DANE COUNTY LAKES AND WATERSHED COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 25, 2012 – 6:15 p.m.  
Location: Room 351, City-County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Madison, WI

Members present: Sharon Corrigan, Chuck Erickson, Mike Gerner, Melissa Malott, Trina McMahon, Patrick Miles, Rebecca Power, Lyle Updike, and Susan West  
County staff present: Kevin Connors, Marcia Hartwig, and Sue Jones  
Others present: Sean Gillon, Sue Josheff, and James Tye

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes  
Chair Malott called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Updike/Corrigan moved approval of the 2/9/12 meeting minutes. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment - none

Announcements
- Jones shared a copy of the Wisconsin Lakes Trivia game available from UW Extension.
- Corrigan and Tye remarked on the great crowd and enthusiasm at the April 21 “Save Our Lakes Summit,” where Jones was honored with the first annual Yahara Stewardship Award. The “State of the Yahara Lakes Report” prepared by Clean Lakes Alliance with extensive assistance from Dick Lathrop and Jones was released at the Summit and is available online.
- Hartwig reminded members of the Commission’s Friends of Dane County Waters Roundtable meeting to be held April 26 at Union South.
- Connors presented the Land and Water Resources Department 2011 Annual Report, and expressed his gratitude for the Commission’s support.

2012 Draft Aquatic Invasive Species Workplan  
Jones presented the draft 2012 workplan and invited Commissioner comments. Jones and Pete Jopke are also involving John Magnuson and Jake Vander Zanden as they complete the workplan, and thank DNR for the aquatic invasives grant that provides for summer Clean Boats Clean Waters aquatic invasives prevention staffing at area boat landings.

Member and Staff Updates  
Take A Stake in the Lakes. Hartwig reported that the Office of Lakes and Watersheds and Clean Lakes Alliance staff are meeting regularly, and are seeking new volunteer projects for large corporate teams early in June. She requested that Commissioners hang Take a Stake in the Lakes 25th Anniversary posters, and attend the June 16th Dane County Waters Champion ceremony as part of Jazz in the Park.

Plant Dane. Hartwig said that participation has doubled since last year, and that as a result nearly $30,000 worth of native plants are being established in Dane County.

YLAG2. Sue Josheff said 175 people participated in the March 28th Yahara Lakes Advisory Group (YLAG2) public forum, and that the public comment period on the 40-plus draft recommendations ends on April 26. Any final recommendations for changes to lake level orders would go to DNR for consideration.
Connors said that Dane County has announced the planned construction of the second community manure digester. Funder Gunderson Lutheran has said that it’s participating in this project because its goal is to rely only on renewable energy sources, and because addressing climate change will help prevent diseases.

Subcommittee and liaison reports (status of Commission priorities)
(each subcommittee report to include outreach actions and plans)
- Executive (no new invasives, lake level management)
  Will be addressing invasives and lake levels issues to relieve some of the burden on the Nonregulatory Subcommittee.
- Budget (active involvement in county budget)
  Subcommittee work on the 2013 budget will soon begin.
- Nonregulatory (tracking emerging water quality concerns, Yahara CLEAN progress with partners)
  Power and McMahon reported on the Yahara Watershed Initiatives Briefing held immediately prior to the Commission meeting. This first briefing included presentations about the Water Sustainability and Climate project at UW-Madison, and its opportunity for synergy with Yahara CLEAN implementation. Kathy Lake from MMSD spoke about the Adaptive Management pilot project. Rick Eilertson from Fitchburg gave an overview of urban municipalities’ efforts to reduce phosphorus and sediment from stormwater and other sources.

Power and McMahon said that the point of these briefings, which they plan to hold three times per year, is to identify opportunities for synergy and integration among projects. We need to be clear about who’s doing what, and also coordinate on consistent messaging.

- Regulatory
  Miles said that shoreland zoning ordinance amendments would be introduced on May 17. The next subcommittee meeting will focus on the timeline for and content of proposed county ordinance amendments to come into compliance with NR 151.

- Green Tier
  Updike said that the Commission’s involvement in Green Tier has been worthwhile. Updike described innovations in inlet protection and virtual inspection program (two photos per week submitted by Veridian and Homburg or subcontractor on Fridays, or immediately after a rain event). The Green Tier group’s compliance evaluation found that Green Tier participants’ compliance is higher and failures level is lower than a control group.

- Watershed Adaptive Management
  Malott said that the pilot in the Sixmile subwatershed is nationally significant. The Yahara PRIDE county farmers are assisting by managing education and outreach to farmers, in cooperation with Dane County Land Conservation staff. Kudos to Clean Lakes Alliance, Yahara Pride, and county staff for making it happen.

Set May/June meeting agendas
The May meeting will include a refresher on county ordinance changes proposed to comply with NR 115 shoreland zoning rules, to anticipate the shoreland ordinance public hearing to be held in June.

Adjourn
Updike/Power moved to adjourn. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.