



# Lake Management Planning

## Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, April 13, 2018

Time: 10am to 12pm

Location: Fond du Lac City/County Building, Room H

Facilitator: Jessica Schultz, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance,

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*Attendees:* Erin Gerred, Dani Santry, Paul Tollard, Chad Casper, Mark Sesing, Bob Schmeichel, Todd Wahler  
*Winnebago Waterways Committee Members in attendance:* Dale Theil

## Notes:

### 10:00am – Introductions

- Those in attendance introduced themselves, their organizations and their reason for participating in the project.

### 10:15am – Lake Management Planning Project Assistant

- Update on hiring  
Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is currently interviewing candidates for a project assistant. We hope to have the right person on board to help with the project as soon as possible as many of the technical teams are advancing efforts simultaneously.
- Roles of LMP Assistant  
The project assistant will help with the outreach and education components of the Phase III and Phase IV grants including presentations about the planning project, monthly e-newsletter and social media efforts as well as engagement events. The assistant will also provide support to the technical committees as needed.

### 10:25am – Technical Team Updates

- Aquatic Invasive Species  
Chris Acy, FWWA Winnebago Waterways AIS Coordinator continues to work on draft recommendations for the plan. The AIS technical team will convene again once Chris has a draft for them to review/comment on.
- Aquatic Plant Management  
The two consultants that have been contracted to conduct the PI survey of the lakes this summer have been notified that funding for the project was received. A meeting will be scheduled with WDNR, Korin and consultants prior to field season to ensure consistency in monitoring efforts between the lakes.
- Watershed Management – Tech Team Meeting, Monday, April 23  
The first technical team meeting for watershed management is planned for April 23. Representatives from all four counties and WDNR have accepted invitations to the meeting. This technical team will be expanded upon as the project advances.

#### Meeting Goals:

1. Determine if writing a *Lake Management Plan enhanced with the 9 key elements* is how we want to proceed.
2. Discuss currently available information that could help ease the burden of data collection to bring us from an LMP with a watershed component to a nine key plan
3. Gauge level of support/expertise that each partner is able to provide to the process.

There have been a few nine key element plans that have been done in the state on larger project areas like ours. One good example is the Eau Clair River Watershed Plan found here - <http://www.wcwrpc.org/Documents/ECRW%20Approved%20Final.pdf>

Writing the Lake Management Plans to include the 9 Key Elements would take extra effort from all parties involved, but would open the door to additional conservation funding for the watershed.

- **Water Quality**

The technical team has been asked to review the final report for the EPA funded WDNR project titled "Winnebago Pool Lakes Nutrient Technical Support." As the Executive Summary indicates, the report "describes the drivers of algal and aquatic macrophyte dynamics along with an assessment of available computer modeling approaches that could be used to simulate changes in management and water quality in the Winnebago Pool Lakes."

Although the report does not have actual recommendations to reduce internal loading as we had hoped (that would appear to be the next step - to build upon the model recommendation), it does a nice job summarizing a lot of information from the system which will be helpful for our project and plan writing. The technical team will be meeting at the end of May to determine next steps for the team regarding addressing internal loading.

## 11:00am – Outreach Updates

- Annual Watershed Cleanup – April 21 – currently over 1100 volunteers registered in the Basin ~350 from the Winnebago Project area.
- AIS outreach – Chris has been active attending many events in the system.
- Social Media –
  - Winnebago Waterways page 317 followers
  - Fox-Wolf's Facebook page 954 followers
- Winnebago Waterways – monthly e-newsletter sent out 4/3 – 882 subscribers

Steering committee discussed utilizing media as much as possible to help spread the word about Lake Management Planning and other water related events. Other ideas for outreach included: flyer for planning in water bills and/or sanitary district bills, information available at voting places.

## 11:15am - Winnebago Waterways Committee Meeting – April 19, 1:30-3:00

- Propose Agenda Items
  - Steering Committee proposed cancelling the meeting next week.
  - Jessica will put together a few bullet points together for project updates to provide to the committee should it be cancelled.

## 11:30am – Updates from Steering Committee Members

- Calumet County will have intern at Stockbridge and Calumet County Parks for Clean Boats Clean Waters
- Fond du Lac County– Pipe Creek watershed 9 key element planning is being complete with a grant from the Great Lakes Commission. Staff is walking field with farmers. On April 20, Fond du Lac County is hosting an event exclusively for farmers in the Pipe Creek Watershed that will showcase USDA NRCS' Rainfall simulator.
- Winnebago County – continues working on its soil health initiative program. There has been a significant amount of interest in breakwalls from private land owners on pool lakes. There may be potential to partner with NRDA for project funding in the future. Rotary Club, City of Oshkosh and Winnebago County are developing rain garden program.

## 11:50am – Public Comment

- There were no comments from the public.

## 11:55am – Meeting wrap-up

- Next Steering Committee meeting:
  - 05/11/2018 from 10am to 12pm, in-person meeting, Winnebago County will host.

## 12:00pm – Meeting close

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