

## YAHARA WINS

### GROUP MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday June 18, 2024

The meeting was held virtually. The meeting was called to order by Yahara WINS President Martye Griffin at 1:31pm.

**PRESENT:** Yahara WINS IGA members, partners, and others

**Previous Meeting:** Minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting were posted on the Yahara WINS website prior to the meeting. Minutes approved by Jeff Rau, Village of Oregon, second by Judd Blau, Village of DeForest, passed unanimously.

**Presentation:**

- Developing a Local Carbon Trading Market , presented by Bartlett Durand, Local Choice Marketing, LLC.
  - Bartlett described a project he is leading to develop a local carbon trading market for farms in Dane, Green and Rock counties. This project will incentivize landowners to install practices that generate carbon credits that can be sold on the voluntary market in bring in additional revenue to the landowner. Practices that create carbon credits may also reduce phosphorus runoff, which is benefit for improving water quality.

**Executive Committee Update:** Martye Griffin provided an update from both the March and May executive team meetings. The May meeting was a special meeting to approve entering a contract with Local Choice Marketing LLC to develop that RCPP grant application. Meeting minutes from both meetings are posted at the Yahara WINS website.

**Other Business:** 2023 Yahara WINS Annual Report is in the final edits phase of development and will be released to the public by Friday June 28, 2024.

Invoices for the 2nd payment installment will be out soon.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm, first by Tom Wilson, Town of Westport, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Hampton, Town of Cottage Grove.