



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Yahara Chain of Lakes - Lake Levels Task Force

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, February 4, 2019

5:00 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B
Madison WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present 12 - Chair MICHELE RITT, TANYA BUCKINGHAM, DAVE RIPP, CHUCK ERICKSON, YOGESH CHAWLA, PATRICK MILES, Chair PAM PORTER, TOPF WELLS, ROB PHILLIPS, STEFANIE BROUWER, ERIC VIETH, and DAVID PFEIFFER

Excused 1 - SHELIA STUBBS

Staff Present: Jeremy Balousek, Laura Hicklin, Darren Marsh, Kyle Minks, John Reimer

Others Present: County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan, Shaun Abshire, Jerome Rekowski, Bradley Manning, Jim Bachhuber, Dave Fritsch, Bob Smith, Dale Oelhoff, Mike Derr, Connie Hagen, John Sommers, Sue Marcquenski, Jeanne Schultz, Ed Schultz, Joel Chapiewsky, David Petit, Bill Lamm, John Poser, Janice Kellogg, David Schroder, Carol Gillen, Brett Hulse, Amy Squitieri, Peter McKeever, Jesse O'Brien, Dea Larsen Converse, Caroline Fribanca, Susi Haviland, Hannah Whitcomb, Susan Vogt, Mark Miller, Charles Dykman, Linda Larson, Will Husted, Don Sanford, Jo Mussen, Pat Ziebol, Rich Clutson, Leslie Hantke, Bill Hantke, Mary Webster, Suzi Mulholland, Janet Battista, Jan Axelson, Mike Rupiper, Eric Katte, Barb Avery, Bill Rose, Genevieve Murtaugh, Paul Hooper, Roy Carter, Ron French, Jan McGee, Matt Fick, Jim White, Unda Mallein, Mark Mallein, Jenna Snider, Eric Shusta, Renee Lauber, Forbest McIndtosh, Dan Schultz (Yahara Lakes Association), Greg Hill, Chris Alban, Nancy Peckham, Sal Troia, Bonnie Dykman, Yiyong Xiong, Sydney Widell, Rob Everhart, Anne Anderson, Dick Lathrop, Rob Davis, Chin Wu, Shelly Allness

Meeting was called to order by PORTER at 5 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes - None

C. Presentations

1. Welcome and Introductions

PORTER welcomed the task force members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Charge to Task Force - County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan

County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan thanked the task force members for serving and reviewed their charge as identified in 2018 RES-227.

3. Information on Task Force meeting details, website, public comment and public hearing

PORTER gave a summary of the six meeting dates, the email address for public comment: yaharaflooding@countyofdane.com and the website for task force information: <https://lwr.dane.gov/Yahara-Chain-of-Lakes-Lake-Levels-Task-Force>.

4. Technical Work Group Report on 2018 Yahara Chain of Lakes Flooding - John Reimer

[2018
PRES-102](#)

2018 YAHARA CHAIN OF LAKES FLOODING - TECHNICAL WORK
GROUP REPORT

Attachments: [2018 PRES-102 Yahara Flooding Technical Report Final.pdf](#)
[2018 PRES-102 Yahara Flooding Technical Presentation.pdf](#)

5. Reducing Increased Risk of Flooding: Recommendations of the Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee of the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission and the Capital Area Regional Planning - Jeremy Balousek

[2018
PRES-101](#)

REDUCING INCREASED RISK OF FLOODING

Attachments: [2018 PRES-101 StormwaterTAC ReportFinal May2017 Complete.pdf](#)
[2018 PRES-101 StormwaterTAC ReportFinal & Recommendations
Presentation.pdf](#)

D. Action Items

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by WELLS, that RITT and PORTER serve as Co-Chairs of the Yahara Chain of Lakes - Lake Levels Task Force. The motion carried by a voice vote: 12/0

E. Public Comment

Janet Battista asked if lowering Lake Mendota would have a beneficial effect on Cherokee Marsh, which has lost wetland from flooding, and if the outcomes of the scenarios would be different if the models were run against different years.

Dan Schultz noted that there are limited management options when the only tool is operation of the Tenney dam. He encouraged a solution that addresses the issue of flow through the system and he congratulated the technical work group on their report.

Brett Hulsey noted that the report misses the bigger picture of what's happening in 217 square miles of the watershed and encouraged solutions that include water storage on agricultural properties in the northern portion of the watershed. He mentioned the "agri-drain" tool that may help assess and identify storage areas.

Charles Dykman, noted the possibility of pumping to Keenan's Creek, which may be a shorter distance than pumping to Badger Mill Creek and therefore less expensive.

F. Reports to Committee - None

G. Announcements

None

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be Monday, February 11th and will include more detailed discussion on the scenarios outlined in the report.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by MILES, seconded by WELLS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 12/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Hicklin. Minutes are subject to committee approval.