



Lake Management Planning

Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, March 23, 2018

Time: 10am to 11am

Location: Conference Call

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Steering Committee Attendees: Dani Santry, Paul Tollard, Ted Johnson, Kendall Kampke, Keith Marquardt, Jessica Schultz
Additional Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Staff: Chris Acy, Winnebago Waterways AIS Coordinator

Notes:

10:00am – Introductions

10:05am – Members at Large

- Update
Mark Sessing and Bob Schmeichel will be joining our next in person meeting scheduled for Friday, April 13. Jessica will be meeting with Mark and Bob to familiarize them with the project before the meeting. Alan Weir will not be joining the meetings until June because of prior commitments but has already been working to engage with the project.

10:15am – Technical Team Updates

- Aquatic Invasive Species
Based on the recommendations of the AIS technical team, the AIS Strategic Plan is being drafted. Once the draft is written, the technical team will be brought back together to review/edit each component of the plan.
- Aquatic Plant Management –
Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource and Cason and Associates, the consultants contracted to conduct the aquatic plant survey during the 2018 field season have been contacted. Jessica will set up a meeting in April or May with the contractors and Ted Johnson, WDNR, to ensure that the same protocols are being used by each firm to ensure consistency in the survey between the lakes. We anticipate the surveys beginning sometime after mid-June and finishing by the end of August.

We are still waiting final approval for assistance from WDNR on the Emergent Plant Survey. We anticipate being able to move forward with that work. Jessica will set up a meeting with WDNR, Calumet and Winnebago County staff to finalize details on how that survey will move forward.

- Watershed Management
After an initial meeting with WDNR staff to determine the feasibility of incorporating the elements of a 9 Key Element plan into the Lake Management plan (or the watershed portion of the plan) to qualify the sub-watersheds in the project area for additional agricultural implementation funding, we decided to move forward with that goal in mind.

We will be holding a kick-off meeting for county land conservation departments and WDNR for the agricultural portion of watershed management component of the plan.

The goals of the meeting will be:

1. Compare the components of a 9 key element plan with those of a lake management plan so we can see the additional level of work/time commitment that will be required by partners.
2. Discuss currently available information that could help ease the burden of data collection to bring us from an LMP with a watershed component to a nine key plan
3. Gauge level of support/expertise that each county is able to provide to the process.

10:40am – Outreach Updates

- Winnebago Waterways February Update e-newsletter sent 3/5
- UW Oshkosh's Sustainability Careers Networking 3/1
- Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance's Annual Watershed Conference 3/6
- AIS Outreach:
 - Oshkosh Boat Club: Round Goby Presentation 2/28
 - Habitattitude Pet Surrender Event: 42 pets surrendered 3/10
 - Friends of the Fox Meeting 3/12
 - Winnebagoland Conservation Alliance Meeting 3/15
- Upcoming
 - AIS - Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Fox Valley Banquet 3/29
 - AIS - Mills Fleet Farm Spring Expo at Lambeau 4/6-4/7
 - Watershed Cleanup 4/21
 - Lakes Convention 4/18-4/20

10:45am – Updates from Steering Committee Members

- Walleye Management Planning meetings – 2 of 3 meetings have been held. Turn out has been great with approximately 300 people participating between the two meetings. The final meeting will be held next week in New London. WDNR will forward a meeting recap to send out with the Winnebago Waterways e-newsletter once it has been written.
- MDV – Numbers in regards to anticipated funding that will be available to the counties from point sources who choose to use the MDV option to meet permit compliance has been varied. It is acknowledged that it is difficult for counties to plan for future workload when the amount of funding anticipated is uncertain.
- Upper Fox-Wolf TMDL – WDNR reported that a stakeholder meeting is anticipated to be held in July. Load allocations will be available at that time. A draft TMDL report is still expected in 2018.

10:50am – Public Comment

- There were no comments from the public.

10:55am – Meeting wrap-up

- Next Steering Committee meeting:
 - 04/13/2018 from 10am to 12pm, in-person meeting, Meeting Room H, Fond du Lac City/County Building
 - 04/27/2018 from 10am to 11am, conference call

11:00am – Meeting close

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