

MINUTES: Yahara WINs Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 03/21/23

TIME: (approx. 3:00)

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, Towns and Villages Association
- 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
- Jeff Endres, Yahara Pride Farms Representative
- Bob Uphoff, Yahara Pride Farms Representative
- X James Tye, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
- X Kim Meyer, MMSD
- Kathy Lake, MMSD
- Andrew Behm - DOA
- X Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
- X Paul Dearlove, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
- Jon Lindert, Strand
- Richard Weihert
- Becca Dymzarov, Rock River Coalition
- James Rhinerson
- Phil Gaebler, City of Madison Engineering
- Christopher Murphy
- X Lauren Striegl, Village of Oregon

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Griffin called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM
- b. Welcomed guests and visitors

2. Review and acceptance of December 13, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion – by Fries

Second – by Blau

Voice Vote – Unanimous Approval

3. Other Business Items:

- a. Phosphorus Accounting Guidance document – significant discussion was had regarding the impacts of implementing these changes on both our reporting numbers (which are expected to be reduced) and the increasing workload

necessary to bring us back up the “required” annual reductions. Discussion of how this will affect our two biggest partners (Dane Co and Yahara Pride Farms). YPF was not removing internally drained areas so that will drop them by 15% plus the additional reductions associated with accounting changes that impact soft practices more than structural practices. The 15% reduction goal to address internally drained areas matches the 15% reduction for these areas used in the TMDL.

Motion made by Fries to accept the new accounting methods as presented to the Executive Team.

Second by Wilson

Voice Vote – Unanimous Approval

- b. Watershed Program Coordinator Vacancy at MMSD – notice that Kim Meyer has left MMSD and joined Dane County Land Conservation.
- c. Cost Model Update – In 2023, MMSD’s plan is to look at updating the cost model that was used to create the annual partner payments approximately 8 years ago. Rather than attempt to update the old model, it is the plan to put out an RFP to hire a firm to create a new cost model for Yahara WINs to use. Once that project is completed – new cost dollars will be available and the Executive Team will have to decide how the new costs will be “shared” with the members. The replacement for Kim Meyer will run this project but the Executive Team will be asked to review the scope of the RFP and the contract.

4. Future Agenda Items – None noted

5. Motion to adjourn made by Wilson, Second by Fries, Unanimous Approval.