MINUTES: Yahara Wins Executive Board meeting:

DATE: 3/16/17

TIME: 3:15 PM (approx)

LOCATION: MMSD Maintenance Building

1) Dave called the meeting to order at approximately 3:15 PM, board members in attendance Dave Taylor, Greg Fries, Jeff Rau, Bob Uphoff, Kevin Connors, James Tye. Dave welcomed Rich from the City of Middleton, who was substituting for Gary Huth.

2) Review and Acceptance of the Jan 26th, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes – Jeff made a motion to approve and Dave seconded – roll was unanimous.

3) Executive Committee Officer Election – Gary Huth was elected by the body at large, however he is on vacation and could not be reached for discussion. Dave will contact him before the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss his willingness to take the post. We will have to convene an executive team meeting before the next formally scheduled meeting to address this issue and to determine new roles on the Executive Committee (Rick was the Vice President).

4) WINS Budget – Dave gave a summary of the budget items at the larger WINS meeting. There have been very few actions to date in 2017. Invoices were sent out and while the choice was given to allow payment in two (2) parts most partners chose to pay in one payment. All but the cash reserve has been moved from the checking account to the savings account were a minimal rate of interest can be earned.

5) Greg led a discussion on potential future WINS staffing involving a role that Dave Taylor may play after June 2, 2017 when he retires from service at MMSD. Greg read into the record an email from Tom Wilson who met with Dave and Attorney Kent earlier in the day to discuss some potential options. Tom asked that the executive committee allow him to meet with Dave and Attorney Kent in advance of the next meeting and report back to the Committee at that time. Greg made a motion to accept Tom’s recommendation and Jeff seconded. Dave abstained from discussion and voting on this item.

6) WINS Financial Audit – Dave reported that he will be meeting with the MMSD auditor in the next few weeks and will discuss with them what level of action may be appropriate for this group regarding an audit. Dave thought it may be possible that the auditor would ask for some actions to be taken regarding some financial policies that we should implement at the Executive Committee level. Regardless he will report back at the next meeting with an estimated cost and recommendations from MMSD’s auditor.
7) Potential WINS video – at the larger meeting there was group support for creation of a WINS video. James suggested that two videos might be useful (one for elected officials, and one for public consumption). Dave indicated that we will do further research on available options. There was general agreement that it would be better to create a full video specific to our group and not use stock footage.

8) Draft Service Agreement between WINS and Rock County – Dave reported that Kathy Lake is taking the lead on this issue, and while our agreement with Dane County is very specific now, the initial agreements that were in place during the pilot project were less so and it appears that the initial agreement with Rock County will follow more along the line of the initial agreement with Dane Co.

9) Use of WINs funds to support aerial seeding projects – This item was discussed at the larger meeting – Dane Co has secured RCPP funds to support aerial cover crop seeding. Jeff made a motion to support a longer term effort in this regard providing a $500.00 signing bonus to farmers who agree to complete this effort on three (3) consecutive years. Greg seconded the motion – vote was unanimous.

10) Other business – Dave made a thank you to the Clean Lakes Alliance for the $100,000.00 dollar grant and signing of the agreement to fund primarily permanent efforts in the upper watershed.

Other business – Dave made a note that Yahara Pride needs to submit a funding application to WINs in for this year – Bob indicated that was in the works currently.
Dave Taylor

From: Tom Wilson <twilson@townofwestport.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Dave Taylor
Cc: Fries, Gregory; 'Paul Kent'; Tom Wilson
Subject: Staffing item today on Yahara WINs Ex Comm meeting agenda

Dave,

I apologize for likely not being able to attend the Executive Committee meeting today. However, I do want to give a brief report on the staffing item on our agenda and ask you or Greg Fries to please provide it at the meeting. Here is my report to please read or otherwise provide: Paul Kent and I have had some preliminary discussions with Dave Taylor about his transition from a full time MMSD employee into retirement, and continuing his wonderful work with Yahara WINs after that retirement from MMSD starting about the end of May. I would like the opportunity to work on a proposal with Dave and Paul, and present it at our next Executive Committee for review. I am hoping this is acceptable to the rest of you, and I look forward to bringing this forward.

Please let me know after the meeting if this is an acceptable way to proceed in the opinion of the Executive Committee.

Thank you.

Tom

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