau and Rothschild are interested.
- Salt Wise PSAs. Make sure it is not solely Milwaukee branded, so we can show it on TV in our region.
- Salt Wise stadium cup wrap. Madison will get us a price for our February meeting.

Actions: Madison will get us a cup price for our February meeting. Madison will be in contact with Stevens Point, Rib Mountain, Wausau, & Rothschild for various event planning.

7. Chloride Monitoring Study (UW-Stevens Point).

Discussion: Pritchard and Masarik framed why the study framework existed – because the Coalition wanted a baseline established for future action. Much discussion from everyone ensued.

Actions: Heider to reach out to DNR about potential liability to Coalition Members. Pritchard and Heider to make sure various other questions are answered that came up in the meeting.

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

Discussion: Thuot provided a handout showing that municipalities have broad immunity. Raczkowski noted that a local medical center contract is based upon how much salt is spread. Discussion branched into different ways to encourage or require reduced road salt use.

Actions: Turchi will contact his Corp Council about the issue. Thuot will contact a medical center to share Mayo Clinic's Hold The Salt webinar.

9. Renewal of Outreach Coordinator position.

Discussion: Heider noted the overall activities that he performed as Outreach Coordinator in 2021. Discussion ensued among participants.

Actions: **Moved/Seconded by Turchi / Vergara to extend the existing contract with NCWRPC for \$10,000 annual maximum through March 1, 2024. Motion carried.**

10. Announcements, Next Meeting Date, & Next Agenda Items.

- Various announcements were made.
- Next meeting is February 17, 2022.

11. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Turchi / Vergara to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission