



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?

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

5:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present: 9 - CHUCK ERICKSON, LYLE UPDIKE, ALLAN LEVIN, MAUREEN McCARVILLE,
DAVE RIPP, CARLY MICHIELS, CHIN WU, TRACY BAILEY and PAUL RUSK

Absent: 1 - MARIA MORENO

Staff Present: Kyle Minks, John Reimer

Others Present: Caryl Terrell

Meeting called to order by Chair ERICKSON at 5:31 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) LWC MINUTES_7-15-20
[MIN-111](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-111](#)

A motion was made by McCARVILLE, seconded by UPDIKE, that the July 15, 2020 minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 9/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

2020
ACT-088

LAKES & WATERSHED COMMISSION 2021 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments: [2020 ACT-088 LWC 2021 Budget Recommendations.pdf](#)
[2020 ACT-088 Public Comment on LWC 2021 Budget Recs.pdf](#)
[2020 ACT-088 LWC 2021 Budget Recommendations
Final Approved 8-19-20.pdf](#)

Commissioners reviewed and discussed each of the written public comments and suggestions that were received (2020 ACT-088_Public Comment on LWC 2021 Budget Recs.pdf).

- *Commissioners had questions on the location and placement of signs related to comments submitted by Capital Water Trails LTD and signs marking water feature crossings on County highways.*
- *The Friends of Lake Wingra's comments for an aquatic plant harvester for Lake Wingra were also discussed. Reimer provided information on how harvesting plans are developed in conjunction with WDNR. Commissioners highlighted the existing LWC 2021 Budget Recommendation requesting two additional harvesters. Harvesters are not limited in where they can be used within the Yahara River and Yahara Chain of Lakes since they are hydrologically connected. Reimer indicated that harvesting is prioritized in areas where aquatic plant growth is restricting the flow of water in order to help mitigate flooding risk.*
- *Commissioners discussed comments received by the Friends of Lake Wingra regarding funding for rain gardens in low-income and POC communities. Commissioners identified existing programs including a 50/50 cost share program through the City of Madison and the Dane County - Plant Dane program. Commissioners asked for a report on the Plant Dane program at its next scheduled meeting.*
- *Comments received by the Monona Bay Neighborhood Association were in support of many existing LWC 2020 Budget Recommendations. ERICKSON asked for an update on the pumping study for the Yahara Lakes watershed/chain. Reimer stated that priority has been focused on the Yahara River Sediment Removal Project.*

Caryl Terrell provided public comment in support of the LWC 2021 Budget Recommendations.

A motion was made by UPDIKE, seconded by McCARVILLE, to approve the final LWC 2021 Budget Recommendations (attached as LWC 2021 Budget Recommendations Final_Aproved_8-19-20). The motion carried by a voice vote: 9/0

F. Presentations - None**G. Reports to Committee**

1. Lake Levels and Dredging Update

Reimer provided information on the current lake levels and status of dredging. The County has moved forward with the purchase of one dredge and two buster pumps with an anticipated delivery in October.

2. Lakes & Watershed Commission Goals and Topics for 2020

Commissioners reviewed the current list of items (2020 RPT-175). Additional items that were proposed include:

- *Outreach/Education video series on how lake water levels are managed*
- *Nitrate and nitrite contamination*
- *County stormwater ordinance changes*

Caryl Terrell also provided public comment on adding the Waubesa Wetlands as a topic area for the Commission in 2020.

[2020
RPT-175](#)

LAKES & WATERSHED COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2020

Attachments: [2020 RPT-175](#)

H. Announcements

ERICKSON and RUSK announced a press release regarding Dane County Regional Airport's creation of a PFAS informational web page.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

September 16th @ 5:30 pm

Agenda items to include:

1. *Lake Levels & Dredging Update*
2. *Dane County Stormwater Ordinance Update*
3. *Overview and Report on Plant Dane*

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by McCARVILLE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 9/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kyle Minks. Minutes are subject to committee approval.