



Dane County

Minutes

Lakes & Watershed Commission

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

5:30 PM

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

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A. Call To Order

Present: 8 - PAM PORTER, REBECCA POWER, PATRICK MILES, CHUCK ERICKSON,
LYLE UPDIKE, SUSAN WEST, MAUREEN McCARVILLE and MICHAEL
GERNER

Absent: 1 - MARY KOLAR

Staff present: Sue Jones

Others present: Mike Kakuska, Emily Jones

The meeting was called to order by Chair Power at 5:42pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) LWC Minutes for Mar 12 2015
[MIN-015](#)

Attachments: [LWCMinutes3-12-15.pdf](#)

A motion was made by UPDIKE, seconded by McCARVILLE, that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

Quality and Quantity of Groundwater in Dane County - Mike Kakuska, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Kakuska's overview of Dane County groundwater quality and quantity drew extensively from the 1999 adopted groundwater plan. CARPC is updating the groundwater plan, which will be available for review in the coming months.

G. Reports to Committee

Announcements

- *Clean Lakes Alliance Breakfast –May 5, 7:30 am. at Monona Terrace. Gerner is coordinating a Commission table at the breakfast.*
- *Power said that the Friends of Lake Wingra draft watershed plan includes great background on chlorides and other topics, and is available for review at the Friends website.*
- *Jones announced that the new County Conservationist, Amy Callis, will begin work on May 4.*
- *Jones announced that Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership interviews for the half-time stormwater education position are complete, and to watch for an announcement about the person selected to fill this long vacancy.*

Continued Discussion of Natural Resources Committee and Commission Communication and Coordination Mechanisms

Power said that the outcome from the last Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee meeting is that each of the four committees and commissions will host the liaisons from all four groups once a year. The chair of the host committee/commission will solicit ideas in order to include issues of interest to all on the agenda. Host responsibilities will rotate quarterly.

Power said that the Executive's office staff are glad that the groups have reached agreement, and believe that this is a good approach to increase communication.

Miles requested that Kevin Connors be asked to give a presentation on emerging budget issues at the next quarterly meeting, which will be hosted by Parks.

Office of Lakes & Watersheds - 2015 draft workplan

Jones said that the copy provided in advance of the meeting was endorsed by Connors as near-final. Commission members suggested some clarifications for the final document.

Community Engagement April Report

Miles thanked Nik Simonson for meeting with him and a group in McFarland regarding citizen engagement on chlorides and other issues.

Explore New Revenue Sources

No update.

Work Team and Liaison Reports (Executive, Phosphorus Reduction, Chloride Reduction, Groundwater Quantity and Quality, Lake Levels, Green Tier, Clean Lakes Alliance, Each Member Outreach, Chair's Report)

Executive and Chair: nothing additional to report.

Phosphorus – Porter encouraged Commission attention on the county's performance in meeting Adaptive Management goals for the Sewerage District.

Chlorides – Miles said that the Work Team held an informal interagency meeting with Connie Fortin from Minnesota, and that there's interest in a regular interagency meeting.

Groundwater—members' discussion resulted in tonight's briefing by Kakuska.

Lake Levels – did not meet. Next focus will be on water retention and infiltration to control lake levels.

Green Tier – Updike said that increased contractor business will likely result in more disturbed soil this construction season.

CLA – Gerner said that the May 5 breakfast presentation will focus on phosphorus reduction achieved over the last year.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

May 5 - Save Our Lakes Community Breakfast

May 7 - LWC Executive sub-committee meeting

May 14 - Full commission meeting (election of officers)

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:14pm.

A motion was made by UPDIKE, seconded by ERICKSON, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.