



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final-revised

### 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?*

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Monday, February 11, 2019

6:00 PM

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

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#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 11 - Chair MICHELE RITT, SHELIA STUBBS, TANYA BUCKINGHAM, DAVE RIPP, CHUCK ERICKSON, YOGESH CHAWLA, PATRICK MILES, Chair PAM PORTER, TOPF WELLS, ERIC VIETH, and DAVID PFEIFFER
- Excused** 2 - ROB PHILLIPS, and STEFANIE BROUWER

*PHILLIPS was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was present as noted below.*

*Staff Present: Jeremy Balousek, Laura Hicklin, John Reimer*

*Others Present: County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan, Shaun Abshere, Evan Murdock, Christian Burnson, George Benton, David Petit, Peter Mckeever, Jean Whitcomb, Mary Zillman Dea Larsen Converse, Forbes McIntosh, Joel Chapiewsky, Donald Sanford, Paul Hooper, Sue Marcquenski, Bob Smith, Dan Schultz, Jeff Spitzer-Resnick, Peter Cannon, Jack von Rutenberg, Ray Carter, Christine Pelto, Simon Widstrand, Eric Shusta, Janet Battista, Rob Sutherland, Jan Axelson, Dick Lathrop, Rob Davis, Chin Wu, Shelly Allness*

*Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair PORTER AT 5 pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018  
MIN-453](#)

LAKE LEVELS TASK FORCE MINUTES\_2-4-19

**Attachments:** [2018 MIN-453\\_LLTASK Force Minutes\\_2-4-19.pdf](#)  
[2018 MIN-453 Registration before Co Committee 2-4-19.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by WELLS, that the minutes of February 4, 2019 be amended to state that decisions by the Task Force will be by consensus or majority vote if consensus can't be reached under item 3B. The motion carried by a voice vote: 11/0**

A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by WELLS, that the minutes of February 4, 2019 be approved as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote:11/0

PHILLIPS arrived at 5:20 pm.

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

**Excused** 1 - STEFANIE BROUWER

### C. Action Items - None

### D. Presentations

Review of Adaptation Scenarios in the Yahara Chain of Lakes Flooding Technical Work Group Report

*John Reimer gave an overview of the adaptation scenarios:*

1. Lower Lake Mendota one foot
2. Safely manage Lake Mendota at 100 year water level
3. Remove all dams from the Yahara Lakes

[2018  
RPT-476](#)

2018 YAHARA CHAIN OF LAKES FLOODING - TECHNICAL  
REPORT

**Attachments:** [2018 RPT-476\\_Yahara Flooding Technical Report\\_Final.pdf](#)

### E. Public Comment

*Joel Chapiewsky: Spoke in opposition and expressed frustration with the County's management of Lake Mendota. He proposed that Lake Mendota be drawn down one foot. David Petit: Noted that too much water is coming into the system and that more water needs to be moved out and that management of the Stoughton Dam needs to be considered.*

*Jeff Spitzer-Resnick: Noted that the total volume of water in the system needs to be reduced, that the storm sewer system shouldn't be managed to back up and questioned where funding would come from for solutions.*

*Janet Battista: Spoke in opposition and reiterated her interest in mitigation options that move water out of the system while simulateniously exploring water levels. She noted that bogs are breaking off of marsh and moving downstream and questioned the influence of navigation for boaters in the scenarios.*

*Donald Sanford: Noted that the channel that has been in existence since the 1920s has not been maintained and that our community has known since at least the 1950s that obstructions in the river are a challenge. Expressed support for spending money to dredge.*

### F. Reports to Committee - None

## **G. Announcements**

*none*

## **H. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*The next meeting will be February 18th.*

## **I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*none*

## **J. Adjourn**

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

*Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.*

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