

WINNEBAGO WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

9:30 A.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), Chuck Farrey (Winnebago Co), Mike Hofberger (Calumet Co), Alice Connors (Calumet Co).

Other: Erin Gerred, Chad Casper, Paul Tollard, Dani Santry, Korin Doering, Jessica Schultz, Allen Weir, Travis Driessen

1. Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 9:30am 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 January 18, 2018, meeting. - Motion to approve minutes with suggested changes by Farrell, 2nd by Connors. M/C.
4. Introduction of members-at-large on the Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee. - Allen Weir was in attendance, representing Steering Team members-at-large.
5. Update on Winnebago Waterways Project– Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance – Korin/Jessica
 - Korin provided updates on 2017 accomplishments, and 2018 Public Outreach efforts and engagement session. Overall, FWWA is focused on creating connections and building relationships with various groups and individuals to build capacity for implementation.
 - Technical Team updates:
 - a) Lake Level subgroup will be forming in the coming weeks. They will be tasked to balance stakeholder needs while considering lake level strategy options to improve water quality.

- b) Water Quality Team – currently working on developing a monitoring strategy that will involve both citizen and DNR monitoring, along with a mechanism to monitor the presence and frequency of blue-green algal blooms.
- c) Community Engagement Team – FWWA entertained suggestions for populating this team, set to form at end of 2018
- d) Aquatic Invasive Species – updates on 2018 monitoring efforts and drafting the AIS strategic plan were given.
- e) Shoreland Practices Team – completed shoreline inventory of the FDL portion of the system; sent out a survey to shoreline property owners with a successful response rate.
- f) Habitat Team – focused on completing the emergent plant survey and will be working on setting priority areas for restoration.
- g) Recreation Team – will be sending out a survey to recreational groups and members; goal is to have a minimum of 300 responses.
- h) Watershed Management Team – working with DNR on completing 30 nine key element (9KE) plans to include as appendices to the Lake Management Plan. 9KE plans are critical to future funding sources.

6. Grant Update – FWWA

Fond du Lac County was awarded a \$50,000 grant from EPA to write 9 Key Element Plans for 3 of the watersheds in FDL that drain directly to Lake Winnebago. Upon the Watershed Management Technical Team deciding to write the Lake Management Plan enhanced with EPA's 9 Key Elements, Fond du Lac County began working with WDNR and EPA to rescope their grant. We are currently awaiting final approval from EPA to utilize the FDL County funds to support the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance in writing plans for not only FDLs 3 HUC 12 scale watersheds but an additional 27 watersheds throughout the 4 county project area. While writing the LMP as a 9 Key Element Plan will extend the project timeline out 6 months, the counties will save time and money by having these plans complete as we move into implementation. The plan will be written by the end of 2019/early 2020.

- 7. Goals and objectives for 2019 – Covered in the Technical Team discussions.
- 8. Discussion of budget and project for 2019 – Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Calumet counties have proposed \$20,000 each in 2019 budgets. Budgets

are approved in November. Jessica provided an outline of potential 2019 projects that will focus on the transition between planning and implementation to keep continuity with project partners and start implementing recommendation in the plan.

9. New business – No new business.
10. Old business – No old business.
11. Set next meeting date - Doodle poll will be sent out for dates in January.
12. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Farrey. Motion seconded by Connors.
M/C. 11:05 AM.