



Lake Management Planning

Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, January 11th, 2019

Time: 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: Fond du Lac City/County Government Center, Rooms G & H (160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935)

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



Attendees: Dani Santry, Chad Casper, Erin Gerred, Alan Weir, Todd Wahler, Bob Schmeichel, Austin Pethan, Jessica Schultz

Meeting Notes:

3:00pm - Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
- Updates from around the system
- Sign donated professional time forms (county staff)
 - To meet the match requirements of the Phase 3 DNR grant, FWWA is collecting signatures from county staff for dates/times that those staff worked on the lake management planning project. County staff present during the meeting reviewed and signed the grant documentation forms. Korin will email the forms to those staff not present during the meeting.

3:15pm – Review/discuss notes from Executive Committee meeting

Meeting focused primarily on the water level topic because of the public meeting being hosted by the Army Corps of Engineers on January 17, 2019. The Executive Committee provided helpful input for the water level outreach document. The Committee also provided insight into the plant problem that occurred in Lake Winnebago in 2010. Ultimately, the Executive Committee seemed in favor of the proposed modifications to the Army Corps annual water level strategy. Because we didn't get to all of the agenda items during the Executive Committee meeting, Korin will send the Committee notes along with the PowerPoint slides.

3:35pm – Water Levels

- Review water level outreach document
 - Point out major changes
 - The 'water level' page is still unclear. Steering Committee recommended ways to improve the readers understanding of water level management. Korin will make those changes and send the final version to the Committee.
 - Final version: http://fwwa.org/new/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Water-Levels-and-water-quality_01_14_2019.pdf
 - How do we incorporate climate change? In an email, mark suggested we include a 'disclaimer' of sorts – variability in conditions could impede progress

- Korin will add language to the 'water level' page
- Discuss upcoming Army Corps public meeting (scheduled for 01/17/19 at 6:00pm)
 - FWWA sent out a press release
 - Public meeting is being advertised on Facebook and through email
 - Anticipate good number of attendees
 - Korin will speak to the audience about the rationale behind the proposed changes and how the recommendations were developed.

3:45pm – Water Quality (added to agenda)

- FWWA showed the results of a preliminary analysis of water quality samples taken over several years in Lake Winnebago. Based on TSI calculations, Lake Winnebago is often considered to be 'hypereutrophic'. This means the lake has too many nutrients, very low water clarity, and severe algae blooms. FWWA plans to write a water quality report for the lake management plan.

Project Outreach, Engagement, and Communications

Events/meetings attended

- 1/4-1/6 Fox Valley Home and Outdoor Show 292 contacts
- 1/5 Fox Valley Roller Derby 12 contacts

Upcoming Events/Meetings

Date	Title of Event/meeting	Location
1/17/2019	Winnebagoland Conservation Club	Fond du Lac
1/19/2019	Cabin Fever Days	Appleton
1/19/2019	Toward Harmony with Nature Conference	Oshkosh
2/7/2019	FWWA Hosted CBCW Open House	Winneconne
2/9/2019	Sturgeon Sparring Opening	Waverly Beach, Appleton
2/9/2019	Sturgeon Spectacular	Fond du Lac
2/10/2019	Green Bay Aquarium Society Fish and Reptile Swap	Appleton
2/12/2019	Greater Green Bay Kiwanis Club	Green Bay
2/22 - 2/24/19	FWWA featured at Wisconsin Fishing Expo	Madison
2/22-2/23	Battle on Bago	Oshkosh

Newsletter articles

Date	Organization	Title	Notes
12/13/2018	FWWA	DNR Seeks Recommendations to Update Wisconsin's Invasive Species Rule	
12/20/2018	FWWA	More Bait Shops around the Winnebago System Join Fight Against Aquatic Invasive Species	
12/20/2018	FWWA	AIS Spotlight – Common Reed/Phragmites	
1/1/2019	Wisconsin Waterfowl Association	AIS Spotlight – Common Reed/Phragmites	Distributed to >12,000 emails
12/17/2018	FWWA	Emergent Plant Mapping for Winnebago County	
1/8/2019	FWWA	Winnebago System Sturgeon Management Meetings	

January Social Media

Social Media	1/10/2018
Facebook	458
Twitter	90
Instagram	116
Flickr	1
E-newsletter	1108

Other

TV Interviews			
Date	Organization	Title	Notes
12/20/2019	Fox-11	Bait shop initiative battles aquatic invasive species on Lake Winnebago System	Viewership : 80,000

3:50pm – Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

3:55pm – Meeting wrap-up

- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
 - Friday, February 8th, from 10am to 12pm (conference call)
 - Friday, March 8th, from 10am to 12pm (in-person – location TBD)
 - Friday, April 12th, 2019 from 10am to 12pm (conference call)
 - *May need to reschedule due to WI Lakes Convention*

4:00pm – Meeting close