The meeting agenda, attendee list, and the PowerPoint slides used in the meeting are attached.

Dave Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 PM, which was followed by a round of introductions.

The meeting summary from the December 16, 2016 Group meeting was approved unanimously.

Taylor provided the group with a brief summary of what occurred at the January 26, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Highlights include:

- The Executive Committee approved execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between WINS and the Clean Lakes Alliance—among other things, the MOU will result in the Clean Lakes Alliance providing WINS with $100,000 in 2017 to be used for phosphorus reduction practices in the upper part of the Yahara Watershed.
- The service agreement between WINS and Dane County was executed by the county in December, 2016.
- There will be a change in the makeup of the Executive Committee as Rick Eilertson is leaving the City of Fitchburg to work with a consultant. Rick was the Cities/Villages representative to the Executive Committee. An election will need to be held to select a new representative to the Executive Committee.
- A decision was made to link the Executive Committee and Group meetings at least twice a year, with the Executive Committee meeting independently during quarters where they are not linked. This will provide the Executive Committee to spend more time focusing on important issues related to WINS.
- There was a brief discussion about potential WINS staffing.

The designated representatives for the Cities and Villages Group members present at the meeting (or the alternate representative in the case where the designated representative was not present) then elected the Cities and Villages representative to the Executive Committee. Gary Huth (City of Middleton) was elected. Gary was not present at the meeting and Taylor indicated that he would contact him to see if he would accept the position.

Taylor provided a brief budget review, showing 2017 revenue, expenses and fund transfers.

The group watched a video of the Green Bay adaptive management project. Taylor then asked for feedback from the group as to the level of interest in producing a video about the Yahara WINS project as a communication tool. There was strong interest in further pursuing development of a video, and the group offered several thoughts for consideration moving forward. As a next step, Taylor indicated he would gather some additional information and bring it back to the group as a whole. Taylor stressed that if a video is produced, the focus would be on Yahara WINS, not MMSD.

Taylor reminded the group to respond to a request he sent out to each WINS IGA participant asking them to identify any phosphorus and sediment reduction practices that were implemented in 2016 that were not already reflected in updated stormwater modeling information that had been reviewed by DNR. Doing so will allow WINS to more accurately keep track of phosphorus and sediment reductions for the purpose of showing progress toward meeting the WINS phosphorus and sediment reduction goals.
Kathy Lake provided the group with an update on progress made in developing a service agreement with Rock County. The purpose of this agreement would be to encourage installation of phosphorus and sediment reductions in the Rock County portion of the Yahara Watershed. Lake stated that a draft two year agreement has been developed that would provide $40,000 to Rock County in 2017 and $50,000 in 2018. Lake also stated that an effort is being made to develop a service agreement with Columbia County as well.

Taylor then shared a presentation developed by Heidi Johnson (UWEX) that would look at aerial seeding of cover crops into fields where corn would be used for silage. Aerial seeding helps plant more acres in a shorter period of time. A pilot/demonstration project is being advance in which farmers would commit to using cover crops for a three year period. The practice cost would be covered using funds from the Regional Conservation Partnership (RCPP) grant, with WINS providing farmers with a $500 signing bonus to encourage them to participate in this project.

Kevin Connors provided an update of Dane County activities:
- They have completed a WINS work plan for 2017 and anticipate that approximately 10,000 pound of P reduction will be achieved in 2017 through a combination of soft and hard practices.
- A new staff person will be hired help with phosphorus reduction practices.
- Funding for the aerial seeding project (see the previous paragraph) will come from funds administered through the RCPP project.
- The county will be hiring another engineer to work with municipalities on stormwater/erosion management.
- Work is progressing on an effort to site community manure storage facilities
- Funds are anticipated to be awarded to facilitate the use of low disturbance manure injection equipment.
- The county anticipates installing a porous pavement parking lot along the Capitol City bike trail.
- An effort is underway to extend some of the shorter term harvestable buffer agreements.

Bob Uphoff provided a Yahara Pride Farms update which focused on activities conducted in 2016. These include:
- Continuation of a cost share program for phosphorus reduction practices using funds provided by Yahara WINS and others.
- Continuation of a Pride led farm assessment and certification program.
- Potential development of a pay for performance agreement with farm producers.

Nancy Sheehan provided a brief update on the Rock River Citizen Volunteer water quality monitoring program, with a specific emphasis on a data visualization effort which will provide greater access to data generated as part of this effort.

In other business, Lake reported on activities associated with World Water Day. Taylor shared with the group that his MMSD retirement date is June 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.
NOTICE OF MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the Yahara Watershed Improvement Network Group meeting at 1:30 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Maintenance Facility, located at 1610 Moorland Road, Madison, WI 53713. The Agenda for the Group meeting is shown below and action may be taken on any agenda item listed.

David Taylor
Executive Committee President

Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible location or format must contact the Executive Committee President at 608-222-1201, 1610 Moorland Road, Madison, Wisconsin, at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the meeting so that any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate each request.

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March 16, 2016

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Executive Committee Election

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WINS Budget Review
(Revenue and Expenses Through 3/10/2017)

(Amounts rounded)

- Balance on 1/1/2017: $241,214
- Revenue: $1,087,601
- Expenses: $61,485
- Balance: $1,267,330
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Fund Transfers To Savings Account

- **$420,000** (unrestricted funds)
- **$480,000** (designated operating reserve)
- Communications-potential WINS informational video

- MS4 Practice Tracking
Agreement with Rock County

Yahara Watershed - Aerial Seeding of a Barley Cover Crop into Corn Silage
Why target Corn Silage Acres?

- Corn silage harvest removes most of the plant – very little plant residue left on soil
  - Low residue = soils exposed and vulnerable to erosion
- Corn silage acres often receive manure applications
- Cover crop covers soil surface to keep soil and manure from leaving the field

Why use a barley cover crop?

- Barley will die out naturally over the winter
  - Many farmers prefer this so they don’t have to terminate in the busy spring
- Barley is very fast growing cover crop so significant ground cover is achieved between planting and winter
Why use the airplane?

- Fall is an extremely busy time of the year — using the airplane saves the farmer a lot of time
- More acres can be planted in a shorter period of time
- Cover crops can be planted into a standing crop and have more time to grow prior to winter

Cost-share

- Farmers sign up for cost-share through NRCS – EQIP program
- $62/acre financial assistance
- $500 signing bonus for signing up for 3 years
Dane County Update

- Completed 2017 Work Plan
  - Planning over 70 conservation practices
    - Hard practices = 3,300 pounds of P
    - Soft practices = 6,400 pounds of P
- Hiring of New Conservation Data Management Specialist
  - Entering, tracking, evaluating, and reporting practices and associated phosphorus reductions
- RCPP – EQIP Sign Up (March 3rd)
  - 11 Agreements totaling over $303,000
    - Yahara Pride Farms, UW-Extension, Dane County cover crop initiative
      - Goal of over 1,000 acres of cover crops
- Community Manure Storage Cost Share
- Low Disturbance Manure Injection Cost Share
  - 2 agreements
- Harvestable Buffers
  - 8 pending extensions
    - 31.9 acres — 5.5 miles
    - 890 pounds of P
  - 4 new agreements
    - 12.4 acres — 2.25 miles
    - 275 pounds
- Reporting
    - Final report due May 15th.

Yahara Pride Update
Rock River Coalition Information Viewer

World Water Day
# YaharaWINS Group Meeting

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