



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

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, November 8, 2018

5:00 PM

City-County Building - Room 357
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Madison WI 53703

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A. Call To Order

Present: 7 - PAM PORTER, CHUCK ERICKSON, LYLE UPDIKE, SUSAN WEST, MAUREEN McCARVILLE, DAVE RIPP and ALLAN LEVIN

Excused: 3 - REBECCA POWER, MARY KOLAR and MARIA MORENO

KOLAR & MORENO were not present at the begining of the meeting but were present as noted below.

Staff Present: Jeremy Balousek, John Reimer, Susan Sandford

Others Present: Jon Becker, Charles Dykman, Mike Rupiper, Emily Jones, Paul Dearlove, Dea Larsen Converse, Eric Katie, Katerine Koets and Kory Byres

Meeting called to order by Chair PORTER at 5 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-282](#) LWC MINUTES_10-11-18

Attachments: [2018 MIN-282_LWC Minutes_10-11-18.pdf](#)

A motion was made by McCARVILLE, seconded by ERICKSON, that the minutes of October 11, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - Chair PORTER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Vice Chair UPDIKE, WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE, Supervisor RIPP and LEVIN

Excused: 3 - POWER, Supervisor KOLAR and MORENO

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

MORENO arrived at 5:02 pm.

KOLAR arrived at 5:07 pm.

Present: 9 - PAM PORTER, CHUCK ERICKSON, MARY KOLAR, LYLE UPDIKE, SUSAN WEST, MAUREEN McCARVILLE, MARIA MORENO, DAVE RIPP and ALLAN LEVIN

Excused: 1 - REBECCA POWER

Presentations

1. Stormwater TAC Update: Goals and Progress Since Report Recommendations - Lyle Updike

UPDIKE gave a summary of the joint Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) progress to date and next steps. The commission has been serving on the TAC with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, reviewing the recommendations from the "Reducing Increased Risk of Flooding" report which can be viewed as a file below. The TAC is looking at developing pilot projects to help determine feasibility of credits and fee-in-lieu program.

[2018](#) STORMWATER TAC REPORT_5-2017
[RPT-351](#)

Attachments: [2018 RPT-351_StormwaterTAC Report_5-2017.pdf](#)

2. 2019 Urban Water Quality Grant Program - Jeremy Balousek, Dane County Water Resource Engineering

Balousek gave a summary of the grant program which offers cost-sharing grants to municipalities for sediment and phosphorus reduction practices. He highlighted program achievements including 65 projects (completed or pending) and annually trapping nearly 1 million pounds of sediment and 3,700 pounds of phosphorus. He also gave an overview of changes for 2019, some of which include adding volume control to project eligibility and removing the application deadline to allow applications throughout the year.

[2018](#) URBAN WATER QUALITY GRANTS
[PRES-075](#)

Attachments: [2018 PRES-075_Urban Water Quality Grants.pdf](#)

3. Update on Lake Level Tech Work Group - John Reimer, Dane County Land & Water Resources

Reimer provided an update on technical work group progress. The technical work group will develop different model scenarios and outcomes for the task force to look at and consider. The task force will then take the scenarios to evaluate, get public input and make recommendations.

Public Comment by Jon Becker:

Becker commented that there are over 4000 public outfalls and several years ago the county budget outlined that in ten years with existing staff and \$20 million, all the outfalls in the county would be fixed and a report would be provide. Creeks have also been funded through this program even though they are surface waters not urban outfalls. Currently, only 65 of the 4000 have been cleaned up and no report has been provided. Becker encouraged the LWC to track the progress of this program.

Becker also commented that it is difficult to find out where the technical group is meeting and when. Scenarios being considered should take into account how they will impact other projects (UW pier, Stoughton whitewater park, etc). He pointed out that there is no reason that LWC can't create a technical group working to figure out what natural lake levels were.

G. Reports to Committee

1. Community Engagement Report

Sandford gave an update on upcoming and recent community engagement activity including a winter salt calibration training, a December Watershed Network Gathering and a recently launched flood facts and initiatives webpage.

2. Work Group Updates

HFHL – one of the HFHL recommendations was to measure the amount of phosphorus entering and leaving the watershed and funding is in the proposed budget for this. There is also a manure ordinance amendment that has been referred to LWC and will be on the December agenda. The proposed ordinance aligns with state standards. KOLAR encouraged commissioners to share the proposed ordinance changes with others so they are aware.

3. Lake Level Task Force Update

PORTER gave an overview of the plan and timeline for the taskforce.

[2018
RPT-350](#)

LAKE LEVEL TASK FORCE UPDATE

Attachments: [2018 RPT-350 Lake Level Task Force Update.pdf](#)

H. Announcements

ERICKSON – Dane County Board added another million in capital to the budget to evaluate and remove constriction points.

RIPP – passed around photo of "suck the muck" before and after shots from Dorn Creek

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

December LWC Planning Meeting: PORTER proposed a December planning meeting rather than a January retreat and will send a doodle poll to schedule.

2019 Meeting Schedule: A draft of the 2019 meeting schedule was displayed. Refinements will be made via email.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Charles Dykman commented that he lives in Monona and flooding is always a topic that has been of interest to him. He noticed 15-20 years ago that the Hwy 51 right-of-way is a straight shot between Waubesa and Kegonsa and he wonders if it is possible to use that corridor to bore a tunnel to carry water. No one has been able to tell him why it can't be done. He suggested the county and commission look into the scenario's expense, possible downstream impacts, etc to evaluate if this is a possibility or not.

ERICKSON wanted to make sure commissioners realized that with the LWRD reorganization, there will no longer be an Office of Lakes and Watersheds. Water-related staff would be housed in the administration division. Having an "office" shows the importance of water. This new model has benefits of increased water focus in department but less visibility to the public of department's water focus. He said that the commission still needs a single point of contact within the department for meeting scheduling, communications, etc.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

none

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by KOLAR, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 9/0

Ayes: 9 - Chair PORTER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Vice Chair UPDIKE, WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE, MORENO, Supervisor RIPP and LEVIN

Excused: 1 - POWER

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

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