

MINUTES: Yahara WINS Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 09/15/2026

TIME: (approx. 2:16 PM)

LOCATION: Hybrid meeting, in-person at Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District 1610 Moorland Rd.
Madison, WI

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Gilbertson

Executive Committee:

- X Martin Griffin, President, MMSD
- Greg Fries, Secretary, City of Madison
- X Judd Blau, Village of Deforest, Vice President
- X Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
- X Laura Hicklin, John Reimer, Dane County Representative
- Tom Wilson, Towns and Villages Association
- John Lindert, Strand
- X Mark Riedel – WDNR
- Ben Schulte – City of Fitchburg
- X Mike Gilbertson, Kathy Lake – MMSD
- X Phil Gaebler – City of Madison
- X Lauren Striegl – Village of Oregon
- James Tye – CLA
- Andrew Baaker, Paul King – Rock County
- Jeff Endres – Yahara Pride Farm
- X Christopher Castle - University of Wisconsin
- Todd Stuntebeck - USGS

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Griffin called the meeting to order at 2:16pm PM
- b. Welcome guests and visitors

2. Review and acceptance of June 16th, 2026, meeting minutes

Motion by Blau, Seconded by Striegl, Unanimous

3. Other Business:

A) Action Item: Phosphorus Reduction Calculator “Matrix”

Brief description of the Matrix tool from Griffin. Partners like the idea of the Matrix tool. Detail is needed on how we create it and have all WIN partners using it. Hicklin added Dane County likes the Matrix idea to standardize calculations for all implementing partners. County has audit and verification process that may be different from other implementing partners. WINS partners should lead development of the tool, serve as a neutral third party for oversight on tool development. Griffin added that even though this has started, we need to take a step back to get WINS fully on board.

Motion by Blau to assemble a sub-committee of representatives from each organization of WINS implementing partners to develop a plan and provide recommendations to the Executive Committee at the December 2026 meeting on how to proceed with the development of the Matrix tool, 2nd by Phil Gaebler, Unanimous

B) Action Item: USGS Contract

Brief discussion from Griffin regarding the new 5-year contract with USGS from 2027-2031. Motion by Blau to approve contract for signature, 2nd by Striegl.

C) Action Item: Draft 2027 Budget

Brief discussion from Griffin about the draft budget. Question was asked about expenditures and if they're based on the phosphorus reduction totals reported by implementing partners. Griffin explained the reductions are not tied to the amount of funds provided. The goal is to maximize phosphorus reductions annually. Motion by Griffin to approve the draft 2027 budget with the matrix line item as is, with the understanding that authorization for spending on the approved budget line is contingent upon the recommendations by the subcommittee on the development of the Matrix tool at the December 2026 meeting, 2nd by Striegl, approved unanimously

4. Future Agenda Items –
No future agenda items were provided. Recommendation from Blau to continue to offer hybrid meetings.
5. Adjourned at 2:46pm