



Lake Management Planning

Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, June 8th, 2018

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Conference Call: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/328087277>

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



Participants: Chad Casper (Winnebago County), Mark Sesing, Ted Johnson (WDNR), Paul Tollard (FDL County), Erin Gerred (FDL County), Alan Weir (LWQIA), Austin Pethan (FWWA), Jessica Schultz (FWWA)

Meeting Notes:

10:00am – Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
 - Alan Weir's first Steering Committee meeting – Welcome Alan!!
- Review of notes and action items from the last meeting:
 - *Action Items from May's meeting:*
 - *Korin Doering (FWWA)*
 - *COMPLETE: Add new member contact info to website*
 - *COMPLETE: Write article about new members*
 - *IN PROGRESS: Contact aquatic plant PI survey consultants to request they use a specific format for their reports.*
 - *In the process of developing standard format*
 - *COMPLETE: Provide information about upcoming plant ID workshops*
 - *Ted Johnson (WI DNR)*
 - *COMPLETE: Contact the aquatic plant consultants to request bi-weekly phone calls during sampling to encourage communication*
 - *Ted decided that this was not necessary based on his past experiences with the firms conducting the surveys*
 - *COMPLETE: Share special project funding request for emergent vegetation sampling with the group*
 - *Austin Pethan (FWWA)*
 - *FUTURE TASK: Take pictures and write an article to share with the public about aquatic vegetation PI survey.*
 - *COMPLETE: Write an article about the VHS outbreak.*
 - *Alan Weir (FVTC; member-at-large)*
 - *COMPLETE: Send Korin a phot and description for the new members-at-large article*

10:15am – Tech Team name change discussion

- Proposal: Change 'Habitat, Fish, and Wildlife' to 'Habitat'
 - Focus is on habitat for fish and wildlife not the management of fish and wildlife
 - Provide an explanation to give the topic focus
 - Example subtitle: "Aquatic and Wetland habitat for fish and wildlife"
 - Include existing WI DNR fisheries management plans in appendices

- Result: Steering Committee approved change from ‘Habitat, Fish, and Wildlife’ to ‘Habitat’
- Proposal: Change ‘Recreational Lake Use, Access and Navigation’ to ‘Recreation’
 - Provide an explanation to give the topic focus
 - Acknowledge efforts being done in river systems (example: navigational aids)
 - Result: Committee approved the change to ‘Recreation’
- Proposal: Change ‘Outreach and Education’ to ‘Long-term Community Outreach, Education, & Engagement’ or “Community Capacity”
 - *Community Capacity is defined as: the interaction of human capital, organizational resources, and social capital existing within a given community that can be leveraged to solve collective problems and improve or maintain the well-being of that community” (Chaskin et al., 2001, pg 7) (Davenport, 2015 – “Community Assessment”)*
 - We want to build a sense of ownership within the communities around the lakes and that goal may not be reflected in the title ‘Outreach and Education’ or ‘I&E’.
 - Other ideas proposed by the Steering Committee:
 - Community Capabilities
 - Community Outreach, Education, & Capacity
 - Community Engagement
 - Result: The Committee chose to change the title to ‘Community Engagement’

10:35am – Public notices discussion

What types of information do we want to share with the public through the Winnebago Waterways Program? What types of information should not be shared through the program? FWWA receives notices from the WDNR for pending wetland permits. Do we want to share this type of information?

- Chad and Paul: don’t think it is necessary; may be cumbersome as more notices come through
- Mark – maybe we should be selective? Would be of some value for the public to know, generally, what is happening around the lakes.
- Mark - provide a summary of what is going on with wetland permitting. Factual type of communication.
 - Write and share an article that explains what wetland permits are and the permitting process if someone wants to make a change to a wetland. Include information on how people can get information on wetland permit applications. Describe the benefits of wetlands and the permitting process
 - Austin will write an article; will send to Steering Committee for review before publication
- Alan - Include information on our website for people interested in getting info about wetland permits
 - Include link in Winnebago Waterways HUB

10:50am – Spam blocker issues

Email communications including e-newsletter are being blocked by Calumet County, Winnebago County, and City of Oshkosh. FWWA is in the process of solving this issues. We are looking into switching to MailChimp instead of using Send Grid. This is a major change for our organization, so it will take a bit of time. Realistic goal: end of year.

- Paul – meeting notice ended up in junk folder
- Erin – may have an issue with MailChimp getting through with FDL county. FDL County may be able to address that on their end when we get to that point.
- Chad – Chris’s email goes to spam folder (Winnebago County)

Please let Korin know if any other issues come up with emails going to spam.

11:00am – Project Update

- **Tech Teams Update**
 - Habitat, Fish, and Wildlife
 - Title changed to ‘Habitat Tech Team’
 - Sub-group met with Erin Giese, UW-GB to learn about habitat tools developed for the Green Bay AOC.
 - Erin and collaborators gave us permission to modify and use their tools for the Winnebago Lakes.
 - Watershed Management
 - Behind the scenes work
 - Austin met with Sarah at Outagamie County to learn about STEPL modeling and the input to make sure we ask the counties for the right information
 - Looking at other plans from across the state
 - FWWA will meet with Keith and Andrew Craig to put together inventory questions that will be going out to county partners that met at the end of April.
 - We hope to have a Tech Team meeting mid to end of July – will send out Doodle Poll
 - Goal: have a workshop day with county staff and DNR to get the inputs needed for the STEPL models
 - Water Quality
 - The Team met on May 30th
 - The Team will begin drafting a comprehensive WQ monitoring plan
 - Two versions – the ‘Cadillac versus Buick’ (monthly throughout the summer, TP, dissolved P, and nitrogen)
 - The team looked at where vegetation exists and then discussed where vegetation could grow. Restoring rooted aquatic vegetation may help reduce internal loading in the lakes.
 - Keith and DNR staff are going to explore PCLake as a way to model internal load reductions with increased vegetation
 - Chin Wu’s wind/wave model (UW-Madison) may help us get further in the modeling process than where the DNR will get by this fall.
 - When the WQ team meets again in the fall:
 - The Team will review and finalize draft comprehensive WQ monitoring plan
 - Modeling questions to answer:
 - Did the DNR get far enough in the TMDL process for the LMP?
 - Do we need to do more for the LMP?
 - Do we have additional information that can be used to refine the model for the LMP?
 - Aquatic Plant Management
 - Emergent vegetation survey
 - Ted – had Dave Bolha take pictures (aerial) of the lakes. Many of the beds aren’t up yet because of high water levels early this year. Likely won’t happen until mid-July or August.
 - Chad – agrees; Chad was out flying the drone last week and he didn’t see many emergent in Poygan.
 - Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Chris continues to work on draft

- Shoreline Practices
 - Tech Team will be formed over the next few weeks.
 - FWWA will send the list of people we plan to invite to the Steering Committee and ask for additional recommendations
 - Mark: have any inventories been completed about shoreline conditions?
 - Chad – Winnebago and Calumet County
 - Documented existing buffers, erosion, and woody debris
 - Web based – will send link to SC
 - Winnebago County: over 13 miles of actively eroding shorelines, not many buffers
 - Make link more readily available to web based tool developed by Winnebago County
 - Team will explore feasibility of completing inventory for FDL County
 - What’s needed?
 - Something that can be done?
 - Need to be a recommendation?
- Recreational Lake Use, Access, and Navigation
 - Title changed to ‘Recreation Tech Team’
 - FWWA is developing a list of questions to learn more from the recreational community. The answers will help inform the planning process.
 - Austin reached out to kayaking groups; haven’t heard back from people
 - Any recommendations for silent sport contacts?
 - Alan: LWQIA – a few recreational users on the Board – might be good to reach out to the Board
 - Press release: looking for input on how people use the lake and what they would like to see improved for recreational lake use

- **Project Outreach, Engagement, and Communications**

- Walleye Weekend (June 8th to 10th): LMP and AIS exhibit – find us and say hi!
 - LWQIA will also be there. Find their booth and say hi!
- Everyone on the lake & Family fun event discussion
 - These events were included in our Phase IV grant proposal. Our goal is for these events to take place annually as a way to engage the community and to help build a sense of appreciation/ownership/responsibility for the lakes.
 - Event ideas?
 - Combine the events?
 - Mark - on the ice type of events? Sturgeon Spearing season?
 - Possible location: Wendt’s on the west shore
 - How engaged does the SC want to be in the planning process for these events?
 - Erin – prefer to answer questions than get directly involved in planning
 - Mark – would like to be part of the planning
 - Lots of opportunities and he has lots of ideas
 - Shanty art; virtual shanty
 - Alan – interested in helping with advertising
 - Rick Georgeson – farmers on the lake (Petenwell?)

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376	Facebook
30	instagram
1	flickr
1	Youtube
77	Twitter
898	newsletter

- Alan will send Korin information
 - FWWA will be looking for events sponsors and donations
 - Great way to engage businesses in the project and program
- AIS Outreach:
 - Trout in the Classroom/Wings Over Wisconsin Kids events: over 250 kids contacted
 - Presented to Madison Area Herp. Club
 - Developed a VHS decontamination brochure for National Walleye Tournament in May
 - CBCW/ CLMN Trainings now being offered through FWWA
 - Started our CLMN program: Trained one volunteer so far
 - Started monitoring for the season, including Round Goby monitoring following DNR protocol
 - Asked to help with Boater Behavior study with UW-Extension: Collecting data at boat launches on two dates during the summer
 - Speaking at Walleye Weekend Mercury Marine Walleye Tournament Rules Meeting on 6/8/18
 - Actively seeking CBCW Intern for 2018

11:50am – Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

11:55am – Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?
 - LWQIA will be at Walleye Weekend
 - LWQIA, June 24th, award being presented at Breakfast on the Farm at Weise Farms
 - Mathias/Lesczynski Water Quality Award for FDL farmers
 - Include article about the award?
- **Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:**
 - Friday, July 13th from 10am to 12pm (in-person)
 - Coughlin Center in Oshkosh
 - Friday, August 10th from 10am to 12pm (conference call)
 - Friday, September 14th from 10am to 12pm (in-person)
- Next Executive Committee meeting??
 - Korin – set up call with counties to discuss plan for next Executive Committee meeting and use of contract funds.

12:00pm – Meeting close

Action Items:

- **Korin Doering (FWWA)**
 - Update project materials to reflect the changes in the names of management topics and technical teams
 - Contact aquatic plant PI survey consultants to request they use a specific format for their reports.
 - Send link to Winnebago County's shoreline inventory viewer to the Steering Committee
 - *Make the link readily available on the Winnebago Waterways website*
 - Form Shoreline Practices Tech Team
 - *Send request to Steering Committee for members to provide recommendations for contacts*
 - Set up call with counties to discuss plan for next Executive Committee meeting and use of contract funds
 - Reserve meeting space in the Coughlin Center for the next Steering Committee meeting.
- **Austin Pethan (FWWA)**
 - Take pictures and write an article to share with the public about aquatic vegetation PI survey when it takes place.
 - Write and share an article that explains what wetland permits are and the permitting process if someone wants to make a change to a wetland. Include information on how people can get information on wetland permit applications. Describe the benefits of wetlands and the permitting process.
 - *Send to Steering Committee for review before publication*
 - Include information on our website for people interested in getting info about wetland permits
 - Include link in Winnebago Waterways HUB
 - Once list of questions is complete, draft and distribute a press release asking people for input on how people use the lakes and what they would like to see improved for recreational lake use.
- **Alan Weir (Member-at-large)**
 - COMPLETE: Send Korin information about Rick Georgeson and the Pentewell pontoon event