



Lake Management Planning

Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, July 12, 2019

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: J.P Coughlin Center, Room D (625 East County Rd. Y, Oshkosh, WI)

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



Meeting participants: Chad Casper, Keith Marquardt, Todd Wahler, Ted Johnson, Dani Santry, Alan Weir, Kendall Kamke

Meeting Notes:

Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
- Brief updates from around the system
 - Project related:
 - Upcoming Executive Committee meeting:
 - Monday, August 5th, 2019 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm (Fond du Lac County)
 - Fox-Wolf Upcoming Events
 - **Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day 2019**
 - Statewide event hosted by River Alliance
 - Locally organized by Fox-Wolf and Calumet County
 - August 17th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm
 - Sites around the system – looking for volunteers (family friendly!)
 - Contact Chris Acy at chris@fwwa.org
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/349342162367400/>
 - **Clean water makes better beer**
 - August 29th, 2019
 - 5:00pm to 7:30pm
 - Looking for boat captains and tour guides – contact Austin Pethan at austin@fwwa.org.
 - Similar to last year – free boat tours and BOGO drink coupons
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 - Winnebago County
 - Starting MDV program – 1 project will likely be signed up soon
 - Demo farm network is getting up and going – hauling interseeder drill to one of the farms to interseed corn (Outagamie county drill)
 - Soil health program in year 2
 - NRDA – couple of projects that may apply for NRDA funds
 - Doing monitoring for breakwall projects – ~30 acres

- Possibly look at doing modified PI? Suggestion from Ted
 - Korin can help connect Chad to WDNR staff who create PI grid maps
- Waushara County
 - Second phase of private well water program – central six townships in the county
 - Applying for action through data federal grant – will use money to start third phase in central sands region
 - High water
- Calumet County
 - Farmer led group started last fall – have formalized the group
 - Calumet County Ag Stewardship Alliance
 - Area of coverage: focused on east shore of Lake Winnebago and karst area
 - Hosting first field demo Thursday, July 18th
 - Manure injection demo on corn
 - Formalizing farmer demo network coming out of NRCS
- City of Neenah
 - N/A
- LWQIA
 - Julie Cooper – award winner – June 24th
 - Annual plaque to put someplace to recognize award winners; possibly FDL office
 - Approached to consider storm drain adoption program citywide
 - Info from Jordon Skif (?) – cleaning out storm drains weekly to prevent organic matter; Korin will connect LWQIA with Kelly at Fox-Wolf
- WDNR
 - TMDL reviewing comments – also started implementation planning for 32 HUC12s adjacent to the pools
 - Fisheries – plan to start trawling; need place for sheephead
 - Channel treatments on Winnebago – some permits were denied; others are being treated. Lake Puckaway has algae bloom

Review and Discuss APM Strategic Plan Recommendations

- Results from the APM Focus Group Meeting
 - Was held on 6/18/2019
 - 14 people participated; only 11 filled out the forms
 - Overall, lots of support for an Aquatic Plant Management Program through the Winnebago Waterway Program
 - Lots of interest in the site-specific plans
 - General support for trying to balance the need for restoration/protection and recreation
 - Participants were from Winnebago, Fond du Lac, and Outagamie counties. Several shoreline property owners were present. We had representation from all four lakes.
 - Top 3 recommendations:
 - Establish and sustain an Aquatic Plant Management Program through the Winnebago Waterways Program to assess impacts of lake management decisions on the aquatic plant community system-wide and provide guidance and assistance to shoreline property owners for development of site-specific aquatic plant management plans
 - Develop site-specific aquatic plant management plans for areas within the Winnebago Lakes that have nuisance plants or aquatic invasive species issues

- Balance the desire to recreate with the need to restore and protect aquatic plants in the lakes
- Status update –
 - Had to revisit data – wrapping up results section. Plan to have the second revision wrapped up and ready for technical review by end of day Friday

Project Updates

- Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Focus Group meeting scheduled for ~~Wednesday, July 17th, 2019, 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Room A, J.P. Coughlin Center (625 E County Rd Y #600, Oshkosh, WI 54903)~~
 - MEETING IS BEING RESCHEDULED FOR EARLY AUGUST
 - Looking for additional participants
- Watershed Management
 - Received additional data from DNR
 - Drafting individual plans
 - Prepping for county modeling workshop
- Water Quality
 - Toured Oshkosh facility
 - Drafting report
- Habitat
 - Meeting scheduled with retired DNR staff on 7/19/2019 to wrap up review of 1989 WCMP
 - Will begin meeting with individuals to start pulling together pieces for habitat report and recommendations in next two weeks
- Recreation
 - Wrapping up recreation survey results in draft report
- Shoreline Practices
 - Wrapping up shoreline erosion inventory report; ran into some difficulties with the data and have since figured out how to overcome those issues
 - Will begin drafting shoreline practices section of LMP soon
- Water Levels
 - WWLAT kick-off meeting is scheduled for 7/30/2019 at 9:00am at the JP Coughlin Center

Prep for Winnebago Waterways Executive Committee Meeting

- Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5th, 2019 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm (Fond du Lac County)
- Fox-Wolf would like ~15 minutes to provide overview of the organization (per request of AI in FDL)
- Topics to review:
 - AIS
 - APM
 - Water Levels
 - Possibly water quality – depending on progress over the next couple of weeks
- 2019 funds –
 - Plan to have a budget put together for county staff to review in the next two weeks
 - Ideas:
 - Water quality monitoring program?
 - Salesforce?
 - Support demo farm network?
 - Boat?

- Might not be possible, so look to other possible funding sources
- 4-year agreement
 - Draft passed committee – chuck will speak on behalf of the committee

Public Comment

Public comments are limited to those that are relevant to agenda items. Other input can be provided online at www.WinnebagoWaterways.org or by contacting Korin Doering at (920) 851-0948 or korin@fwwa.org.

Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?
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 - Calumet County
 - **Advanced Nutrient Management Technology and Application Field Day**
 - 10:00am on Thursday, July 18th, 2019
 - Corner of Calumet County BB and Custer Road, southwest of Hilbert
 - <https://www.thebrillionnews.com/2019/07/11/precision-manure-application-field-day-set-for-july-18/>
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12:00pm – Meeting close