



# Lake Management Planning



## Winnebago Waterways

### Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E County Rd Y #600, Oshkosh, WI 54903 (Volunteer Room)

Facilitator: Korin Doering, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, [korin@fwwa.org](mailto:korin@fwwa.org), (920) 851-0948

Attendees: Jessica Schultz, Chad Casper, Ted Johnson, Erin Gerred, Kendall Kamke, Dani Santry, Paul Tollard, Todd Wahler

## Meeting notes:

### 10:00am – Housekeeping

- Introductions
  - Todd Wahler is now representing Waushara County on the Steering Committee. Teri has officially retired. Todd attended the meeting via conference call.
- Other updates
  - Ted Johnson wrote a proposal to request special project funding for staff time for the emergent vegetation study of the lakes. He will send that proposal to the team.
  - Jessica/FWWA submitted a grant application to request funding for an AIS Coordinator for WAMSCO
  - There is a conference call planned for the DNR/EPA modeling project for Lake Winnebago (macrophytes and water quality).
    - Dani and Chad expressed interest in learning more about the project
      - Korin will forward their draft literature review and conceptual model
    - Ted -> If EPA/DNR water quality project doesn't provide the information we need for the LMP; we will need to prioritize getting that info – potentially through a future grant.
  - Paul -> FDL County plans to submit grant application for east shore 9-Key element plans.

### 10:15am – Members-At-Large

- Members-at-large opportunity promotion and application update
  - Opportunity was advertised through press releases, Winnebago Waterways monthly e-newsletter, direct email to the Tech Teams as well as people who had directly expressed interest in the Steering Committee previously, in person meetings, by the Steering Committee members, on Facebook/Twitter and a few other outlets
    - Press release was picked up by two major news sources in the region
  - Committee suggested that the opportunity be emailed directly to the former members of the Winnebago Lakes Council board.
  - Ted will talk with Mark Sasing to make sure he received notice of the opportunity. Mark had expressed interest in serving on the Steering Committee prior to the application period.

- Korin will also call Mark to make sure he received her email about the opportunity (sent about two weeks ago)
  - Korin has received three applications for member-at-large positions so far
- Information about and the application for the members-at-large opportunity can be found here:
  - <http://fwwa.org/2017/12/21/winnebago-waterways-steering-committee-seeks-applicants-members-large-positions/>
  - Applications are due **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:59pm**
- Korin will send the submitted applications to the Steering Committee as a package on January 25<sup>th</sup> for review.
- The Steering Committee will discuss applications and make selections during a conference call on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 10:40am – Project Update

- Planning for maternity leave
  - Korin will be on maternity leave starting February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The plan as of right now is for her to be on full leave for six weeks and then return part-time. She will then work back up to full time by 12 weeks.
  - Jessica Schultz and Chris Acy with FWWA will be filling in for Korin while she is on leave. Chris will be leading the AIS/APM Team as they work to draft an AIS strategic plan for the lake management plan. He will also assist with project communications.
  - Jessica will handle other project responsibilities. She will also start up the Watershed Management Technical Team.
  - Contact information:
    - Jessica Schultz: [jessica@fwwa.org](mailto:jessica@fwwa.org), (920) 858-4246
    - Chris Acy: [chris@fwwa.org](mailto:chris@fwwa.org), (920) 460-3674
- Tech Team update
  - Inventory table – *status*
    - *In progress – we continue to build the project data/information inventory*
  - Technical Teams updates:
    - AIS/APM Tech Team:
      - Team is transitioning to aquatic invasive species and will begin developing the AIS Strategic Plan for the Winnebago Lakes. This effort will be led by Chris Acy, FWWA
        - Full-team meeting: 01/22/2018
      - The Team will collect existing information and data to add to the project document inventory
    - Habitat, Fish, & Wildlife Tech Team
      - Habitat Team will meet as a full group for all day meeting on 1/16/2018
    - Water Quality Tech Team
      - Conference call to get an update on EPA/DNR/Tetra Tech conceptual model project is scheduled for 1/18/18
    - Recreational Lake Use, Access, & Navigation Tech Team
      - Korin will summarize online discussion answers in January
      - Based on feedback from the Tech Team, we will be developing a series of surveys in 2018 to collect additional public input for the topics of lake use, access, and navigation

- A sub-group is working to pull information together about navigation
  - Korin will contact Rob Way with Winnebago County to get an update on the Parks Department progress with navigation planning
- Outreach update
  - Article ideas for e-newsletter and social media
    - Chad Capser – breakwall project
      - Chad will provide information at the end of Feb
    - Todd Wahler
      - Will provide a couple of articles from Waushara County
    - Kendall
      - Suggested we include an article about the gizzard shad die off with a press release
      - Also suggested that we include an article about the Memorial Park Pond
        - Article will be written by Chris Acy, AIS Coordinator
    - Dani suggested that we do a follow-up article on ice safety that focuses on driving speed while on the ice

## 11:30am – Winnebago Waterways Committee

- Discuss upcoming Winnebago Waterways Committee meeting
  - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:30pm
  - FDL City-County Government Center in room G/H
- Agenda item ideas:
  - Phase IV grant update
    - What is in the grant
    - Plans if FWWA receives the grant
    - Plans if FWWA doesn't receive the grant
    - Provide budget details
  - Members-at-large discussion
    - How involved does the Winnebago Waterways Committee want to be in the selection process?
  - Presentation by Jessica about what other counties are doing
  - Ask the Committee members what they would like to see (what information) at future meetings
  - Ask about future agenda items

## 11:50am – Public Comment

- No members of the public were present

## 11:55am – Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates? Events, trainings, workshops?
  - Army Corps of Engineers Interagency Conference Call for the winter drawdown on Lake Winnebago: Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 1:00pm
- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
  - 01/30/2018 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, conference call
  - 02/09/2018 from 10am to 12pm, in-person meeting, location TBD
    - CANCELLED – will be rescheduled
  - 02/23/2018 from 10am to 11am, conference call

- 03/09/2018 from 10am to 12pm, in-person meeting, location TBD

## 12:00pm – Meeting close

### Additional Project Notes *(project updates since 12/19/17)*

#### Project Outreach & Communication

##### **Public presentations/meetings**

- Scheduled presentations:
  - Presentations to County Boards:
    - Calumet County: 12/19/2017
    - Fond du Lac County: 12/19/2017
    - Winnebago County: 01/09/2018
  - Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association: presentation about FWWA and WWP: Jessica Schultz will present in Korin's place on 01/26/2018
- Meetings Attended (external):
  - Blueprint Expert Panel: 12/21/2017
  - Winnebagoland Conservation Alliance: 12/21/2017
- Upcoming/Potential Meetings (external):
  - Winnebagoland Conservation Alliance: 01/18/2018
  - EPA/DNR Lake Winnebago Conceptual Model for Water Quality and Macrophytes: 01/18/2018
  - Blueprint Expert Panel: 1/23/18
- Ideas for other presentations or outreach events?
  - Plans to contact FDL Yacht Club, Tri-county Power Boat Alliance, High Cliff Yacht Club, Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club, Outagamie Conservation Club
    - Contacted FDL Yacht Club – in the process of scheduling a good time to attend a meeting; haven't heard back – need to follow up
  - Waushara County – Todd will coordinate with Korin to schedule a meeting or presentation:
    - County Administrator and the LCC committee
    - Then present to the Board in the future

##### **Online Communications:**

- [Facebook/Twitter](#) – growing networks; **Please like and share posts on Facebook & Twitter**
- Youtube: looking for ideas for videos to post
- Winnebago Waterways monthly e-newsletter – *update*
  - *December edition will go out on 12/27/2017*
  - *January edition will go out on 01/30/2017*
    - *Article idea: free fishing weekend*
    - *Article idea: Start the new year out right with outdoor activities*
      - *Winnebago in Winter*
      - *Opening weekend for sturgeon spearing – January*
        - *Get photos from Kendall*
  - E-newsletter and update subscribers (running total):
    - *881 subscribers as of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018*
  - By mail subscribers: 13 hard copy requests for mailings (hardcopy will be sent out in January)

- [Other projects/efforts webpage](#) – *in progress (ongoing)*
  - *Have something you want on the page? Send to Korin*
- [Technical Teams contact info](#) – *updated as of 12/15/2017*
- [Feedback](#): Feedback from available on the project webpage

#### **Articles & Materials**

- County Newsletters
  - **Does your county send out a newsletter?** If you would like an article about the LMP project, please provide Korin with the details (dates, length of article, etc.)
    - Calumet County newsletter goes out in January.
      - Korin and Chris sent Dani an article about WWP on 12/14/2017
    - Waushara County newsletter goes out in February
      - Korin will provide Waushara County with an LMP article
- Article that summarizes plant and fisheries data for The Source, Outdoor News – date?
- Highlight rip-rap project (Valerie S.) in The Source – next spring (*Chad Casper*)