



Lake Management Planning

Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, May 10th, 2019

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Coughlin Center, Room D (625 E County Rd Y #600, Oshkosh, WI 54903)

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



Attendees: Dani Santry, Jessica Schultz, Bob Schmeichel, Ted Johnson, Mark Sesing, Paul Tollard, Todd Wahler, Chad Casper, Alan Weir, Erin Gerred

Meeting Notes:

Introductions

- Updates from around the system
 - From Keith M.; WDNR (emailed in advance):
 - TMDL = WDNR reviewing/responding to public comments received – will post to webpage when complete
 - LMP watershed management = April 16th met w/Austin and Jessica and WDNR staff to discuss watershed plan/planning process
 - Winnebago County - Chad
 - Marsh bogs floating because of high water
 - Watershed plan is being drafted to submit for MDV money to use for demo farm network and cost-share
 - NRDA for breakwall projects in Winneconne – permits are going out for public notice; funding is set
 - Anticipating bidding out in summer and hopefully winter installation in 2020
 - WDNR – Ted
 - Has been receiving many permit applications for nuisance relief
 - System needs education for consultants about proper planning to improve navigation while protecting aquatic plants
 - High water = lots of phone calls about wake
 - Calumet County - Dani
 - Farmer led group has named itself CASA
 - Met with other counties to move forward with Demo farm (FDL, Calumet, and Manitowoc) funded through NRCS – potentially also funded with MDV money for cost-share (point discharge money to the county for non-point implementation)
 - Waushara County - Todd
 - Recently became member of multi-jurisdictional group in central sands to look at how and what they can do as counties about application rates for nitrates and phosphates.

- Hopefully coalition can work with UW to study and eventually lead to change in legislation
- Heading into 2nd phase of well water testing program
 - Anticipating high levels of nitrates in central sands area
- Sand bags? A concern for people who sandbags their homes because people may be tempted to dump in the water to dispose of it
- Fond du Lac County - Paul
 - 3 demo farms in county – talking about a fourth; MDV money helping to make it possible
 - 9 key element plans will help with MDV funding (improve flexibility for how money can be spent)
- LWQIA
 - Booth at Master Gardeners show 5/18/19 at FDL County Fair grounds
 - Matthias M. award will be presented at breakfast on the farm in FDL County (June?)
- Fox-Wolf
 - EPA put out email that they expect to release RFA soon for GLRI funds
 - EPA has their own pool of funding for non-point grants
 - Haven't released RFA since 2017; Have \$14 million for 30 projects in 2019
 - Once RFA is released, will have 45 days to submit proposal
 - Fox-Wolf has been advocating for longer grant periods than 3-5 year
 - Upper Fox-Wolf qualifies for GLRI, but has not yet qualified
 - Possible submit something in partnership with FDL County (pull together proposal)
 - Great if other counties can support that proposal
 - Not sure what the focus will be yet of RFA
 - Do not anticipate another RFA in 2020, maybe 2021
- Others? – Mark
 - WI Outdoor news – talked about Walleye limit on Winnebago System
 - Might be a good outlet for this project for outreach – media
 - Example – write articles about the predicted conditions of the lakes in 2050
 - Korin will share this idea with Austin to see what they can come up with
- ECWRPC - Bob
 - Thanked Fox-Wolf for presentation earlier this year
- Towns Association - Bob
 - Wake issue has come up at townships as well as 'what to do with sandbags'
 - Not sure what to tell people about sandbags – where to go with them
 - Maybe this should be added to discussion at emergency management level?

Discuss Winnebago Waterways Program at Fox-Wolf integration with LMP

What role would the Steering Committee like Fox-Wolf to fill for implementation?

- The lake management plan will need a home once it is done at the end of 2019.
- Consensus among Steering Committee members was that the Winnebago Waterways Program at Fox-Wolf would be the best choice to manage the plan, manage implementation grants, provide coordination, guidance, and grant writing for implementation
- Proposal for the 2020 contract for Winnebago Waterways Program coordination by Fox-Wolf
 - Fox-Wolf will put together a proposal for work plan for 2020.
 - County staff will contact Executive Committee members to schedule a meeting at the end of June or early July

- Fox-Wolf will send the proposal to the Steering Committee prior to the Executive Committee meeting for review
- Fox-Wolf will present the proposal to the Executive Committee at the meeting

Water Level Management Update

- Eight participants - three-hour session held on 5/2/2019
- Walked through:
 - Overview of water levels and lake management planning
 - Focus group questions/discussion
 - Stakeholder matrix
- Discussion: summary of results from Water Level Focus Group meeting (held on 5/2/2019)
- Reviewed and discussed final draft recommendations for the water level section

11:20am – Discuss LMP draft review process

- Continue to include Steering Committee on emails to Tech Teams about reviewing LMP drafts
- Send final recommendation list to SC after Focus Group meetings
- Executive Committee – send them the final draft version once it is ready
 - Remind them that an executive summary for each topic will be included in the lake plan.
 - An overview of the document and recommendations will be presented at EC
- Korin is looking for people interested in reviewing/editing drafts of the LMP for grammar, spelling, etc... Anyone interested should contact her: korin@fwwa.org, (920) 851-0948
- To communicate when in the process various stakeholders should engage, Mark suggested that a diagram be created to show which topics/teams/groups are relevant to which stakeholders

Project Updates

Aquatic Plant Management

- Nearing completion of the first draft.
 - Describes the importance of plants
 - Describes the decline of vegetation after impoundment and goals for the system
 - Will serve as an APM strategy for the lakes and provide guidance to help people develop site-specific APM plans.
 - Wrapping up last few sections and recommendations
 - Ted suggested adding ‘increase localized planning efforts’ to the APM Strategy goals
 - Also include information about how property values improve as water clarity improves
- Next steps:
 - send draft to Technical Team for review
 - Form Focus Group and plan meeting date/time

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Revision is complete – Chris is working on adding photos, figures, and polishing the formatting.
- Actively recruiting for AIS Focus Group

Community Engagement

- Held first Community Engagement Team meeting on 5/1/2019
- Next steps:
 - Begin drafting community engagement section of plan
 - Send draft to the Team for review
 - Form focus group and plan meeting date/time

Watershed Management

- Email request for Doodle Polls from Jessica went to Steering Committee
- Taking a bit longer to dissect data from TMDL
 - Breaking down TMDL subbasin data into HUC12s
- Have been working on writing background for HUC12s based on info that has been available
- Will be holding one meeting for counties to learn about strategy to advance watershed portion of the plan in June
 - Counties will choose BMPs to use for modeling
- Holding modeling workshop in August for SNAP+
- After those meetings, Fox-Wolf will put it all together and will collect input from producers

Water Quality

- Collected additional data from WDNR
- Tour of Appleton Drinking Water facility and meeting to follow on 5/29/19
- Next steps:
 - Review data and information collected
 - Analyze data
 - Begin drafting water quality summary (Korin, Dani, and Emily)
 - Send draft to Tech Team for review
- Focus group – won't be held until after recommendations for watershed management are drafted

Habitat

- Has been on hold as we advance other topics
- Discussing collaboration with USFWS Blueprint project for mapping priority zones

Recreation

- Recreation survey is being summarized

Shoreline Practices

- Shoreline erosion inventory report is being drafted
- Shoreline property owners survey is in final draft form and ready to be reviewed

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Meeting wrap-up

- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
 - Friday, June 14th, 2019 from 10am to 12pm (conference call)

12:00pm – Meeting close

Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Planning Outreach Update

Events (3/9/19 through May)				
Date(s)	Event Name	Audience(s)	Activity	# of Contacts
3/9/2019	Super Science Saturday	Children, general public	Exhibited at a table	35
3/9/2019	Habitattitude Pet Surrender Event	Pet Owners	Exhibiting	92
3/14/2019	Winnebago On Tap!	General public	Short presentation about LMP	6
3/22/2019	Winnebago On Tap!	General public	Introduced audience to LMP, focus groups	18
3/27/2019	TV Recording with George Cutris	General public	Recorded tv episodes about our work	unknown
3/28/2019	Winnebago On Tap!	General public	Introduced audience to LMP, focus groups	28
4/10 - 4/12/19	2019 Lakes Convention	DNR, Lake Associations, Citizens	Exhibited	250
4/12/2019	Green Bay Pet Expo	General public, pet owners	Exhibited	360
4/12/2019	Water Hyacinth Presentation at Lakes Convention	DNR, Lake Associations, Citizens	Presented	35
4/16/2019	Oshkosh Corporation's Sustainability and Wellness Expo	Oshkosh Corporation employees	Exhibited	63
4/16/2019	Oshkosh Corporation's Sustainability Expo	Oshkosh Defense Employees	Exhibited	63
4/20/2019	1000 Islands Nature Center Earth Day Celebration	Stakeholders, families	Exhibited	68
4/27/2019	Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup 2019	General public	Exhibited	15
5/4/2019	Bird Fest	General public	Exhibited	45
5/15/2019	Chaparral Hill Fishing Area Cleanup	WCA Member, General public	Clean up garbage at Chaparral Hill Fishing Area	
5/17/2019	Wings Over WI Kids Fishing Day	4th and 5th graders	Presenting/Hands on activity	
5/18/2019	Festival of Spring	General Public	Exhibiting	
5/20/2019	Trout in the Classroom	Middle/High Schoolers	Presenting/Hands on activity	
5/31-6/2/19	Drain Campaign	Anglers, boaters	CBCW interviews and promotional items	
Total event contacts this period				638

Meetings (3/9/19 through May)

Date(s)	Host organization	Audience(s)	Meeting purpose	Attendee #s
3/13/2019	Fox-Wolf	Stakeholders	CBCW Open House - Winneconne	3
3/22/2019	Fox-Wolf	Rep. Staush Gruszynski	Rep. Staush Gruszynski - educate about LMP and water quality	1
3/26/2019	Fox-Wolf	Stakeholders	CBCW Open House - Neenah	4
4/4/2019	WDNR/UW-Extension Lakes	AIS Coordinators	Spring 2019 AIS Partnership and Htude Presentation	25
4/18/2019	Army Corps	Stakeholders	Refill call for water levels	30
4/23/2019	Upper Fox-Wolf Blueprint - USFWS	Conservation Partners	Collaborate about blueprint project	8
4/24/2019	Green Bay Conservation Partners	Conservation Partners	Round Table Informational Meeting	84
4/25/2019	Property owner	Shoreline Property Owners	Site visit to see aquatic plant issue firsthand	2
4/29/2019	Fox-Wolf	DNR, counties	AIS Contracts	13
4/30/2019	FRNSA	Stakeholders	Menasha Lock Announcement	16
5/1/2019	Fox-Wolf	Stakeholders	Community Engagement Team meeting	8
5/2/2019	Winnebago Waterways Program	Stakeholders (water level focus group members)	Introduced stakeholders to LMP, completed focus group exercise	8
5/7/2019	UW-O ERIC Lab	FWWA, ERIC Lab	Explore partnership opportunities	5
5/8/2019	WDNR	SE Region AIS Coordinators	Updates	
5/9/2019	WDNR/UW-Extension Lakes	AIS Coordinators	Train the Trainer Updates	
5/14/2019	Greater Green Bay Kiwanis	Kiwanis Club	AIS/LMP Presentation	
5/29/2019	City of Appleton	Utility staff	Learn about water treatment process and pollutants of concern in Lake Winnebago	
May - tentative	Aquatic Plant Focus Group	Stakeholders	Focus Group meeting to review recommendations	

Social Media Tracking				
	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter	Newsletter
1/2/2018	253	n/a	65	863
6/4/2018	376	30	77	898
7/12/2018	394	51	80	896
8/9/2018	400	61	81	796
9/24/2018	425	91	84	870
10/12/2018	434	101	83	832
11/8/2018	446	107	84	882
12/13/2018	452	111	86	1107
1/11/2019	458	116	90	1108
2/8/2019	475	120	93	1152
3/7/2019	507	122	95	
4/7/2019	520	125	97	
5/7/2019	525	131	101	1146
Percent increase since January 2018	108%	437%	55%	33%