

MINUTES: Yahara WINs Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 09/16/2025

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 Tom Wilson, Towns and Villages Association
- X Judd Blau, Village of Deforest, Vice President
- X Kyle Minks, Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
- X Laura Hicklin, John Reimer, Dane County Representative
- John Lindert, Strand
- Mark Riedel – WDNR
- Ben Schulte – City of Fitchburg
- X Mike Gilbertson, Kathy Lake – MMSD
- Phil Gaebler – City of Madison
- X Lauren Striegl – Village of Oregon
- X Paul Dearlove – CLA
- X Paul King – Rock County

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 June 17, 2025, meeting minutes

Motion by Wilson, Seconded by Blau, Unanimous

3. Other Business:

- A) Action Item: Rock Co./Myhre Farm funding request – Gilbertson gave an overview of the proposal. Discussion by the group regarding future land use at this site since this is only a 10-year agreement, and that the current site is non-conforming with WDNR agricultural regulations, but that Rock Co. does not have local codes that duplicate WDNR code (as Dane Co does) and so relies on WDNR for enforcement of agricultural issues.

The Executive Committee noted that additional details are required specifically:

- 1) specifics of what that 150K will be used for on the barnyard project (itemized detail).
- 2) a copy of the proposed agreement document between Rock Co and the property owner.
- 3) Confirmation that Rock Co staff will inspect/monitor the work.
- 4) Confirmation that once the site is in compliance any backsliding is the responsibility of the property owner to bring the site back into compliance.

Motion by Wilson to have staff work to acquire additional information and bring this item back to the next executive meeting (October 21st). Seconded by Blau. Unanimous.

B) Action Item: Watershed Prioritization Project - Agrograph

Gilbertson gave a brief review of the proposal to help us acquire better information to have a more targeted approach to help us to meet our specific requirements on a reachshed basis and determine if there are sufficient agricultural lands available for us to meet the specific requirements of the TMDL for each reachshed.

Discussion regarding whether this is essentially a sole source contract and whether this needs to be put out for RFP. More discussion on the details of the “how” this work will done technically (what factors are applied). It was determined that this is not required to be a bid RFP.

Motion by Blau that Yahara WINS enter into a contract with Agrograph to do a two-year assessment of stream reaches 64, 65, 68, and 69, in 2025 at a cost of \$79,988. The cost for 2025 will be \$63,990 and the cost for 2026 will be \$15,998. Reaches 64, 68, and 69 were selected because they are likely to have the most ag opportunities remaining. Reach 65 was selected because very little implementation has occurred so far, we want to verify what opportunities exist. Second by Wilson – Unanimous.

C) Action Item: Draft 2026 Budget – Griffin gave an update on the budget including the significant item changes from the 2025 budget (which were relative minor). Discussion regarding whether with our new cost model, has identified a need for additional funding requirements. At this point the model has not been run, answers and options to the above questions should be completed by the end of 2026.

Motion by Wilson, to approve draft 2026 budget as presented and allow the president to send to IGA membership as draft in preparation for the October budget meeting when the final budget will be presented and voted on. Second Fries, Unanimous.

5. Future Agenda Items –

- a) CLA Renew the Blue commitment.
- c) Addressing the surplus budget from 2025
- d) USGS service agreement – cost change
- e) Rock County site specific agreement

6. Adjourn Moved by Wilson