

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
March 16, 2023

Most via teleconference:

Members: Jeff Pritchard (Marathon County), Dan Hekrdle (V-Kronenwetter), Mark Thuot (C-Schofield), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Dan Raczkowski (V-Weston), Craig Czaikowski (C-Stevens Point), and TJ Niksich (C-Wausau).

Absent/Excused: Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Rod Akey (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain), Tom Pinion (C-Baraboo), Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Eric Southworth (C-Stevens Point), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Nick Dums (C-Wisconsin Rapids), Kevin Lang (Marathon Co Hwy) and Dustin Bonack (C-Merrill).

Others: Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Jon Lindert (Strand), Rick Eilertson (AECOM), and Dom Swangstu (V-Plover).

1. Call to Order.

The agenda being distributed to each community for posting and to local media, Pritchard called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Action: Moved/Seconded by Thuot / Niksich to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

3. General Public Comment.

- No public comment made.

4. Chairperson's Report.

- Pritchard provided some updates. Coalition is still trying to update the Coalition's Cooperative Agreement, which needs 9 Members so UWSP can join.
- Marathon County has passed out of committee a resolution of support for the Limited Liability legislation for smart salting.
- Other updates were mentioned too.

5. Budget Report.

Discussion: Heider reported a current balance of **\$55,795.18 after:**

- Paying a Strand invoice of \$502 for the January 20th meeting and emailing DNR;
- Depositing \$1,500 invoiced contributions from Wausau, Schofield, Mosinee, & Baraboo. All 12 communities have now paid.

Outstanding Liabilities:

- Up to \$300 to revise the Smart Salting PSA.
- Sponsorship of Salt Wise at the \$10,000 level in 2023.
- Spring Rubber Ducky PSA sponsorship on WSAW for up to \$2,900, and on WAOW for up to \$2,900, and for up to \$500 in the Baraboo area either on TV or via OTT advertising.
- Sponsorship of the spring Wisconsin River Cleanup at the \$200 level.

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

- a) An agreement with NCWRPC to provide up to \$10,000 staff time annually for Stormwater's Outreach Coordinator position through March 1, 2024.

- b) An agreement with Strand to provide up to \$35,000 in engineering services through March 15, 2024.

Available Balance = \$38,995.18

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

6. Possible Bylaws and Cooperative Agreement revision (Pritchard/Heider).

Discussion: Pritchard noted that the Cooperative Agreement need modification so that UWSP and the Village of Plover can become Members of the Coalition. Since only 8 Members are present, then we cannot take action.

Action: Cooperative Agreement will be reviewed at the next meeting.

7. Salt Wise programming update (Allison Madison).

Discussion: No Salt Wise update.

9. Urban Nonpoint Source & Stormwater (UNPS Management Planning Grant (Heider)

Discussion: Heider noted that 2-years ago the Coalition wanted to be notified about this opportunity the last time it was available. It is now available, but needs a local government to be a sponsor, then the Coalition can apply for a 50% grant, up to \$85,000. Deadline is April 17, 2023, which is before the next Coalition meeting. Marathon County is not available to be the local sponsor per Pritchard.

Action: The Coalition by general consent agreed to consider a planning grant in the next cycle, 2-years from now.

We flipped agenda items, so here is #8...

8. Public Education & Outreach.

Discussion: Heider noted that this is a placeholder if any Member has an idea of something the Coalition should sponsor in 2023. Thuot noted that maybe we should create a sign about phosphorus that would be permanently displayed at boat launches.

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

- Next meeting may be April 20, 2023.
- Cooperative Agreement revision will be on next agenda.

11. Adjournment.

Motioned/seconded by Turchi / Breit to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Fred Heider
North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission