NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN STORMWATER COALITION
Minutes
August 23, 2012

Present: Kevin Lang (Marathon County), Michael Wodalski (V-Weston), Tim Vergara (V-Rothschild), Kevin Breit (C-Mosinee), Kevin King (C-Schofield), Tom Turchi (C-Marshfield), Sean Gehin (C-Wausau), Richard Downey (V-Kronenwetter), Joe Eichsteadt (C-Wisconsin Rapids)

Absent/Excused: Diane Wessel (Marathon County), Joel Lemke (C-Stevens Point), Kim Kriedwald (C-Merrill), Scott Turner (T-Rib Mountain)

Others: Kurt Schoen (Schoen Engineering Solutions)

1. Call to Order.
The agenda being been properly signed and posted, and in the absence of Wessel, Lang called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department’s Large Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

2. Approve the April 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY VERGERA / BREIT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2012 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

3. Continuation of the Coalition.
A. Meeting Frequency/Schedule.
Discussion: Continuation of the Coalition and meeting frequency/schedule were discussed jointly.
- A brief background on the Coalition was provided.
- Feedback from the members indicated a desire to continue the Coalition as it provided a forum for discussion and collaboration among the communities.
- Suggestions for bi-monthly and quarterly meeting schedules were made:
  - Potential quarterly schedule – February, March, August and November,
  - As needed meetings could be called.
- Advantages of setting tangible goals for the Coalition and sub-committees.
- The sub-committees (Educational and Technical) could meet more frequently, possibly via conference calls.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KING / BREIT TO SCHEDULE QUARTERLY COALITION MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.
Follow Through: A quarterly meeting schedule will be established.

4. Educational.
A. Educational Presentations to Elected Officials.
Discussion: A PowerPoint presentation had been e-mailed to the communities to assist their educational efforts. No feedback on the presentation has been received.

Action: NONE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.
Follow Through: Elected officials continue to be the focus audience for educational efforts by the communities.

B. Winter Road Management Training (NEWSC).
Discussion: Information regarding the NEWSC training had been distributed by Kris Tiles. The Marathon County Highway Department also holds a fall training course. Contacting the NEWSC presenters regard the possibility of incorporating their presentations into the Highway Department’s fall training was briefly discussed. The County Highway Department is also hosting the Wisconsin County Highway Superintendents and Foremen’s Snow Fighter’s
Association Conference, September 19-21, at which training opportunities and equipment vendors will be available; contact Lang if interested in attending.

Action: **NONE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Highway Department will email information to the Municipalities regarding training opportunities available through the Highway Department.

5. **Technical.**

Discussion: Due to changes made to NR151, municipal ordinances are outdated. Topics of discussion included: the DNR will not be providing a new model ordinance, the DNR'S TMDL is unrelated to the ordinances, contacting other coalitions to see how the revisions were handled, scheduling a technical TAC meeting to discuss revising the ordinances, the possibility of using Coalition funds to hire a consultant, and informing the DNR if municipalities would not be able to adopt the revised ordinances before the end of the year.

Action: **NONE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Other coalitions are to be contacted to determine how updates to their ordinances were handled. Gehin to schedule a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee to discuss changes to municipal ordinances to bring them into alignment with the changes to the DNR's regulations. Wessel to provide an update on the Coalition’s current finances for the potential purposes of hiring a consultant.

A. **Changes to Illicit Discharge Detection Guidance.**

Discussion: The DNR has not established rules for the new testing parameters. A March 2012 guidance letter from the DNR identified priority outfalls as a subset of major outfalls. Topics of discussion included: the differences between the two types of outfalls, the methods available to a community to identify a priority outfall, frequency of testing of priority outfalls (at least annually), utilizing municipal staff or hired consultant, and the changed parameters for testing. Clarification will be necessary from the DNR regarding this process.

Action: **NONE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Schoen to provide the members with a summary of the March 2012 DNR guidance letter regarding new testing parameters and priority outfalls.

B. **Field Sampling.**

Discussion: Schofield completed its sampling in 2011, no response from the DNR; Weston completed its sampling in 2012; Wausau completed its sampling in 2010 and would be doing field sampling this fall; Rothschild has completed its sampling. None of these communities reported finding anything.

Action: **NONE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: None needed at this time.

6. **[Memorandum of Agreement] Between Marathon County, the City of Wausau, the Villages of Weston, Kronenwetter, and Rothschild, and the Town of Rib Mountain.**

Discussion: The draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was distributed with the agenda. The purpose of this MOA between Marathon County and the metro communities with County-owned facilities was to meet the County’s permit requirements. Topics of discussion included:

- Term of Agreement – suggested to follow the permit dates;
- VI., 3 – Change “…as defined in NR216.002(11)” to “…as defined by DNR requirements…”
- Best method to get signatures from all parties of the MOA – possibly bring a final copy to of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting as the members are the chief elected officials of the metro communities.
Action: **NONE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Lang to check with the DNR (Brad Johnson) regarding the dates of the MOA. A final draft MOA to be brought to a Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting to obtain signatures.

7. **Announcements**
   Discussion: No announcements were made.

8. **Next Meeting Date/Agenda.**
   Action: **CONSENSUS** reached that the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition will be on the Fourth Thursday of September *(September 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM)* at a location to be announced.

9. **Adjourn.**
   There being no further business to come before the Committee, **MOTION / SECOND BY King / Wodalski TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:55 A.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by: Kevin Lang
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**Correction 9/6/12**
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