



# Lake Management Planning

## Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

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

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## Meeting Notes:

### Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
  - Attendees: Chad Casper, Dani Santry, Alan Weir, Paul Tollard, Keith Marquardt
- Brief updates from around the system
  - Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee
    - Bob Schmeichel has resigned from the Steering Committee
      - Committee decided to wait until implementation (2020) to fill Bob's spot because opening up the member-at-large positions is part of the 2020 plan.
  - Calumet County
    - Have a technician on staff that was GLRI funded – requested that county add him on as full-time; they added the staff position to the county budget; waiting for final budget approval by the County Board.
    - Dani has been working on streambank inventory in Calumet County – weather has slowed things down
    - Farmer led group submitted DATCP grant application – small seed grant
      - Stockbridge – half is groundwater; half is Lake Winnebago; primary focus will initially likely be groundwater protection.
  - Winnebago County
    - BMP installation is slow because of weather
      - Idea: get counties together to meet with DATCP to discuss their policies for use of grant funds for projects that fall through.
    - Projects:
      - Poygan Breakwall – received bids
        - Radtke will be barging in rock
        - 2 segments about 1200 feet each (breakwall 2 and 3 in the wall)
        - Need to find additional funding (\$700,000)
      - Butte des Morts
        - DNR submitted NRDA resolution (Winnebago County, WDNR, Fox-Wolf) to take out 2200 feet of BDMCC breakwall and reuse rock on new breakwall (Samer's Bay). Recycled rock will cover portion of new wall – new wall will be about 5000 feet

- 8-9 feet of recession per year since 1941 – most loss came early one, but averaged out it's 8-9 feet per year.
    - Submitted (Winnebago County, WDNR) NRDA resolution to work with UWO to do pre and post-monitoring with Terrell's Island and inside new breakwall
  - Fond du Lac County
    - Talking with Todd from Alliance from the Great Lakes –
      - Great Lakes Commission funding for multi-species forages
        - Working in the Lower Fox with their grant and are looking for other opportunities for using the funds in the Upper Fox in a 9 Key Plan area
        - AGL is partnering with FDL to fund pasture seedings, harvestable buffers, etc. – still working out the details but looks like a good project for 2020
      - Added another demo farm – up to 4 in FDL county
      - Looking to do more soil health with farmer led group, but weather has been a barrier – refocusing efforts to get cost-share on the ground
        - Lots of interest to get cover crops on the ground this fall – funds are from the county (county cost-share dollars)
  - Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance
    - Fond du Lac Cleanup at Lakeside Park
  - LWQIA
    - Held informational meeting along the east shore of Lake Winnebago
      - 120 shoreline property owners – to learn about water quality
      - Well received
      - Heard from Alan Weir, Paul Tollard, and Austin Pethan
      - Following up with 60 people who provided contact info
    - Local town officials are looking at how to do a bond to help with funding projects
      - Township cannot do a bond drive, but can be done as a watershed
      - Local property owners would contribute to bond and bonds would be used for conservation practices
    - FDL City is starting an adopt a storm drain program – LWQIA has been asked to market that – looking to do a poster contest in December to have winners at January 23<sup>rd</sup> opening
    - Perpetual plaque for ML award– will be posted at FDL LWCD office

## Winnebago Waterways Agreement – updates and discussion

Reviewed corps counsel suggested changes. Finalized 4-year agreement. Korin will send the final version of the agreement to the county staff and will include the agreement in the Executive Committee meeting packets that will be emailed next week.

## Preparation for upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Finalized agenda

Korin will package materials and distribute to the meeting packets by email to the Executive Committee members by October 17<sup>th</sup> (earlier if possible). County staff will follow up with EC members to ensure they received the packet

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2019 at 1:30pm at the Fond du lac County Building (160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935)

## LMP Project Updates

Lake management planning drafts that are nearing completion are now available online for the public to review and comment. The Steering Team suggested that Fox-Wolf send a special email highlighting the opportunity for public review as well as a press release.

Link to webpage: <https://fwwa.org/lake-management-planning-2/#WaterQuality>

### Watershed Management

#### Tracking and Reporting:

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is working with Alliance for the Great Lakes and WDNR to develop a TMDL implementation tracking and reporting process for the Lower Fox River TMDL. Part of the plan involves using NDTI which is a satellite imagery tool that can detect cover on the landscape. We hope to have the tracking and reporting protocols be as close as possible throughout the basin. Molly from Alliance for the Great Lakes will be calling a meeting in November to discuss NDTI and work with those that have used NDTI to set the protocols for running NDTI so each county OR possibly WDNR in the future will utilize the same best practices when running the data.

Currently, we are drafting a plan that has the level of tracking and reporting increasing only when funding is available for staff to implement.

#### Modeling Workshop:

Modeling workshop is scheduled for October 23. Jessica is meeting with Andrew Craig, Eric Evenson and Keith Marquardt this morning to work through how the workshop is going to run. At this time, we believe that we will be utilizing the base line SNAP Plus runs that Andrew has developed for the TMDL for each HUC 12 watershed and running multiple conservation scenarios from those baseline to develop milestone targets for years 3, 5, 7 and 10 of implementation. These scenarios would be run under the assumption that funding and staff ARE NOT a barrier to implementation - Example: IF funding and staff we not a barrier to implementation, how much cover crop and no-till could be installed 3 years into implementation in a particular HUC 12?

The reduction remaining will then be assigned to hard practices that are unable to be modeled in SNAP Plus - stream bank, wetland, ect.

### Water Quality

- First draft of the water quality report is complete and being reviewed by the Technical Team.
- Focus Group invite has been sent – meeting coming up soon.
- Will begin revisions next week. Currently working on water quality monitoring plan and filling out recommendations

### Habitat

- Wrapping up breakwall list with scoring criteria
- Draft outline is complete
- Will begin drafting more sections after second draft of water quality is complete and sent for review

### **Shoreline Practices**

- Shoreline Management Strategy – in progress
- Shoreline Focus Group invites have been sent out – meeting will be scheduled for mid-November

### **Recreation**

- Met with Winnebago County about buoys

### **Climate Change**

- Working on a short section about climate change
- Using 2011 WICCI along with updated data provided by Steve with WICCI

### **Project Outreach**

- Facebook has reached 1,019 followers and 956 likes

## **Transitioning to Implementation**

Need approved plan to qualify for implementation grant funding by February grant application deadline.

- What is the timeline for plan approval given the size of the plan? What is the process that will be used to review and approve the plan?
- Keith will work with Ted and DNR staff to schedule a meeting to discuss this process so that we can plan for the next steps in the planning phase.

### **Implementation Updates**

- Water quality monitoring program
  - Drafting plan
- Salesforce
  - Consultant is making progress – training for staff in November
- APM Site-specific Plans
  - Working with Sunset Bay to draft planning grant for December 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - Town hall meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2019 at 6:00pm in Oshkosh

## **Meeting wrap-up**

Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?

- Executive Committee meeting: October 24, 2019 at 1:30pm at the Fond du lac County Building (160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935)
- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
  - November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00am (conference call)
  - December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00am (in-person?)