

MINUTES: Yahara WINS Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 03/19/2024

TIME: (approx. 2:12PM)

LOCATION: Virtual meeting

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Fries - Secretary

Executive Committee:

- 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
- X John Reimer, Dane County Representative
- X Kim Meyer, Dane County Representative
- Jeff Endres, Yahara Pride Farms Representative
- Bob Uphoff, Yahara Pride Farms Representative
- James Tye, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
- X Mike Gilbertson, MMSD
- X Kathy Lake, MMSD
- X Emily Jones, MMSD
- Andrew Behm - DOA
- X Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
- Paul Dearlove, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
- Jon Lindert, Strand
- Richard Weihert
- Becca Dymzarov, Rock River Coalition
- James Rhinerson
- X Phil Gaebler, City of Madison Engineering
- Christopher Murphy
- X Lauren Striegl, Village of Oregon
- X Tom Bauman, WDNR
- X Mark Riedel, WDNR
- X Rick Eilertson, AECOM

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM
- b. Welcomed guests and visitors

1. Review and acceptance of December 19, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion – by Rau

Second – by Blau

Voice Vote – Unanimous Approval

2. Other Business Items:

- a. 5-year Yahara WINS report update – Gilbertson reiterated the information that was shared in the larger group meeting - that the WDNR was doing a detailed review/audit of the Adaptive Mngt program currently.
- b. Cost Model update – A firm has been selected to complete this work. The selected firm is going to create an advisory group to help with this work.
- c. Financial Audit of WINS – first meeting was held with the accounting firm, kicking off the WINS audit.
- d. Yahara Pride Farms (YPF) increase in funds 2024 - Gilbertson reported that staff met with YPF in Feb and YPF requested that funding reimbursement be more front loaded so they could reimburse their farmers earlier in the year rather than later (shorter carrying costs for farm members). The amount of the reimbursement did not change just the timing of the cash reimbursement.

3. Future Agenda Items:

- a. A discussion was had earlier in the meeting, to accommodate staff schedules, regarding a presentation by Ben Schulte – City of Fitchburg and Mark Riedel - WDNR regarding Fitchburg’s Yarmouth Greenway Project which is in the Nine Springs Watershed. This project proposes to address erosion on over 1000 LF of streambank. Previous soil work indicate that existing soil contains 50 PPM of TP along with the estimated soil losses annually would lead to an estimate of 13 LBS TP/year of TP loss from the channel to the watershed. Request/question is would WINS be willing to support and how would we go about requesting those funds.

There was general discussion of the topic for a short amount of time and a general consensus that this item should be brought back to a future agenda along with a discussion of future funding opportunities for urban projects something that has not been done by WINS for some number of years.

- b. Village of Deforest streambank stabilization project.
- c. Discussion in general of urban grants and how or if to give them funding and or credit.
- d. UniverCity – work in Deforest – with the UW regarding how to use DGI in sensitive development areas.
- e. A detailed discussion of the cost model and how it will impact c. above.

4. Motion to adjourn made by Wilson, Second by Rau, Unanimous Approval.