

Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership Coordinating Committee

Meeting Notes

DATE/TIME: Friday, August 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Water Utility Building Conf. Rm. A & B
119 E Olin Ave. - Madison, WI

PRESENT:

Dennis Presser,
Ezra Meyer,
Genesis Bichanich,
Jim Lorman,
Jon Becker
Pat Sheahan,
Sue Josheff,

1. Call to Order – 2:30
2. Announcements - Health goals for Lake Wingra, developed through the efforts of the Friends of Lake Wingra, will be released soon. Jon Becker has resigned from his position as president of the Friends of Cherokee Marsh. That organization is in very strong shape because of their experienced and very capable board.
3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda – none.
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes – There were no changes to the meeting notes.
5. Nutrient Sediment Update – Modeling analysis is proceeding. Nutrient sediment team will meet soon.
6. Beaches Update – Beaches team members met with Friends of Monona Bay last week. Interest is strong in preventing stormwater pollution of the bay. They will participate in the Bernie's Beach project. APHIS is willing to help with goose control, but efforts will need to be taken during the molt (June).
7. Presentation of Yahara CLEAN Draft Report – Draft information has been submitted to Pat for many of the report sections. Each section author is to send Pat updated versions of their section before next CC meeting. Information presented by County/City Department of Health in their appeal of beach impairment status will be included in the report under Section V. D. of the report.
8. Discussion of UW Nelson Institute Initiative with Agricultural Producers – No further information on this initiative. Jim and Sue Jones will soon meet with Nelson institute about next year's conference.
9. Discussion of SAC's Report on Successor Organization -- Ezra will give notes from 6-11 SAC meeting to CC before our next meeting. This topic will be discussed at the next CC meeting.
10. Report on Project Management – Dane County authorized acceptance of DNR grant for project administration. EPA has promised stimulus money for project management, but has not released it yet. Pat agreed to check county procedures for beginning the process to find a project manager.

11. Update on Consultants' work – VAC plans to meet next Tuesday and then conference call with the consultants next Thursday.
12. Update on Website Development – Pat will give Ezra the RFP information. Ezra will send it to people he knows who might submit a proposal. Genesis will communicate CC's position to potential vendors and head this project up. Progress will be reported at the next CC meeting.
13. Discussion of Successor Partnership and Leadership – We had a general discussion of possibilities: meetings of signatories every six months to check progress? Separate nonprofit branch to apply for grants? Pat agreed to poll CC members to evaluate changing our Friday meetings to some other day and time. This might make it easier for CC members to attend and increase attendance. A major focus will be on getting the CLEAN final report done, also, we can write grant proposals that will allow us to move towards a future partnership structure. We recognize the need for a communication plan, and the meetings next Tues and Thursday will move that effort forward. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.
14. Review of Tasks Assigned – We did not review tasks assigned because we ran out of time.
15. Set Next Meeting Agenda – Nutrient sediment update, beaches update, drafting Yahara CLEAN final report, discussion of SAC's meeting on Successor Organization, report on the status of project management report, summary of meeting with consultants, status of website development, discussion of successor partnership and leadership.
16. Adjourn – 4:35