



Lake Management Planning

Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, February 8, 2019

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Conference Call

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



Attendees: Chad Casper, Dani Santry, Alan Weir, Mark Sesing, Jessica Schultz, Austin Pethan, Paul Tollard, Erin Gerred, Ted Johnson

Meeting Notes:

10:00am - Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
- Updates from around the system
 - **FWWA is now hiring 2019 Aquatic Invasive Species Education Positions and Supervisor**
 - <https://fwwa.org/2019/01/14/2019-ais-education-position/>
 - Flyer: <http://fwwa.org/new/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/CBCW-Hiring-Flyer-2019.pdf>
 - **Winnebago on Tap!**
 - 3/14/19 – Appleton
 - Nick Schneider – FVTC; relationship between ag and water quality; tools ag producers have to reduce runoff and improve water quality
 - Make sure he has a positive outlook on ag – recognize that they are contributing to the problem but that there are lots of opportunities
 - Showcase county programs – slides to show to highlight programs/projects
 - Winnebago
 - Calumet
 - Fond du Lac
 - Waushara
 - Outagamie
 - Brown
 - Showcase Nine Key Element planning
 - Highlight LFR as well
 - 3/28/19 – Oshkosh
 - Bill Mode
 - glacial history of Winnebago System
 - TBD – Fond du Lac
 - Maureen – groundwater and hydrology of Winnebago area
 - **Winter workshop – 3/6/19 – farmer led group – Fond du Lac County**

- Strong showing from LPSC
 - Reps from Congressman Gallagher’s office and State Senator Roger Roth’s office
 - Media presence: news stations and newspaper
- Meeting began with the usual discussion about winter drawdown. Army Corps recommended a drawdown target of 1.68 feet based on basin conditions. That falls within our recommended range, although it’s on the high end. This went through, but people asked for an additional meeting to be held at the end of February to revisit basin conditions and assess whether that drawdown target is still appropriate.
 - Korin will send info to SC when date is announced
- The meeting then transitioned to a discussion about the proposed changes for the 2019 water level strategy. Korin briefly presented on why the Tech Team was requesting the changes. The floor was then opened up for questions and comments from attendees. There were many great questions that enabled an engaging discussion. In the end, the Army Corps asked for a show of hands for who was in favor of the changes and who opposed. The overwhelming majority of those present raised their hands in support of the changes.
- The next steps:
 - Army Corps will bring the proposal to the high ups for their review.
 - FWWA will initiate the Winnebago Water Level Assessment Team
 - Korin will begin drafting the water level report for the LMP
- Other notes:
 - APM plan important – brought up at meeting that the proposed changes are moving forward without a finalized APM plan.
 - Need to have a strong APM plan to prepare for strong plant response years regardless of water level strategy
 - How do we acknowledge concerns of individual property owners while considering needs of all of the users in the system?

10:50am – Project Updates

- Phase 3 – status
 - Phase 3 is closed – report was submitted to the DNR on January 29th, 2019
 - Wrapping up grant reimbursement paperwork
- Watershed Management
 - Behind the scenes work for the 9 Key Element plans
 - Collecting and drafting text for background information for HUC 12s in project area
 - Working with TMDL data for the subbasins in the TMDL report – determining the best way to use that data to do what needs to be done for the 9KEs
 - Didn’t get full picture of loading broken down by HUC 12 from DNR
 - DNR is working to get us background data broken down by HUC 12 – won’t be in a user friendly format so FWWA staff will assess data to see what needs to be done to make it user friendly.
 - If we can’t get load data from TMDL data broken down by HUC 12 we may need to do some of the modeling at the TMDL subbasin level instead.
 - Subbasin levels combine 2-4 HUC 12s into one basin – not ideal so still trying to get data into HUC 12 format
- Community Engagement
 - Organization questionnaire:

- Contacted 37 groups
 - 26 groups have responded
 - Followed up twice with non-respondents
 - Could use help
 - Can Steering Committee assist?
 - Review the list of groups and add any organizations that we are missing
 - Help us contact the non-responsive groups
 - Korin will send the SC list of groups
- Water Quality
 - Put on hold as we advance other topics
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - Data corrections
 - Received report from UWSP for Poygan and Winneconne vouchers
 - Reviewing WLPR report
- Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Draft recommendations are almost ready to send to the Tech Team for review
 - Tech Team Conference Call on 1/16/2019 went well
 - Tech Team working on AIS Strategic Plan revisions/comments/edits until 2/6/2019
- Habitat
 - Put on hold as we advance other topics
- Recreation
 - Recreation survey:
 - 345+72= 417 responses
 - One last push
 - Pick survey end date
 - Send to additional clubs directly
 - Communicating with – added a recommendation:
- Shoreline Practices
 - Shoreline property owners survey report:
 - Draft complete
 - Ready for internal review
 - Then we will send it to the tech team
 - Shoreline inventory report:
 - Next step for shoreline practices is to begin drafting inventory report
- Next Steps
 - Draft water level detailed report
 - Send to team for review
 - Form water level stakeholder group
 - Begin drafting aquatic plant management plan
 - Revise AIS strategic plan based on team recommendations
 - Begin forming AIS focus group

11:30am – Project Outreach, Engagement, and Communications

Looking to develop outreach activities to engage people while exhibiting

- Current:
 - Raffle
 - Working on 3D lake display (stickers with notebook – living history)



- AIS specimens
- Looking for other ideas
 - Something to grab kids' attention
- Steering Committee – email for ideas

Upcoming Events/meetings:

Date	Event	Outreach Activity	Host Org
2/7/2019	FWWA Hosted CBCW Open House	volunteer recruitment	FWWA
2/9/2019	Sturgeon Fest	Exhibiting	Waverly Beach
2/9/2019	Sturgeon Spectacular	Exhibiting	Fond du Lac
2/10/2019	Green Bay Aquarium Society Fish and Reptile Swap	Exhibiting	GBAS
2/12/2019	Greater Green Bay Kiwanis Club meeting	Presentation	Greater Green Bay Kiwanis Club
2/21/2019	WinnebagoLand Conservation Club meeting	Short presentation/update	WCC
2/22 - 2/24	FWWA featured at Wisconsin Fishing Expo	Exhibiting	
2/22-2/23	Battle on Bago	Exhibiting	Battle on Bago
3/1-3/3	NE WI Fishin' Expo	Exhibiting	NE WI Fishin' Expo
3/14/2019	Winnebago On Tap!	Public information and engagement	FWWA
3/28/2019	Winnebago On Tap!	Public information and engagement	FWWA

2/14/19 – Sierra Club presentation including update on LMP

Events/meetings attended:

Date	Event/meeting	Outreach Activity	Contacts	Host Organization
1/14/2019	Butte des Morts Conservation Club - Annual Meeting	Presented briefly on lake management plan and water level strategy; passed out water level flyers	30	BDMCC
1/17/2019	WinnebagoLand Conservation Club	Update about project; handed out water level flyers	18	WinnebagoLand Conservation Club
1/18/2019	Army Corps of Engineers - Water Level Public Meeting	Presented and answer questions about proposed strategy changes	70	ACOE
1/19/2019	Wild Ones Toward Harmony with Nature Conference	Exhibited at a table	40	Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter
1/19/2019	Cabin Fever Days	Exhibited at a table	104	Trout Unlimited
1/19/2019	Wild Ones Conference	Exhibited at a table	55	
1/25/2019	ECWRPC Full Commission Meeting	LMP presentation	35	ECWRPC
1/25/2019	LWLWCA Meeting	LMP presentation and AIS presentation	30	LWLWCA
1/31/2019	DNR Sturgeon Meeting	Exhibited at a table	105	DNR

E-newsletter

- Check out the latest articles here: <http://fwwa.org/winnebago-waterways/>
- Articles written/posted since last month:
 - Now hiring 2019 Aquatic Invasive Species Education Positions and Supervisor
 - AIS Spotlight - Curly Leaf Pondweed: The Aquatic Lasagna Plant?
 - AIS Program Connects with People at January Events
 - CBCW Open House Information Night on February 7th, 2019 in Winneconne!
 - WDNR 2018 Lake Winnebago Trawling Report Now Available
 - An Eroding Landscape: Coon Creek and Our Waters
 - FWWA raffle for a Green Bay Packers jersey autographed by Clay Matthews!!!
 - Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee meeting: January 11th, 2019
 - Lake Management Planning Project update – January 2019
 - Proposed water level changes for improved water quality – Lake Winnebago
 - WI DNR Employment Announcement – Lower Fox River Volunteer Monitoring Program Coordinator

Social Media:

Still growing strong! Follow Winnebago Waterways on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Date	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter	Newsletter
1/2/2018	253	---	65	863
6/4/2018	376	30	77	898
7/12/2018	394	51	80	896
8/9/2018	400	61	81	796
9/24/2018	425	91	84	870
10/12/2018	434	101	83	832
11/8/2018	446	107	84	882
12/13/2018	452	111	86	1107
1/11/2019	458	116	90	1108
2/8/2019	475	120	93	1152

Other

- Several media hits for water level topic

11:50am – Public Comment

No members of the public present.

11:55am – Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?
- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
 - Friday, March 8th, from 10am to 12pm (in-person – location TBD)
 - **Friday, April 12th, 2019 from 10am to 12pm (conference call) - cancelled**
 - **Revisit April meeting during March Meeting**

12:00pm – Meeting close