

## 14 mile creek watershed partnership minutes of January 10, 2017

Attending:, Stephen Nowicki, Don Fornasiere, Joe Greco, Carson Heinecke, Jerry Jensen, Dave Trudeau, Don Ystad, Scott Provost, Wally S., and Bill Mecozzi.

The meeting of the group was called to order by Tri Lakes Leader, Steve Nowicki at 6:00 P.M.

We started the meeting with the intent to get an update from Wally S.(sp) regarding soil tests done as a sample, and update on the progress of the Social Economics subcommittee, and progress made by Scott Provost of WI DNR for connections with the University of Stevens Point, Natural Resources Division.

The first report was made by Camelot representative, Don Ystad with some social economic information. This is a work in progress and details to numerous to mention at this time. Highlights included total values of waterfront properties in the County, and by lakes with Lake District or associations, and a breakdown of the Tri Lakes area too. Don also showed the impact numbers on tourism dollars spent in Adams County. It is to be noted they were not able to include the waterfront property along Lake Petenwell as they were not able to define those parameters.

Next Wally S. from Adams County Land and Water shared with us his results of a small sample of properties around our lakes, (three) to show how his proposed testing would show us what is happening on our shorelines. The committee found the information very valuable and interesting and thus will request funding from Tri Lakes to fund soil sampling in the three lakes area. The testing will show soil makeup, and help with future applications for unnecessary product being applied to lake front areas. This will also allow us to build a program for the whole watershed to meet acceptable guidelines to protect and maintain water quality.

Next item was to identify the scope and purpose of our committee and identify goals to which we will work toward to help improve our water quality and lake health in measurable means.

The scope and Purpose of the 14 mile creek watershed partnerships:

1. Improve Water Quality in our total watershed
  - a. Improve lake health
  - b. Protect property values
  - c. Protect public health in our waters
  - d. Provide Sustainable programs for our residents to make a lasting impact
  - e. Partnership with all watershed parties to improve water quality in our watershed
2. Our programs are to be designed to educate all parties as to the water qualities, all planning and implementation to include all parties to make a meaningful impact of water quality.

Scott Provost also provided us with an update of what he has encountered with the UW Stevens Point, namely *working with Dr. Paul McGinnley (sp). Dr. McGinnley will be applying for a DATCAP grant to help identify specifically items we can address to improve water quality. They both feel we have enough*

information from previous studies to use, and now sort and apply what that information means and what can be done with it. He shared with us how some ag users upstream also share some of the same end goals as us, thus making it important to work together as a whole watershed group.