

WINNEBAGO WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 18, 2018

1:30 P.M.

CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

160 S. MACY ST., FOND DU LAC

ROOMS G & H

Committee Attendance: Al Buechel (Fond du Lac Co), Marty Farrell (Fond du Lac Co), Mark Harris (Winnebago Co), Dale Theel (Fond du Lac Co), Alice Connors (Calumet Co).

Other: Erin Gerred, Chad Casper, Paul Tollard, Dani Santry, Korin Doering, Jessica Schultz

1. Call to order

Meet was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chairman Buechel.

2. 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."

No comments received.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 18, 2017, meeting.

Tabled for next meeting.

4. Grant application update.– Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance – Korin/Jessica
FWWA staff provided handouts on project timeline, project status, grant application details and project costs. Staff are currently working under project deliverables for Phase III. A Phase III deliverable included identifying gaps/needs and applying for a final, Phase IV grant. A grant proposal was submitted to DNR for Phase IV funding in December, and FWWA will be notified in February if grant application is successful. FWWA did receive notification that the requested funding variance for L. Winnebago was accepted, which is a positive sign that the DNR further funding of the Lake Planning effort.

5. Goals and objectives for 2018. - Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance –
Korin/Jessica

The focus of 2018 is to complete project deliverables from Phase III. This includes the advancement of technical teams for lake planning and continued outreach with the focus on engaging stakeholders who will be asked to do implementation projects outlined in final plan. Phase IV funding will complete the first system-wide aquatic plant inventory and expand outreach efforts targeting agricultural producers and recreational users. Regardless of Phase IV funding, a final plan will be delivered late 2018/early 2019.

Committee asked FWWA how future funding would be utilized. Once the plan is complete, implementation can move forward. Additional funding will be needed to complete projects and county funding can be used to leverage additional grant dollars from state and federal agencies as well as private foundation funding. In the Lower Fox River watershed, FWWA is currently using partnerships with counties and UWGB to leverage significant dollars to implement the Lower Fox TMDL. Schultz provided handouts describing the agricultural implementation strategy and progress to date. FWWA anticipates implementing the Winnebago Waterways management plan in a similar fashion.

Committee asked how competing interests are to be addressed in the lake plan. The planning process is set up to engage competing interests to understand the issues and handle public conflict, most likely through compromises, in the lake management plan. The program is making significant outreach efforts to ensure the end product can be implemented successfully.

6. Discussion regarding members-at-large selection process. - Steering
Committee

The organizational structure provides a place for three members at large on the Steering Committee. Gerred provided an outline of the application process that is currently open and advertised to fill those three positions. The Steering Committee is directed to move forward

with filling the positions and on-boarding of new members before the next Winnebago Waterways Committee meeting.

7. What are other counties doing in and around the watershed. Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance – Korin/Jessica

Discussion on other projects within the watershed occurred during Item 5.

8. Discussion regarding additional counties participation on the Winnebago Waterways Committee.

Letters will be sent to county board chairpersons of Waupaca, Waushara, Green Lake and Outagamie Counties inviting them to join the Winnebago Waterways Committee. The letters are to be followed by personal contacts from current WW committee members. It was suggested to place this discussion on the April ECWRPC agenda.

9. Set next meeting date

April 19, 1:30pm Fond du Lac City/County Building.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Alice Connors. Motion seconded by Marty Farrell. M/C. 2:30pm.