



Dane County

Minutes - Final-revised

Lakes & Watershed Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, July 19, 2018

5:00 PM

Budget Meeting
City-County Building - Room 354
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Madison WI 53703

City-County Building - Room 354 - Budget Meeting

A. Call To Order

Present: 6 - PAM PORTER, REBECCA POWER, CHUCK ERICKSON, MARY KOLAR, DAVE RIPP and ALLAN LEVIN

Excused: 4 - LYLE UPDIKE, SUSAN WEST, MAUREEN McCARVILLE and MARIA MORENO

Staff Present: John Reimer, Susan Sandford

Others Present: James Tye (Clean Lakes Alliance), Emily Jones (Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District), Frank Olah (Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger), Laura Olah (Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger), Touyene Xiong (Midwest Environmental Justice Organization), Ida Jammeh (Midwest Environmental Justice Organization), Jim Powell (Midwest Environmental Justice Organization), Maria Powell (Midwest Environmental Justice Organization), Eric Uram (Headwater LLC), Caryl Terrell (CRANES)

Chair PORTER called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

The commission agreed to change the meeting order to accommodate members of the public who wanted to comment but had to leave early. Agenda item K "Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda" was moved to follow agenda item A "Call to Order."

K. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Laura Olah, representing Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger, expressed concern about persistent biocumulative toxins in Starkweather Creek and encouraged commissioners to offer support for a community informational meeting about topic.

Maria Powell, representing Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, expressed concern about PFAS and other water quality contaminants in Starkweather Creek and requested that the commission include this topic on a future agenda to explore the issue in more depth.

Eric Uram, representing Headwater LLC, encouraged Dane County and the Lakes and Watershed Commission to take a leading role in gathering additional data on PFAS in Starkweather Creek and finding solutions to deal with the problem.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-107](#) LWC MINUTES_6-14-18

Attachments: [2018 MIN-106_LWC Minutes_6-14-18](#)
[2018 MIN-106 Reg before Co Committee 6-14-18](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by ERICKSON, that the minutes of June 14, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Chair PORTER, POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Supervisor RIPP and LEVIN

Excused: 4 - Vice Chair UPDIKE, WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Budget

1. Draft 2019 Water-Related Budget Recommendations - Executive Committee

PORTER gave an overview of the Commission's Executive Committee recommendations for the 2019 budget (attached), organized under the initiatives of public safety, phosphorus reduction, chloride pollution reduction, enhanced community outreach and education, and supporting other county investments in water resource management.

[2018](#)
[PRES-041](#) LWC 2019 Proposed Budget Recommendations

Attachments: [2018 PRES-041 LWC 2019 Proposed Budget Recommendations](#)

2. Public Hearing

PORTER began the public hearing at 5:20 pm

Ida Jammeh, representing Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, spoke about the lack of water quality knowledge in the neighborhoods around Starkweather Creek and recommended that Dane County devote resources to test fish and water quality in the creek and share that information with the local residents. Jammeh expressed that this is an environmental justice issue. Jammeh's written comments follow in communication file.

Touyene Xiong, representing Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, spoke about his concern with toxins (including PFAS, PCBs, and Petroleum) in Starkweather Creek and recommended that Dane County, as a landowner in the watershed, test and identify contaminant sources. Xiong expressed that this is an environmental justice issue. Xiong's written comments follow in communication file.

Maria Powell, representing Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, spoke about trash and toxins in Starkweather Creek and requested the commission include funding for monitoring and mitigating contaminants in their 2019 budget as a public safety initiative. She also recommended that county ask international guard to have public meeting to talk about PFAS. Powell expressed that this is an environmental justice issue. M Powell's written comments follow in communication file as well as a map she presented.

Jim Powell, representing Midwest Environmental Justice Organization, encouraged the county to consider testing water and sediment in Starkweather Creek for the full spectrum of contaminants that could be in the water to get a complete picture of water quality. Powell expressed that this is an environmental justice issue. J Powell's written comments follow in communication file.

James Tye, representing Clean Lakes Alliance, thanked the commission for including beach monitoring in their 2019 budget and requested that the county provide a \$2500 grant to help CLA expand its E. coli testing at beaches, working in partnership with MDCPH. Tye also thanked the commission for including funding for the Lake Explorers program and recommended amending the amount with \$5,000 to support the Bayview program as well as \$5,000 to expand the program to the Catholic Multicultural Center. Tye also encouraged the commission to include county funding (one third of the total cost) to update the Yahara Clean Plan.

Caryl Terrell, representing CRANES, spoke in favor of the commission's continued support of funds for the UWQ grant program and funds to create a written report to evaluate the program to date. She also thanked the commission for considering stormwater and for their initiatives to reduce phosphorus pollution.

PORTER closed the public hearing at 5:40 pm

[2018](#)
[COM-004](#) MEJO COMMENTS ON LWC BUDGET
 RECOMMENDATIONS_7-19-18

Attachments: [2018 COM-004 7-19-18 Jammeth Public Hearing Comments](#)
[2018 COM-004 7-19-18 Xiong Public Hearing Comments](#)
[2018 COM-004 7-19-18 M Powell Public Hearing Comments](#)
[2018 COM-004 7-19-18 Starkweather Test Results Map](#)
[2018 COM-004 7-19-18 J Powell Public Hearing Comments](#)

3. Commission Deliberation

The following amendments were proposed:

- to section 3, delete the sentence "Although not a human health hazard, increased salt levels impair the taste of drinking water."
- to section 1E, add an amount of \$5000 for the additional staff hours
- to section 4B, amend dollar amount to continue current Bayview funding, expand the Bayview program to three new grade levels and create a new program for the Catholic Multicultural Center.
- to section 2A, amend language to read "During this period, leases for all county-owned land (purchased via the taxpayer-funded Dane County Conservation fund) which are steep sloped or high in phosphorus will be converted to perennial vegetation. Over time, wherever practical, other county owned lands will be converted to prairie or perennial vegetation."
- to section 1A, add language to read "We recommend increased funding for PHMDC to provide additional staff and supplies for collecting and processing more frequent sampling at beaches and for development of a unified monitoring plan for Dane County surface waters done in coordination with other ongoing monitoring efforts (i.e. USGS, Clean Lakes Alliance)."
- to section 2D, amend language to read "...fewer than half of farms in Dane County have NM plans registered with DATCP that meet state standards."

POWER commented that she would like to see the commission form a Starkweather Creek work group to explore the topic that came up tonight. The group would determine what the County is already doing and if there are any future budget recommendations needed.

4. Adoption of Commission 2019 Water-Related Budget Recommendations

A motion was made by KOLAR, seconded by POWER, to adopt the 2019 LWC budget recommendations as amended. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Chair PORTER, POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Supervisor RIPP and LEVIN

Excused: 4 - Vice Chair UPDIKE, WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

F. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

G. Presentations - None

H. Reports to Committee

1. Work Group Updates

HFHL – anticipate voting on recommendations will take place at the August 1 meeting. The task force agreed that there would not be a public meeting on the entire list of recommendations but rather public meetings would occur as specific recommendations are implemented.

There were no other updates from work groups.

2. Community Engagement Report

Sandford emailed commissioners a community engagement report in advance of the meeting but did not give a presentation at the meeting. The commission asked for an update on the winter salt certification program at a future meeting.

I. Announcements

None

J. Future Meeting Items and Dates

August 15 - Commission

August 20 - Executive Committee (with Stormwater Volume Trading Work Group)

September 17 - Executive Committee (with Stormwater Volume Trading Work Group)

September 27 - Commission

L. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by ERICKSON, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Chair PORTER, POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Supervisor RIPP and LEVIN

Excused: 4 - Vice Chair UPDIKE, WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Sandford. Minutes are subject to committee approval.