

LAKE WINNEBAGO LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) Meeting Minutes 2021 Summer/Fall Meeting September 24, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom meeting services

The Summer/Fall meeting of the LWLWCA was called to order by President Greg Baneck at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call: Members present were (SUPV / STAFF): Adams 1/1, Calumet 1/1, Fond-Du-Lac 0/1, Green Lake 0/1, Marquette 0/0, Outagamie 2/1, Waupaca 0/0, Waushara 0/1 and Winnebago 0/2.

Others present: Matt Brugger, Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farms Network, Jessica Schultz, Executive Director Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and Eric Evenson, DNR Water Resources Management Specialist.

Approve the May 21, 2021 LWLWCA meeting minutes: A motion made by Keith Suprise and seconded by Tony Reali to approve the May 21, 2021 meeting minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Vice-President Chad Casper reviewed the September 2021 Treasurer's Report. Casper reported that as of 9/1/2021 the balance on hand was \$2,933.57. Casper also reported that the only expense was \$500.00 to help Iron County in publishing their Shoreline Protection Booklets. A motion was made by Paul Tollard and seconded by Paul Gunderson to accept the Treasurers Report as presented passed unanimously.

A short discussion was held and the committee decided that the registration fee for the next in-person meeting will be reduced to lower the balance on hand.

Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farms Network Update:

Matt Brugger, Project Manager, for the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farms Network updated the committee on the demonstration farms network. There are 10 farms across 8 counties. This year there has been the addition of Miranda Miller, Natural Resource Educator. Miranda helped with social media and getting content out for farmers. There were four field days held in summer, 2021.

President Baneck mentioned that the Lower Fox Farmer Roundtable Event has been extremely successful and it keeps growing from one year to the next. If the counties can do anything to help spread the information for that event at the Fin 'n Feather in Winneconne in February, Matt should inform the committee.



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TMDL Implementation – Next Steps:

Jessica Schultz, Executive Director Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, gave a presentation on TMDL. The main points of her presentation were: understanding TMDL, how does Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance fit in, and TMDL implementation success is dependent on county land conservation departments.

Affiliated Agency Reports:

<u>LWCB</u> – Mike Hofberger gave a short explanation of the Land and Water Conservation Board responsibilities. He explained that the board consists of 10 members. Three members are LCC representatives, five are governor appointed, and the rest are state agency leaders. He would like to see some of the five-year LWRM plan presentations during our meetings. They are very well done and Mike felt it would be beneficial to everyone to see what other counties have some.

<u>WLWCA</u> – Paul Tollard mentioned that he attended the last Legislative Admin meeting. There has been a lot of discussion regarding NR 151 Standards as it relates to nutrient management. There have been some papers that have been circulated to prompt where we go from here with implementation of NR 151.

Megan Steckelberg said that the theme for the 2021 Poster and Speaking Contest has been chosen. The forms are in the works right now. They are hoping to have them up early next week on the website and once they are finalized Megan will also email them out to everyone as well. Envirothon was held virtually in 2020. Conservation Camps were not held in 2021 due to Covid. Sand Lake Camp is closing and if anyone is interested doing that camp in a different location Ann Bartels is willing to help out. Megan will hold a meeting in October for the silent auction after the PIC committee decides if they want the silent auction held in-person or virtually. If the silent auction will be held in-person, Magen will try to start the Silent Auction virtually and then turn it into an in-person auction.

DATCP -no report.

NRCS – no report.

<u>DNR</u> – Eric Evenson mentioned that draft allocations for TRM Grants have been completed. They should be finalized sometime in October. They received 37 applications this year for Urban Storm Water Planning Grants. They are projecting to fund 14 grants. Two grants fall within the Upper Fox-Wolf or Lower Fox Basin. For small scale TMDL TRM Grants they received 14 applications and 7 of them will be funded. Of the seven, three are within the Upper Fox-Wolf Basin. They received six applications for Large Scale TRM Grants and they project to fund three of the applications. All three of those applications are within the Lower or Upper Fox Basin. NOD Funds are still available for this year.



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BITS Training is going on right now. Eric suggested that if any member will be getting a grant through the DNR, they should attend the training for BITS.

OTHER AGENCIES – No report.

New Business

The next LWLWCA meeting will be held on January 28, 2022. It will be hosted by Winnebago County and may be an in-person meeting.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. was made by Chad Casper and seconded by Paul Tollard passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Koch