

Rock River Stormwater Group
Friday, March 23, 2018
1:00 P.M. Whitewater, WI

- 1. Roll Call:** Ritchie Pilz, Beaver Dam; Bill Frisbee, City of Beloit; Tim Wittaker, City of Janesville; Howard Robinson, City of Milton; Scott Weberpal, City of Whitewater; Wesley Enterline, UW-Whitewater; Andrew Dahl, UW-Whitewater; Brendon Deremo, UW-W CMU; Alyssa Van Altena, UW-W CMU; Cam Neuhauser, UW-W CMU; Danny Balister, UW-W CMU; Claire Timm, UW-W CMU; James Martin, WDNR; Dale Gasser, WDNR; Marissa Thalen, WDNR; Dan Bekta, WDNR;
- 2. Minutes from February 2, 2018:** Ritchie motioned to approve. Tim seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Scott passed out a copy of the Treasurer's Report. CMU's first contract payment has been made.
- 4. Creative Marketing Unlimited (C.M.U.):** Presentation: Brendan, Cam and Claire went over the events from the elementary presentations. The presentations were at Purdy Elementary in Fort Atkinson and at the Janesville Sustainability Fair in Janesville. The participant numbers are included in the Protect Waterways report. The Splash mascot has been purchased and is being used. Claire reported on the March newsletter. Car washing was the emphasis for March. Janesville is the Community of the Month for March. The April preview for the newsletter will be sent out soon. Tim requested the new YouTube video from March be sent out to the members. Andy from CMU told the group there would be a new video for fertilizers and pesticides for April. The calendar from CMU also has the featured municipalities listed. A timeline of future events in each city was requested by CMU. Farmer's Market days were discussed as possible event days. The new mascot, Splash, has been popular with the classrooms. Andy will have a form on the website for Splash to attend events. David Hoffman had contacted CMU about Rock County Clean Sweep event in September. Tim will try and contact Rock County. Wes said Andy from Fort Atkinson would like to be involved with new contacts. Tim will work with Andy from Fort Atkinson. Wes asked CMU to send out an updated 2018 work plan to the municipalities.
- 5. DNR Update:** Dale Gasser from the DNR introduced himself. He works with grants along with Marissa Thalen from the DNR. 2019 Construction Grants are due by April 16th. He needs to be called as part of the application process. 2020 Planning Grant drafts are in progress. Dan reminded the group that the annual

reports are due next week. He discussed hydric soil delineation changes. If a group wants to dye a river for an event, it takes a year of planning for the event. Tim asked if others had difficulty with the electronic submissions. Marissa said there were some problems and the DNR was working to correct these.

6. Other Business

6a. Election of Officers: Tim motioned to continue with the current officers for 2018. Bill seconded. Carried unanimously.

6b. Membership Agreement Review: Discussion was held on the membership agreements. Scott will send out invoices for 2018.

6c. Financial Status of the Group: Discussion was held on how to use the existing balance and funds that would be collected. Some areas that were discussed were employee training seminars, leaf collection study, joint workshops with other groups, work with the Rock River Coalition for programs, training video purchases, CMU media purchases, stream bank and pond education for owners, lake district contacts, rain barrel programs, internal grant programs for storm water projects for organized groups, downtown greenspace groups, more CMU sponsored events, restoration group contacts, signs for education at trails and boat launches, etc. Wes asked the group to have ideas for the next meeting. He will contact the Rock Rover Coalition.

7. Public Comments: No Public Comments

8. Next Meeting: April 27, 2018 9:00 AM in Whitewater.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bill seconded by Ritchie. Carried unanimously at 2:10 PM.