

## Minutes

### WINNEBAGO WATERWAYS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**TIME OF MEETING:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**DATE OF MEETING:** Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**PLACE OF MEETING:** In person

Meeting Room A

James P. Coughlin Center, 625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI

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### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE MEETING

2. Call meeting to order - at 9:05am

Attendance: Mark Piechowski – Waushara Co, Chad Casper – Winnebago Co, Dani Santry – Calumet Co, Jim Wickersham – FWWA, Katie Reed – FWWA.

3. Called In: John Jarvis– Waushara Co, Alice Connor - Calumet Co, Mike Hofberger – Calumet Co, Dale Theel – Fond du Lac Co, Todd Wahler – Waushara Co, Jon Doemel – Winnebago Co (joined 9:08 am)

General Public: Dave Geiser

4. Approval of minutes from the November 8, 2023 Winnebago Waterways Executive Committee Meeting

- Tabled for Spring Meeting

Members of the public who wish to address the committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the committee chair, as set forth in “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Introductions of All Members

### **ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE**

#### A. Winnebago Waterways Program

- a. WDNR Kickstart Grant completed in 2024. Focuses on providing assistance to Shoreland Property Owners and helps fund Katie’s position Applying for additional funding for 3 years starting in 2025. Should hear about award by March.
- b. Scheels awarded FWWA a \$1000 award as part of their Day of Giving in December
- c. Volunteer Program Updates – Chloride monitoring under way, 40 volunteers throughout the watershed are performing chloride/salt monitoring in local waterways, A winter native plant workshop was held in December with great attendance and engagement

B. Calumet Pipe EARTS and Streambank update – One EARTS is staked out and will be going in this winter, 2 more are planned. The Brothertown Creek Streambank restoration is set for construction for summer of 2024.

C. Streambank Inventory update – A streambank inventory was needed to account for additional sediment

and P from streambank erosion in the 9KE plans. The field inventory was completed in 2023, next step is interpolation through modeling to establish priority areas within each watershed for 9KE.

- D. Breakwall construction/funding update – Winter weather has not been kind to us in terms of ice formation on the lakes. Unless we have an extended cold snap, it will likely not be safe to install the planned section this winter. Jim is working with funders to request extensions on those grants.
  - E. Water level management update – Another meeting is scheduled for February to discuss drawdown strategy. Currently, levels are higher than targets. The water levels committee with meeting a week prior to the ACOE meeting to discuss the WW programs “recommendations/comments” to ACOE for February Meeting.
  - F. Climate Smart Agriculture grant update – Calumet and Waushara position posted, Winnebago is looking at posting soon.
  - G. Event updates –
    - a. Farmer Roundtable is scheduled for February 15, in Berlin WI. The Lower Fox Recover Farmer Roundtable will host the same speakers and is scheduled for February 14 in Hollandtown. More info at <https://fwwa.org/2023/12/15/2024farmerroundtable/>
    - b. FWWA watershed conference – Feb 27/28 at Oneida Hotel and Conference Center <https://fwwa.org/what-we-do/conference-2024/>
    - c. Watershed Cleanup – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024
    - d. Next Executive Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup>, discussion about inviting the Lower Fox Recovery Committee. The goal would be to discuss program implementation opportunities and challenges.
5. H. Adjourn - Motion to Adjourn by Jon, Second by Alice