Great Lakes Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 23, 2015

Start Time: 9:45 A.M.  Approximate End Time: 11:30 A.M.

Location: James P. Coughlin Center (Volunteer Room)
625 E County Y
Oshkosh, WI 54901  Phone: 920-232-1950

Conference Phone: (877) 826-6967
Conf ID: 9793943


Non-Voting Advisors: To be determined

WLWCA Staff: Christina Anderson, Training & Outreach Coordinator

Notes
• WLWCA Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if available.
• More volunteers are welcome to participate. If interested please join in-person or via the conference call option.
• Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair.

In Attendance: Keith, Milwaukee; Gilles, Oconto; Holschbach, Ozaukee; Coulthurst, Door; Via Phone: Palmquist, Iron; Anderson, WLWCA

Next Meeting Time: Tentative April 16th, 9:30 AM Coughlin Center, Oshkosh

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

Call to order: Keith called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.
• Volunteer to take meeting minutes: Coulthurst volunteered to take the meeting minutes.
• Roll Call: Gilles, Coulthurst, Keith and via phone: Palmquist, Anderson. (Holschbach arrived at 9:50 AM.)
• Approve previous meeting minutes January 20th, 2014: Motion by Gilles, seconded by Coulthurst, to approve as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Committee Membership
• Update on GLC dues letter: Keith noted that the request for dues had been sent out. Gilles stated that Oconto has approved the payment. Coulthurst stated the letter was received and will likely go to the next LCC meeting.
• Election of Great Lakes Committee Chair: Due to only three members present and one on the conference phone, this item was tabled by consensus.

GLC Chair Report
• Keith stated he will continue to fill in for Frank, as acting vice chair until the committee conducts an election for the vacant chair position.
• GLC Report for WI Land + Water Conference folder: Anderson reported she is preparing a GLC report to be included in the conference folder. Coulthurst stated he will make necessary edits to the DRAFT Grant Program to include with the report.

Work Plan Items for 2015
• Keith stated he will start drafting and formalizing the realistic goals and priorities for the GLC work plan.
• Outreach event in Lake Superior Basin: Keith will contact Fratt regarding event specifics that need to be locked in. Specifically location, date, and potential speakers. Holschbach recommended that
a speaker that is an expert on the ecology of Lake Superior should be sought. If others have
suggestions for good speakers, they should contact Fratt. Budgeting for the event will be placed on
the April GLC agenda.

- GLC Grants for member counties: Coulthurst reviewed the DRAFT grant program, and explained
the attempt for format consistency without overlap to the WI Land + Water Training and
Scholarship Fund. Discussion took place regarding the history of GLNAC and the formation of the
GLC, the potential due dates for grant application, the “screening” of applications by County’s and
how the grant should be an upfront payment to successful applicants. A new draft will be provided
for the WI Land + Water Conference folder and an application form will be present at the April
GLC meeting. An application deadline of October 1st annually was discussed. Examples of grants
might be useful to incorporate into the application preface, and committee members were asked to
provide examples to Coulthurst.

- Topics & speakers for mini-webinars: Keith suggested that perhaps we could set up a 10 minute
trial run during the next meeting. Anderson said that she could coordinate with Keith to set up and
allow all to go through the screen control process with a short existing power point presentation.
Several future webinars included: presentations from the Milwaukee Clean Rivers Clean Lakes
Conference, county collaborative efforts, phragmites control efforts, 9 Key Element planning.

- Resource needs: Holschbach explained that in the past if there were resource needs that were
common in the basin GLNAC would try to promote a program like the Bark Bed project for Milk
house Waste. Coulthurst brought up the potential need of water sampling to meet the demand for
developing 9 key element plans. Anderson said that we should look into working with Volunteer
Water Monitoring Network Volunteers. A discussion started about a survey of county needs or
issues, and that this could be an agenda item at every meeting. Anderson said there is currently a
DNR/DATCP survey attached to the annual report. Keith will pose a couple of questions to
develop or coordinate the development of some common resource needs within the Basin.

**Items to work on for future meeting:** Grant Program and application form, Financial Report and official
budget, Outreach Event in Lake Superior Basin, Election of Great Lakes Committee Chair, Status of Dues
collected, Continue with the development of resource needs, Continue discussions for potential
topics/presenters for GLC mini-webinars.

**Set Next Meeting Date(s) – Check your calendars:** Tentative April 16th Oshkosh – Coughlin Center at
9:30AM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Holschbach, seconded by Gilles. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by: Greg Coulthurst.