

YAHARA WINS

GROUP MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday September 15, 2026

The meeting was a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual options. In-person meeting was held at the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. The meeting was called to order by Mike Gilbertson at 1:30pm.

PRESENT: Yahara WINS IGA members, partners, and others

Previous Meeting: Minutes from the June 16, 2025 meeting were posted on the Yahara WINS website prior to the meeting. Minutes approved by Ben Schulte, City of Fitchburg, 2nd by Judd Blau, Village of DeForest, passed unanimously.

Presentations:

- **Smart Tree Management** – Josh Behounek and Pete Sorenson from Davey Resources Group, Inc. shared a presentation on technology for tracking and managing municipal tree inventories. Presentation slides are available on the Yahara WINS website.

Executive Committee Update:

- Approved request for WINS president to sign the 2027-2029 services agreement with Dane County when it is available.
- Two future agenda items were proposed:
 - Presentation on stream quality improvement projects DeForest is implementing on the Upper Yahara River.
 - discussion of how or if WINS will work to meet pound reduction mandates for reach-sheds that cannot be met with agricultural practices only.

Other Business: Mike Gilbertson provided a summary of the 2027 budget approval process. A quorum of IGA representatives is needed at the October budget meeting for a vote on approving the 2027 budget.

The 2025 Yahara WINS annual report is available on the WINS website. This year's report is in storymap format and provides opportunities to connect with supporting water quality data.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.