



# Lake Management Planning

## Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, September 13, 2019

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Location: Conference Call

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



## Attendees:

Paul Tollard, Kendall Kamke, Chad Casper, Dani Santry, Jessica Schultz, Erin Gerred, Ted Johnson, Keith Marquardt, Mark Sesing, Alan Weir

## Meeting Notes:

### Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
- Brief updates from around the system
  - Fox-Wolf
    - 2019 Fox-Wolf Mini Cleanup
      - Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac
      - Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 9:00am
      - RSVP requested
      - Partnering with Sustain Fond du Lac
      - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1353355388155392/>
  - Winnebago County
    - Upper Fox Wolf Demo Farm Network field day was held two weeks ago about cover crops and other innovative practices
    - Breakwalls
      - Winneconne – bids came in higher than expected likely due to increase in price of rock – received support from WLCC to help bridge gap along with area conservation groups
      - Poygan Breakwall project – Phase 2 – hoping to get material barged in but waiting for bids
      - Terrell’s Island – two phase project to potentially take out part of existing wall and reuse rock on a new breakwall on south shore
        - Receding 8-9 feet per year (1-2 acres washing away annually) based on photos
        - Breakwall would create habitat, better water exchange at Terrell’s island, and reduce erosion of wetland
        - NRDA is looking for 50% match
          - Meeting with team next week to discuss further

- Calumet County
  - Conducted preliminary streambank assessments in the east Winnebago watershed. Erosion is bad – hoping to complete surveys this fall (depending on weather)
  - Little movement on farmer led group – submitted DATCP application last month but haven't met since then
    - East Winnebago watershed is a main focus along with groundwater
  - Requested funding to add permanent staff to department
    - Would make Johnathan a permanent employee instead of GLRI funded
- Fond du Lac County
  - Finished stream restoration project on Artesia beach
    - Number of others looking to do in the future -
  - Weather has been a barrier to getting many projects implemented – may have to push many projects to 2020
  - Field day next Tuesday evening with soil health farmer led group
    - Hiemstra Dairy
    - 6:30pm
    - Cover crops and other practices – good promoter of conservation practices
  - Meeting coming up on Saturday with lakeshore homeowners at Winnebago Park –
    - Presenting along with Austin from Winnebago Waterways and Alan Weir from LWQIA
- WDNR
  - Fisheries: fall electro fishing, survey work on the lakes, one more round of trawling in the first week of October, transfer of sturgeon coming up, field work is winding down.
  - Lakes: index site sampling data – looks like significant decline in plants in lake Winnebago
    - Lake levels are high – precipitation is high – need more water retention in basin to reduce pressure on dam infrastructure and to be able to manage water levels better
      - Target curve: Max is 3.0 – as of 9/13 average water level is at 3.08
  - TMDL: working on comments for draft UFW TMDL; DNR secured money for 20 water quality monitoring sites in UFW through WAV program
- LWQIA – meeting at Southeast Fond du Lac County Beach Area Association
  - To discuss algae incident and Lake Winnebago water quality
  - Paul and Austin are also presenting

## Preparation for upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for:

October 24, 2019 at 1:30pm at the Fond du lac County Building (160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935)

Items needed for meeting packet:

- Agenda
- Provide final version 4-year agreement – take action so it can go to county boards in November or December
  - All three counties need to send to corp counsel – have it submitted and reviewed prior to October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting?
    - Jess will forward draft 4-year agreement with workplan to Steering Committee members

- SC county staff will request corp counsel schedule conference call to discuss 4-year agreement
- Draft LMP report introductions and recommendations with links to full report
  - Cover letter – be ready to provide questions and input on the included sections during the meeting
  - WL
  - APM
  - AIS
- LMP update doc with outreach

Send documents for packet to Korin by October 15th including final 4-year agreement

Korin will package materials and distribute to Executive Committee members by email by October 17<sup>th</sup>. County staff will follow up with EC members to ensure they received the packet

## 10:40am – LMP Project Updates

- Watershed Management
  - DNR has provided maps and data for HUC12s
  - Austin in finishing up the breakdown of loading and allocation tables by HUC12
    - Breaking down general permit loading and allocations from TMDL subbasins to HUC12 scale
  - Tables will be sent out for review when the draft are ready
  - Doing background writing for WM portion of the plan
  - Reduction modeling workshop with county staff– sent out Doodle Poll to schedule modeling workshop
    - Looks like it will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> – look for invitation next week with confirmation
- Water Quality
  - Working on draft – re-worked data and are finishing that up; filling in content
  - Updating draft water quality monitoring plan
- Habitat
  - Drafted scoring criteria for breakwalls,
- Shoreline Practices
  - Drafting full report
  - Shoreline inventory report is complete
- Recreation
  - Meeting with Winnebago Parks to learn more about navigation issues to include as recommendations
  - Survey reports are complete
  - Draft list of recommendations is coming together
  - Plan to begin drafting once habitat and water quality sections are in draft form
- Community Engagement
  - Will be last section to write – draft recommendations are coming together
- Aquatic Invasive Species
  - Incorporating suggestions from Focus Group meeting
- Water Levels
  - Typo discovered – has been fixed
- Aquatic Plant Management

## 11:00am – Implementation Updates

- Water quality monitoring program
  - Working with WDNR and UW-Oshkosh ERIC to ensure consistency among parallel programs
  - Next step is to hire intern to assist with program development to prepare for 2020
- Salesforce
  - Contracted with consulting firm who has started on customizing the software package
- APM Site-specific Plans
  - Working with Sunset Bay property owners to draft DNR grant application to be submitted in December of 2019 for work next year
- Potential habitat projects
  - Potentially submitting grant applications for Lake Winnebago project next year
- Winnebago Water Level Assessment Team (WWLAT)
  - Second meeting scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Working to recruit additional stakeholder representatives – especially property owners, recreational boaters, and business owners (marinas)

### 11:25am – Public Comment

Public comments are limited to those that are relevant to agenda items. Other input can be provided online at [www.WinnebagoWaterways.org](http://www.WinnebagoWaterways.org) or by contacting Korin Doering at (920) 851-0948 or [korin@fwwa.org](mailto:korin@fwwa.org).

### 11:30am – Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?
- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
  - Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10am to 12pm (in-person?)
- Upcoming Executive Committee meeting
  - October 24, 2019 at 1:30pm at the Fond du lac County Building (160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935)