

**Yahara Lake Level Advisory Group 2 (YLAG2)  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

**3 - 5 pm with Public Comment beginning about 5:00 pm**

**Location: Lyman F. Anderson Agriculture and Conservation Center  
1 Fen Oak Court, Madison**

**Participants in attendance:**

Scott Reiersen	Jack Von Rutenberg	Mike Kakuska
Dan Stephany	Rob Phillips	Anita Weier
Richard Gullickson	Thomas Wilson	Ed Minihan
Tom McGinnis	Richard Lathrop	Bill Fitzpatrick
Jim Bowen	Susan Tesarik	Melissa Sargent
Kevin Connors	Sue Jones	Sue Josheff
Mindy Habecker	Chuck Rolfsmeyer	Robin Schmidt
Don Peterson	Chin-Hsien Wu	

**Participants absent:**

Bill Mazanet	Melissa Malott	Ken Potter
Mike Amstadt	Kurt Welke	Lloyd Eagan

**1. Introductions – All**

**2. Approval of Minutes & Check-in – No minutes available for review and approval.**

**3. Review final criteria and discussion process –**

The group reviewed the communication guidelines hanging on both sides of the room.

The group agreed that the submitted recommendations should be organized, grouped and repetition removed. The group would like to see the resulting recommendation be followed by all the submitted recommendations that are consolidated into it. A subcommittee of Rob Phillips, Tom Wilson, Kevin Connors, Bill Fitzpatrick and Tom McGinnis agreed to do the organizing/grouping and consolidating. They will also divide out recommendations that don't have anything to do with water levels.

The subcommittee agreed to get the grouped recommendation list in EXCEL to participants by Jan 19.

At the January 26 meeting, the participants will begin to review the recommendations, using the criteria we developed and SMART, finalizing the language before voting. The review process will take several meetings.

There were a couple new recommendations that came in after the deadline from Kurt Welke. The group agreed to include them.

Some in the group wanted to make sure we built onto the original YLAG1 recommendations. Some of the YLAG1 recommendations haven't been completed.

Kevin Connors received some questions from Middleton on whether or not changing the lake levels will change the TMDL. TMDL stands for Total Maximum Daily Load - a term that the Environmental Protection Agency uses in dealing with water quality issues. Those in the group familiar with TMDLs agreed that the lake levels do not affect the TMDL loads. Kevin Connors agreed to ask Kevin Kirsch of DNR to call the City of Middleton staff.

After we've reviewed all the recommendations once to edit the language, consolidate, etc. we will discuss the recommendations again prior to voting so that everyone understand them and we will capture a couple sentences to clarify or describe the issues.

In the voting process, we will be looking for consensus - can you live with it? Participants don't have to agree but don't disagree.

The group agreed we needed longer and additional meetings to get through the review process prior a public meeting.

#### **4. Discussion draft recommendations**

The participants agreed that we would wait until the next meeting to begin the discussion – after the subcommittee organized and consolidated the recommendations.

#### **5. Future meeting dates, location and agenda items**

Jan 26, 2 - 5pm – 3hours

Feb 9, 2 – 5pm,

Feb 29, 2 – 5pm

All at the same location – One Fen Oak

Agenda will be discussing the recommendations.

#### **6. Public Comment – 3 comments, see website for public comments**