



Lakes and Watershed Commission History and Accomplishments

Dane County Land and Water Resources Department

Created in 1988

- WI State Statute Chapter 33 – Public Inland Water
- Dane County Board and County Executive appoint and confirm the first commission
- *Take a Stake in the Lakes* - begins

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33.35 PUBLIC INLAND WATERS

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s. 33.26 (3) are not met. The order for dissolution shall be conditioned upon proper petition to the circuit court and appointment of a receiver to administer the winding up of the district under the supervision of the court and a final order of the court. The attorney general shall represent the state and shall be a party to every dissolution proceeding where state money is involved.

History: 1973 c. 301; 1989 a. 159.

33.36 Alteration of districts. (1) Whenever any territory that contains an entire district is incorporated as a city or village, consolidated with a city or village or annexed to a city or village, the district shall survive and shall be subject to s. 33.23.

(2) Whenever any territory containing less than an entire district is incorporated as a city or village, consolidated with a city or village or is annexed to a city or village, the district shall survive, and the district shall continue to operate under this chapter, subject to the following modifications:

(a) The district shall exercise only those powers granted under this chapter. Sanitary district powers shall not be exercised unless consent for such exercise is obtained in advance from the governing body of the city or village.

(b) The governing body of the city, village or town having the largest portion by valuation of the district within its jurisdiction shall make the appointment under s. 33.28.

(c) Ownership of any water or sewerage system shall be determined according to s. 60.79 (2) (d).

History: 1975 c. 197; 1983 a. 532 s. 36; 1989 a. 159.

33.37 Districts in more than one county. (1) Where the proposed district is in more than one county, the county board of the county within which the largest portion, by valuation, of the proposed district lies shall have jurisdiction under ss. 33.24 to 33.28.

(2) The county within which the largest portion, by valuation, of a district lies shall have jurisdiction on motions for attachment under s. 33.33 (2) (b) and on petitions for dissolution under s. 33.35.

History: 1977 c. 391.

SUBCHAPTER V

DANE COUNTY LAKES AND WATERSHED COMMISSION

33.41 Definitions. In this subchapter:

(1) "Board of commissioners" means the board of commissioners of the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission.

(1m) "Commission" means the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission created under s. 33.42.

(2) "County" means Dane County.

(3) "County board" means the county board of the county.

(5g) "Municipality" means any city, village or town.

History: 1989 a. 324.

33.42 Creation. There is created a Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission as part of county government. The board of commissioners shall govern the commission.

History: 1989 a. 324.

33.44 Board of commissioners; composition. (1) The board of commissioners shall consist of the following persons, all of whom shall be residents of the county:

(a) The county executive of the county or his or her designee.

(b) The mayor of the city of Madison or his or her designee.

(c) Two members who are supervisors on the county board and who represent supervisory districts located entirely outside the city of Madison.

(d) Two members who are supervisors on the county board and who represent supervisory districts located entirely within the city of Madison.

(dm) One member who is a member of the Yahara Lakes Association.

(e) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., one member who is not a supervisor on the county board, who resides in the city of Madison and whose name is on a list of at least 2 nominees submitted to the county executive by the mayor of the city of Madison.

2. If the list of nominees required under this paragraph is not submitted at least 60 days before the term of the member appointed under this paragraph expires or at least 60 days before the county executive must fill a vacancy under this paragraph, the county executive shall appoint a member who is not a supervisor on the county board and who resides in the city of Madison.

(f) 1. Except as provided in subds. 2. and 3., one member who is not a supervisor on the county board, who resides outside the city of Madison and whose name is on a list of at least 2 nominees submitted to the county executive by the Dane County Towns Association.

2. For terms subsequent to the initial term, the person appointed under this paragraph must reside outside the city of Madison and the person's name must be on a list of at least 2 nominees submitted to the county executive by the Dane County Towns Association. Unless the person has served continuously as the member appointed under this paragraph for all previous terms, including the initial term, the person may not be a supervisor on the county board.

3. If the list of nominees required under this paragraph is not submitted at least 60 days before the term of the member appointed under this paragraph expires or at least 60 days before the county executive must fill a vacancy under this paragraph, the county executive shall appoint a member who resides outside the city of Madison and who either has served continuously as the member appointed under this paragraph for all previous terms, including the initial term, or who is not a supervisor on the county board.

(g) 1. Except as provided in subds. 2. and 3., one member who is not a supervisor on the county board, whose name is on a list of at least 2 nominees submitted to the county executive by a majority of the chief executives of the villages and cities, except the city of Madison, that are located at least partially in the county, and who is a resident of such a village or city.

2. For terms subsequent to the initial term, the person appointed under this paragraph must not be a supervisor on the county board. Unless the person has served continuously as the member appointed under this paragraph for all previous terms, including the initial term, the name of the person must be on a list submitted to the county executive by a majority of the chief executives of the villages and cities, except the city of Madison, that are located at least partially in the county, and the person must be a resident of such a village or city.

3. If the list of nominees, when required under this paragraph, is not submitted at least 60 days before the term of the member appointed under this paragraph expires or at least 60 days before the county executive must fill a vacancy under this paragraph, the county executive shall appoint a member who is not a supervisor on the county board and who either has served continuously as the member appointed under this paragraph for all previous terms, including the initial term, or who is a resident of a village or city, except the city of Madison, that is located at least partially within the county.

(2) The county executive shall appoint the members listed under sub. (1) (c) to (g) subject to confirmation by the county board.

(2g) In making the appointments under sub. (1) (c) and (d), the county executive shall appoint persons who will represent the diverse interests of the urban and rural communities in improving

Composition

- **County Exec. Designee** - Sherrie Gruder
- **Madison Mayor Designee** - Phil Gaebler
- **Two Supervisors within Madison** - Sup. Andrae & Sup. Blazewicz
- **Two Supervisors outside Madison** - Sup. Engelberger & Sup. Downing
- **Yahara Lakes Association** - Allan Levin
- **Citizen Representing Madison** - Dea Larson Converse
- **Citizen Representing Towns** - Steve Greb
- **Citizen Representing Cities & Villages outside Madison** - Brett Schumacher



Commission Goals

- Improve water quality and the scenic, economic and environmental value of the surface and groundwaters of the county.
- Protect and enhance the recreational use of the navigable waters of the county.



1990's

- Dane County Water Quality Implementation Plan
- Countywide wetland protections and construction site erosion control standards
- 200 feet slow –no-wake zone on the Yahara chain – Ch 72



2000's

- County-wide stormwater standards (Ch 14)
- Aquatic plant harvesting
- Phosphorus ban in lawn fertilizer – Ch 80
- Coal Tar – Ch 80
- Manure Spreading Task Force
- Yahara CLEAN
- Merging of OLW into LWRD
- Yahara Lakes Advisory Group



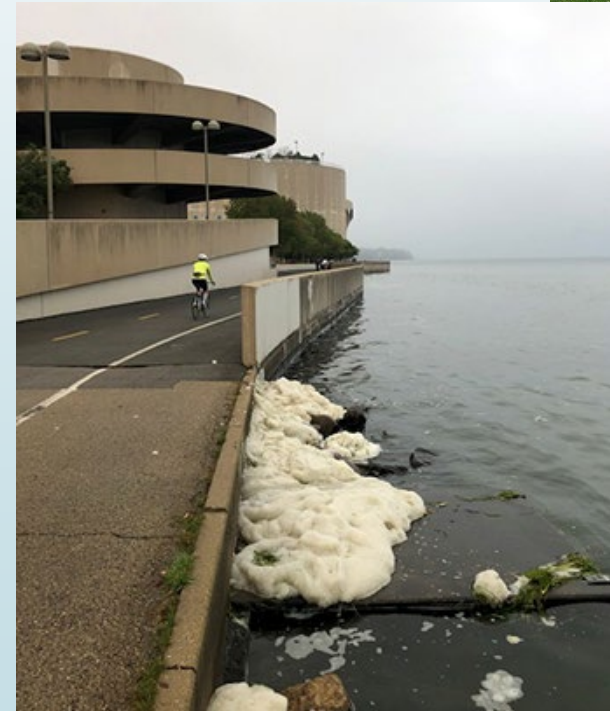
2010's

- Chlorides - Salt Wise
- Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee
- Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force
- Expanded Aquatic Plant Harvesting
- Updates to Ch 14
- Ch 49
 - Ag performance standards
 - Winter spreading permit
 - Manure storage permit



2020's

- Illicit Discharge – Ch 50
- Stormwater fee - in – lieu
- PFAS
- Regulations of Icebound Inland Waters – CH 71



Historic Roles

- *Unique authority to pass rules county wide*
- Implementation support
 - Yahara Sediment Removal
 - Yahara CLEAN/Renew the Blue
 - Yahara WINS
 - Ordinances
- Advisory/planning support
 - Healthy Lakes Healthy Farms
 - YLAG
 - Stormwater TAC
- Broad support across multiple County Departments
- Support for staff positions

