

MINUTES: Yahara WINS Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 3/15/22

TIME: (approx. 2:50 PM)

LOCATION: Virtual meeting

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Fries - Secretary

Executive Committee:

X Martin Griffin, President, MMSD
X Greg Fries, Secretary, City of Madison
X Jeff Rau, Treasurer, Village of Oregon
X Tom Wilson, Town of Westport
X Judd Blau, Village of Deforest, Vice President
X Kyle Minks, Dane County Representative
X Laura Hicklin, Dane County Representative
John Reimer, Dane County Representative
X Matt Diebel, Dane County Representative
X Jeff Endres, Yahara Pride Farms Representative
James Tye, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
X Kim Meyer, MMSD
X Kathy Lake, MMSD
Andrew Behm - DOA
Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
Paul Dearlove, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
Jon Lindert, Strand
Richard Weihert
Becca Dymzarov, Rock River Coalition
James Rhinerson
Phil Gaebler, City of Madison Engineering

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Martye called the meeting to order at 3:00
- b. Welcomed guests and visitors

2. Review and acceptance of December 14th, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion - by Rau

Second - by Wilson

Voice Vote – Unanimous Approval

3. Other Business Items:

- a. Yahara WINS audit – Griffin noted that WINS has used the same accounting firm for the past 4 years and at the June a plan will be presented to extend our contract with this firm for a longer time period (4 years perhaps) so that our contracts match up with MMSD’s contracts as they use the same firm for their audits.

General discussion that we would like to use the same firm that MMSD does, as there is significant overlap between MMSD accounting and WINS. Griffin indicated that the proposal that comes forth at the June meeting would consider this.

- b. Yahara Pride Farms (YHPF) Request for Funding – Endres gave a presentation YHPF added approximately 6/7 more farms in 2021 and that the grants YHPF has historically been receiving are declining. Rau asked if the request for additional funding is for 2022 work or work that was done in 2021 and YHPF was over their allocated funding. The response is that this is for work that has already been done and YHPF would have either to pay less or not pay for the work done at all.

Currently, YHPF – accepts all applicants to a closing date and then figures out how to fund the work. Much discussion followed regarding our ability to fund and how to do that funding along with suggestions that changes be made to this operationally so we are not always funding in arrears.

General agreement was that while this money will be to fund work that is already completed WINS does not want to be in a position of pulling anticipated funding from YHPF for 2021. This would undermine future actions by YHPF. All agree that this is a partnership that we want to keep.

Motion by Wilson that WINS supports the funding request subject to confirmation by staff of the number of acres under management and that WINS looks at the funding process to we are not subject to corrective funding actions the next year. Funding of this request shall use 100K out of General P reduction funds in the 2022 budget and 84K out of restricted cash reserves funds. However prior to determining the exact amount of funding from restricted funds are used any carry over funds would be allocated to this request first. To allow that action the exact funding will come back to the June 2022 meeting for approval.

Second Blau

Voice Vote – Unanimous Approval

- 4. Future Agenda Items: NONE
- 5. Motion to Adjourn made by Blau 2nd by Fries.