

MINUTES: Yahara WINs Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 06/18/2024

TIME: (approx. 2:05 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, 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 Mark Riedel – WDNR
- X Ben Schulte – City of Fitchburg
- X Mike Gilbertson – MMSD
- X Phil Gaebler – City of Madison

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Griffin called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM
- b. Welcome guests and visitors

2. Review and acceptance of March 21, 2024 and May 14, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion by Rau, Seconded by Blau, Unanimous

3. Other Business Action Item:

Consideration of support for two phase project, Yarmouth Greenway Streambank Stabilization (1st phase) and Nine Springs Creek Phosphorus Remediation (2nd phase).

Presentation by Ben Schulte from the City of Fitchburg and Mark Riedel from the WDNR, regarding the above project, the history and work that has been done and the proposal for current and future projects. Currently, it is estimated that 13lbs/TP contribution per year is estimated to be reduced if the Yarmouth greenway project proceeds.

The Yarmouth greenway project would stabilize the channel to OHW with coir rolls and restore with natives above that elevation. Total estimated cost for this project is approximately 300K. Plan is to work top to bottom of the stream reach with the Yarmouth Greenway being the first reach.

Discussion followed on the Yarmouth project regarding the timeline and other issues. Currently, the City of Fitchburg has funded the project in the 2025 CIP and expects that the Fitchburg SWU will have funding to award this contract. Additional discussion regarding the 13 LBS of reduction – that is relatively small, but the Nine Springs (2<sup>nd</sup> project) is the larger project (downstream of here with

regard to removal of legacy sediment). The idea is that this project is needed as it is the most upstream project and proceeding with the downstream project prior to the upstream project being done does not make sense. If this project is needed to begin the larger removal project then there might be a reason for WINS to be involved. PRELIMINARY analysis shows that the next downstream area from here could have legacy TP levels averaging in the area of 600ppm so removal could be significant for WINS in terms of removal up to 1000's of LBS. However, set up monitoring project to that downstream project would be needed to allow WINS and Dane Co to take credit for removal of this legacy sediment.

Reimer brought up the point that only one “municipality” can claim credit for the TP reduction. Wins can only claim TP reductions in Fitchburg if Fitchburg is at or above their 40/27% TSS/TP control as set by a base in the TMDL. Is Fitchburg at 40% TSS reduction in this area? The answer to this was not known currently as Fitchburg is currently updating their WINSLAMM model.

For the Suck the Muck program – on Dorn Creek for example the WDNR has provided 800 LBS/Year/TP control - for the project on Dorn Creek – measurable data allows us to count those pounds in our credits to Yahara Wins, this can only be done where we can document the improvement in water quality which Dane Co can do in Dorn Creek for example.

This was an informational item, and no action was taken by WINS – the next step was for Fitchburg to come back with a specific request for funding.

Update: 2023 Yahara WINS Annual Report - Griffin reported briefly that we are looking like we will exceed our required goals for TP reductions in 2023.

Update: MMSD WPDES Permit Reissuance (2025) – Griffin reported that the Adaptive Mngt permit will be reissued by the WDNR and if there are changes that need to be made to how we operate these issues should be discussed now.

4. Future Agenda Items - None noted

3. Motion to adjourn made by Rau, Second by Blau, Unanimous Approval.