



# Lake Management Planning



## Winnebago Waterways

### Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, July 13th, 2018

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Coughlin Center, Oshkosh (625 E County Road Y, Oshkosh) in the Volunteer Room

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

**Attendees:** Danielle Santry (Calumet County), Erin Gerred (FDL County), Chad Casper (Winnebago County), Paul Tollard (FDL County), Alan Weir, Bob Schmeichel, Ted Johnson (WI DNR), Austin Pethan (FWWA), Jessica Schultz (FWWA), Keith Marquardt (WI DNR), Todd Wahler (Waushara County)

## Meeting Notes:

### 10:00am – Introductions and updates

- Brief introduction of attendees
- Updates from around the system
  - Upper Fox Wolf TMDL meeting
    - Held in Oshkosh on 7/11/18
      - Recording of the meeting will be posted next week on WDNR TMDL page
      - Draft report is available
      - Comments being accepted until August 5<sup>th</sup>
      - Public hearing may be held in September to be followed by 30-day comment period
      - Link to Upper Fox Wolf TMDL page:
        - <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/tmdls/foxwolf/index.html>
- Review of notes and action items from the last meeting
  - **Korin Doering (FWWA)**
    - *IN PROGRESS: update project materials to reflect the changes in the names of management topics and technical teams*
    - *COMPLETE: Contact aquatic plant PI survey consultants to request they use a specific format for their reports. (will send standard format to use)*
    - *COMPLETE: Send link to Winnebago County's shoreline inventory viewer to the Steering Committee: Make the link readily available on the Winnebago Waterways website*
    - *COMPLETE: Form Shoreline Practices Tech Team; Send request to Steering Committee for members to provide recommendations for contacts*
    - *COMPLETE: Set up call with counties to discuss plan for next Executive Committee meeting and use of contract funds*
    - *COMPLETE: 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.*
- *IN PROGRESS: 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*
- *IN PROGRESS: Include information on our website for people interested in getting info about wetland permits*
  - *Include link in Winnebago Waterways HUB*
- *IN PROGRESS: 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*

## 10:50am – Organization Questionnaire

- Review draft version of the questionnaire
  - The goal of the questionnaire is to learn more about organizations and clubs around the lakes. The questionnaire will be step one in a two-step process. When we get closer to completing the LMP, we will develop and distribute a second questionnaire to further clarify organizational interest in and capacity for implementing various management recommendations outlined in the plan.
  - The Steering Committee reviewed the draft questionnaire and provided input/suggestions to improve the draft. Korin will update the draft based on feedback and will send the final draft back to the Steering Committee for their review. Once Korin hears back from the Steering Committee, a final version will be sent to Jordan (WI DNR) for his review and approval.
  - Goal: begin distributing the questionnaire by the end of July or beginning of August
- Brainstorm list of potential organizations to add to the project contact list
  - Several ideas were submitted prior to the meeting
  - Korin will ask the Steering Committee to submit additional ideas by email

## 11:40am – Project Update

- Document inventory
  - We continued to add items to the project document/data inventory. The inventory is used as a resource as we develop the LMP. Once the LMP is complete, the inventory will be made available to the public.
    - Korin will send the SC a link to the project inventory
- Management topics/tech team updates:
  - Habitat
    - Developing tools to assess habitat needs
  - Water Quality
    - Drafting comprehensive system-wide monitoring plan



- Community Engagement
    - Drafting organization questionnaire
  - Project Outreach, Engagement, and Communications
    - Events/meetings attended
      - *Walleye Weekend - 450 contacts*
    - Event planning
      - Austin met with Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties to partner on conservation field day planning; met with Mark to discuss other event ideas
    - E-newsletter
      - June edition
        - Fishing for Trouble - Wisconsin's Public Trust Doctrine
        - Lake Management Plan - June Update
        - Is it safe to swim? Blue-green algae: How to reduce the risks to humans and pets
        - Northern Asylum for the Insane: Asylum Point and Lighthouse
        - Walleye Weekend 2018- Food, Fun, and Fox-Wolf Conservation Education!
      - July edition
        - Lake Management Plan – July update
        - Why do the lakes look like pea soup and what’s being done about it?
        - Project highlight – Stabenow project
- |  |            | 1/2/2018 | 6/4/2018 | 7/12/2018 |
|--|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| ● Landing Blitz summary                |            |          |          |           |
| ● Rusty crayfish AIS spotlight article | Facebook   | 253      | 376      | 394       |
| ○ Social Media ( <i>see table</i> )    | Instagram  | ---      | 30       | 51        |
| ○ Other                                | flickr     | 1        | 1        | 1         |
| ▪ Press release about BG algae         | Youtube    | 1        | 1        | 1         |
| ● Fox 11 News                          | Twitter    | 65       | 77       | 80        |
| ● Oshkosh Herald                       | newsletter | 863      | 898      | 896       |

### 11:55am – Winnebago Waterways Executive Committee

- Possible agenda items?
  - FWWA will chat with counties prior to the meeting to ensure we are prepared to present updates about the LMP project
- Next Executive Committee meeting: August 3rd, 2018 at 9:30am in the Fond du Lac City/County Government Center.

### Spam blocker update

- We will be switching to a different sending service for bulk emails. This will hopefully fix the issue.

### Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

### Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?
  - Winnebago Waterways AIS Program update (from [Chris Acy](#)):

- Spoke at the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament Rules Meeting on June 8th
- Continued AIS monitoring throughout the past month including round goby monitoring
- Hired 2018 CBCW intern – Cheryl Watson
- Continue to work with UW-O and Calumet County CBCW programs to ensure collaborative coverage of Winnebago Waterways System
- Participated in Landing Blitz campaign (June 29th-July 4th) - focused on talking with boaters and anglers about protecting waterways from aquatic invasive species. This included handing out free microfiber towels.
- Interviewed by Fox 11 at Jefferson Park for Landing Blitz with FWWA CBCW Intern Cheryl: <http://fox11online.com/news/local/landing-blitz-targets-aquatic-invasive-species>
- Worked with CLMN volunteer, Nancy, on her AIS monitoring
- **Snapshot Day 2018**
  - **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
  - Volunteers can sign-up here: <http://fwwa.org/events-calendar-fwwa/aquatic-invasive-species-snapshot-day-2018/>
- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
  - Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm (conference call)
  - Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm (in-person)
    - Location TBD
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## Action Items:

- **Korin Doering (FWWA)**
  - IN PROGRESS: update project materials to reflect the changes in the names of management topics and technical teams
  - Develop standard format for aquatic plant report and send to consultants
  - Send link for the project inventory to the SC
  - Send link for the Upper Fox Wolf TMDL webpage to the SC
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