

**AGENDA**  
**Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.**  
**Dunn County Fish and Game Clubhouse**  
**1600 Pine Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751**  
**Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018: 6 – 7:30 pm**

**PURPOSE: Vote on governing document presented at last meeting. Touch base on ongoing and upcoming projects.**

6:00-6:05 Introductions

6:05-6:10 Negotiate Agenda

6:10-6:15 Approval of Minutes –June 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

Reports (in order to use our meeting time more efficiently, individual reports were agreed to be submitted prior to meeting so they may be circulated with agenda)

City of Menomonie-Randy Sommerfeld

Dunn County Board of Supervisors-Mike Kneer

Dunn County Land and Water Conservation-Lindsay Olson

Outreach-Kate Edenborg (no report)

Legislative-Dick Lamers

K-12 Education-Amber Georgakopoulos (no report)

President/Membership-Elizabeth Usborne

Website-Mike Tomasek

6:15-6:20 Questions on Reports

6:20-6:30 Treasurer Report-Ben Hartenbower

Business Items

6:30-7:25

Update on Grant Project Progress

Vote on Governing Document

7:25-7:30 Meeting evaluation

Upcoming Activities

July 10<sup>th</sup> Wilson Annis Creek Watershed Partnership meeting

July 11<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Good Morning Menomonie

July 12<sup>th</sup> Music Over Menomin

July 17<sup>th</sup> St. Croix County Groundwater Field Day

July 18<sup>th</sup> Civic Governance Meeting

July 26<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Red Cedar Water Quality Partnership Meeting

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> NRCS local workgroup meeting, Barron

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> LAKES REU research reception, Menomonie

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Next Meeting

## Reports

### City of Menomonie

[https://www.menomonie-wi.gov/index.asp?SEC=427BD7EF-87F5-4594-8648-3A9B55F1BBDF&Type=B\\_BASIC](https://www.menomonie-wi.gov/index.asp?SEC=427BD7EF-87F5-4594-8648-3A9B55F1BBDF&Type=B_BASIC)

#### *Jun 18*

- Motion made and seconded to approve the PUD application 710 11 Street, the old East School to include bike racks, playground equipment and a garden area. The owner will provide a maintenance shed, upgrade the fence and add a garbage can enclosure.
- Motion made and seconded to approve to award the ambulance bid to Jefferson Fire and Safety for \$251,843.
- Council approved the 2017 Annual Sewer Utility Compliance Maintenance report.
- Council was presented with a surrender license letter from Dave Zempel for Loren Corp and Synergy on the water regarding the liquor license located 631 S Broadway.

#### *Jun 29 Special Meeting*

- City council heard from the owners from Synergy on Water regarding their desire to have the liquor license transferred to them rather than the city not renewing said license. City council voted to not renew this license even though it would be owned by a difference corporation.

### Dunn County Board of Supervisors

*County Board meeting 6/20/18, committee reports:*

Facilities committee:

1. Continues to study the idea of using solar panels on county buildings

Highway department:

1. Is developing a dragline policy. Draglines are very long “hoses” used to transfer manure from a pit to a field. A tractor drags the hose and uses injectors to place the liquid in the ground at a specified rate
2. Has been spraying for invasives along right-of-ways.

#### *Planning Resources and Development committee meeting 6/26/18*

1. DATCP will be conducting groundwater testing for agricultural chemicals in two locations in the county with multiple wells tested in each location.
2. NRCS local workshop meeting is set for Barron on 8/8/18 at 10am. NRCS will be hearing ideas as to where to concentrate their funding for the coming year. Cover crops, no till, dam and diversions, etc. All are welcome. (Natural Resources Conservation Service is a federal agency)
3. NRCS has withdrawn the \$300,000 funding for the Wilson Creek watershed project. This appears to have been caused by lack of communication and a coordinated follow through by the Dunn County Land and Water Conservation division. The PRD was informed of difficulties in this area in January but thought the problems had been resolved.
4. The Environmental Services Department will undergo realignment. It will return to having one Department head versus the current system of four division heads. A department chair will be hired. This person will be in charge of Solid Waste and Recycling, Land and Water Division, Zoning and Planning, and Surveying. In addition, this person will be the zoning and planning division head. All subject to County Board approval in July.

#### *Administration committee meeting 6/26/18*

1. Approved the realignment of the ENS department.
2. Learned that the EXCEL Energy property along the Chippewa River had not been purchased through the Knowles Fund as reported last year. Almost 1000 acres of natural land is at stake.

## Dunn County Land and Water Conservation

- Dan and I are working with the Environmental Public Health Dept. on a grant for groundwater testing. It's a small grant at \$10,000. We are discussing what exactly we are going to do with it at a meeting tomorrow morning.
- I attended a training for irrigation and water quality that was hosted by UWEX. The training included discussions about both groundwater quality and quantity as they relate to irrigation, as well as a discussion on nutrient applications and pest management for crops under irrigation. Overall it was a very good training and I'd be happy to share my notes with anyone interested.
- We have posted for two positions in our division: 1) A full-time permanent conservation planner-nutrient management specialist, who will work mostly with our Farmland Preservation program and NR 151 programs; and 2) the soil health specialist, which will be funded for two years or until funds from our DNR lake protection grant are expired.
- We hosted the west-central area tour for land conservation depts. and committees in our area on June 21. It was well-attended and a really great day to show-off what Dunn County has to offer. One of the four sites we featured was Dobb's Landing. We talked about all of the partnerships, including TMLIA, that came together to make that purchase and on-going restoration efforts a reality.
- On June 15 we hosted the quarterly meeting for the Red Cedar Basin Assessment for Water Quality Improvement, which is the \$600,000 US Army Corps and DNR grant project that advances our TMDL implementation plan by studying the sociological, economic, geospatial, and limnologic components driving our community capacity to improve water quality. Dr. Bill James presented his research to date, and emphasized that we need to focus on addressing *soluble reactive phosphorus* if we are going to make strides in reducing P. USACE presented their GIS analysis of two watersheds, which show best locations for BMPs. They will be sending the data to us so we can take it further and develop targeted mailing lists and do outreach on the identified areas and practices.
- The LAKES-REU students are here for the summer. Dan hosted them on his farm again this year so they could learn about soil health and rotational grazing. I am really looking forward to seeing their research. They also cleaned up the rain garden at Lakeside Park! Nels let us know that the summary of the research-to-date that Dunn County funded is close to completion. I will share that with TMLIA when I have it and am able to do so.
- On Friday, June 15 we put a new dock in on Lake Menomin at Lake Menomin Park. This dock was purchased with our 2017 conservation aids funds that we receive from DNR annually for small projects such as that. This year's funds are going towards the Wilson Creek trout stream restoration at Highway O near Knapp.
- The County is discussing relocating all offices currently in the Government Center to the Community Services building to save money and consolidate departments and resources. This is on the agenda for the July 25 County Board Meeting, and information can be found [here](#) on the county's Google Docs when available.

## Outreach

### Legislative

The article below was submitted for the legislative report. The warnings given are accurate and need to be published every year in advance of the expected blooms in our watershed.

<https://www.wpr.org/toxic-algae-blooms-concern-wisconsin-lakes-over-july-4-holiday>

Toxic Algae Blooms A Concern On Wisconsin Lakes Over July 4 Holiday

DNR Expert Says Blooms Have Come Early This Year

Tuesday, July 3, 2018, 2:40pm

By Patty Murray

While bacteria-laden blue-green algae blooms are common on Wisconsin's lakes, they're arriving a bit early this year, just in time for the July 4 holiday.

"Normally, we would expect to see blooms starting later in July and persisting through September or October sometimes," said Gina LaLiberte, the state Department of Natural Resources' statewide algae coordinator.

She said that this season's warm weather is responsible for the early blooms, which can induce skin rashes, diarrhea and flu-like symptoms.

"If you have got really warm weather and really calm weather that is going to allow planktonic blue-green algae to rise to the surface of the lakes and form accumulations of scum," she said.

With strong winds, LaLiberte said the blooms can move across a lake's surface sort of like an ice berg, but they tend to stay toward shorelines.

LaLiberte added that some dangers might not be as obvious as others. Some blooms present with large, "lilly pad"-sized outbreaks, and others with a "scum-like" surface on the water.

Several swimming beaches in the Madison area have been closed and reports of algal blooms have been issued on Wisconsin's largest inland lake, Winnebago, for the Independence Day holiday.

LaLiberte said if adults wade into certain waters and cannot see their feet in knee-deep water that means trouble.

"There is enough organic material and possibly blue-green algae in the water where they really want to avoid putting their head under the surface of the water," she said, adding that children and animals are especially susceptible to potential harm. "Those are conditions where you really want to keep little kids and dogs out of the water."

If someone encounters an algae bloom, LaLiberte said they should shower after potential contact. It can cause harm even if a person or pet doesn't become submerged or ingests contaminated water.

"If, in the case of people, they are inhaling water droplets when they are, say, water skiing or tubing across a bloom, those toxins can cause illness," she said.

## K-12 Education

### President/Membership

-155 members, 9 business sponsors

-Gave report on behalf of TMLIA to Joint Sustainable Working Group for June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Shared report with TMLIA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs.

-President and Treasurer coordinated with Let's Go Fishing to welcome this year's LAKES REU students with a pontoon ride. Shared pictures on Facebook and email. Followed up by some student's requests for maps by emailing REU coordinators to forward on to them.

-Met with Dave Williams of the Menomonie Optimists Club to collaborate on hosting Menomin Meander bike ride on August 18<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Sadistic Century bike race. I have been working on designing the flier and marketing campaign.

-Was interviewed by LAKES REU students as TMLIA president about individual land management practices, community engagement, information sources, and opinions on restoration.

-Completed, signed, and submitted Xcel grant acceptance forms.

-Was notified we are once again up for the Hill O' Beans program at the Menomonie Market Co-op. Sent out email to membership and posted on Facebook page.

### Website

Upgrades for our membership website were done in early July to ensure security and functionality. In addition, I have sent multiple emails to our current webhost with no response from him. Without his response, we cannot download our old content to move the new website without moving one piece at a time. I will continue to try other means of reaching out to the operator of the old website to gain the access I need, from there, it should migrate pretty quickly with about two days' worth of work needed.