1. **Call to Order.**
The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, and in the absence of chair Small, Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department Large Conference Room, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. **Introductions and Statements from Audience.**
Watson reported on Wisconsin Papers’ interest in the TMDLs and discussions regarding a potential contribution toward the efforts on the Wisconsin River. He also noted that the task force’s efforts have spawned interest in other groups; the task force has helped to get a handle on the issues and is having a positive impact.

3. **Approve Minutes of the September 15, 2011 Meeting.**
Coon noted the following corrections to item 5 of the September minutes:

- Monitoring of DO, BOD DOB
- Replacement motors
  - Estimated at $1,800 for a new motor; if supplier does not have in stock, it should be available within 24 hours
- Replacement blowers
  - Estimated up to $11,500 for a new blower; current blowers can be rebuilt on site at a cost of $2,500/each (total $5,000)
- Appendices to include:
  - Model numbers for blowers and motors
  - Replacement/rehabilitation costs
  - Potential funding sources for electrical capital costs – DNR, WVIC, Marathon County, BEPCO, any other interested party (potentially towns)

Coon proposed a second MOA, open to all parties, to deal with electrical costs and capital investments. DNR ownership and registration will make these facilities eligible for DNR capital projects funds. This MOA would:

- Identify the distribution of the electrical costs, estimated to be between $100-$120/day when the aerator is running – DNR will not participate as the DNR owns the facilities
- Replacement motors
  - Estimated at $1,800 for a new motor; if supplier does not have in stock, it should be available within 24 hours
- Replacement blowers
  - Estimated up to $11,500 for a new blower; current blowers were rebuilt on site at a cost of $2,500/each (total $5,000)
- Appendices to include:
  - Model numbers for blowers and motors
  - Replacement/rehabilitation costs
  - Potential funding sources for electrical costs – DNR, WVIC, Marathon County, BEPCO, any other interested party (potentially towns)
“...are identified in the strategic plan, and running the aerator for 2 years to determine operational costs and line efficiencies. Consensus appeared...”

Motion / second by Coon / Watson to approve the September 15, 2011 minutes as corrected. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Coon reported that Hujik anticipated completing his review of the MOA by next week. When completed the draft MOA would be circulated to the members. The two changes that had been incorporated into the MOA were the addition of Marathon County ATC funds as a potential contributor to capital expenses and limiting the length of the MOA to 5 years. The list of potential contributors to capital expenses were: DNR, WVIC, Marathon County/ATC funds, and BEPCO. Dorshorst indicated BEPCO may contribute to the operational funds if it has funds available. Coon expressed his disappointment that the towns surrounding the Big Eau Pleine appeared unwilling to make a financial contribution; Marathon County through the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry (PR&F) Department may make a contribution. Johnson indicated that the ATC funds could not be used for operational expenses under the County’s current policy. Discussion followed regarding the County’s budget process and the possibility of the Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) making a recommendation to include a contribution in PR&F’s operating budget. Coon indicated he would be making a presentation to WVIC’s board of directors in November and was unsure of the board’s reaction if WVIC was the only source of operating funds.

5. Review of the Strategic Plan
Johnson indicated some of the comments he had received had been incorporated into this draft and noted that the outline had been changed based on the discussion from the last meeting. The Appendix was still a work in progress. During the detailed review of the draft document, Dorshorst indicated that BEPCO’s August 2, 2011 letter to FERC should be included as part of the Appendix. After the review of the draft document, Johnson indicated his intent to distribute the revised draft in 2 weeks and anticipated that consensus could be reached on the document at the November meeting. Johnson also indicated that Small continued to keep the ERC informed of the task force’s progress; he and Small had made a presentation to the County’s Executive Committee in September.

6. Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2011
Consensus reached to that the next meeting will be held on November 17, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

7. Adjourn.
There being no further business to come before the Task Force, motion / second by Burgener / Ruesch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Jim Burgener for John H. Small, Chair
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