Food, Land and Water Project
Surface Water Quality Workgroup

Draft Agenda for November 10, 2016 Meeting
Hotel Mead – Wisconsin Rapids

8:30 AM: Continental Breakfast and Conversation

9:00 AM: Plenary Session With Other Workgroups (Jim VandenBrook)

- Welcome
- Progress Report
- Today's Plan and Next Steps

9:30 AM: Workgroup Session - Getting Started (Facilitator and Co-Chairs)

- Welcome
- Introduce New Members
- Attendance Check
- Approve Minutes of August 23 Meeting
- Facilitator and Co-Chair Comments (reflections on last meeting, hopes for this meeting)
- Plan for this Meeting

10:00 AM: Background Information (Expert Presentations)

- Wisconsin Water Quality Standards & Nutrient Reduction Strategy
  (Jim Bauman, retired DNR)
- Wisconsin Farm Conservation Standards
  (Paul Zimmerman, WI Farm Bureau)
- How Are Conservation Standards Applied?
  (Kurt Calkins, County Conservationist, Columbia County)

Note: Each presentation will last 15 minutes, plus 5 minutes for Q&A

11:00 AM: Workgroup Discussion and Reactions to Background Information

11:45 AM: LUNCH and informal conversation (with other workgroups)

12:45 PM: Workgroup (Afternoon Session)

- Will the current N and P runoff and discharge control programs achieve our water quality goals? Are we making significant progress toward our goals? If not, why not?

- What, if anything, would it take to make current programs work?

- If current approach does not, or cannot work, **what alternative approaches would work**?

3:00 PM: ADJOURN

NOTE: Breaks may be scheduled at the discretion of the Workgroup

Questions from Workgroup Charter

- What is the current surface water quality situation?
    - What are the respective point and non-point contributions of N and P?
    - What is the impact on Wisconsin?
- Is the situation getting better or worse? Why?
- What are our "bottom-line" water quality goals? How soon, if ever, do we expect to achieve our goals?
- Will the current N and P runoff and discharge control programs achieve our water quality goals? Are we making significant progress toward our goals? If not, why not?
- What, if anything, would it take to make current programs work?
- If current approach does not, or cannot work, what alternative approaches would work?
- What are the real incentives, if any, for landowners to adopt and maintain effective conservation practices?
- How will we know if our strategy is successful? How will we measure success?
- What will it cost to achieve our goals? What are the trade-offs?
- Where do we go from here?