

AGENDA
Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
Dunn County Fish and Game Clubhouse
1600 Pine Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751
Tuesday, May 8th, 2018: 6 – 7:30 pm

PURPOSE: Hear presentation on local water quality research. Discuss upcoming events and grants.

6:00-6:05 Introductions

6:05-6:10 Negotiate Agenda

6:10-6:15 Approval of Minutes – April 10th 2018

6:15-6:35 Bill James Presentation

6:35-6:45 Q & A

Reports (Submitted ahead of time)

City of Menomonie-Randy Sommerfeld (no report)

Dunn County Board of Supervisors-Mike Kneer

Dunn County Land and Water Conservation-Lindsay Olson/Chris Gaetzke

Outreach-Kate Edenberg (no report)

Legislative-Dick Lamers (no report)

K-12 Education-Amber Georgakopoulos & Sarah Freeman (no report)

President/Membership-Elizabeth Usborne

Website-Mike Tomasek

6:45-6:50 Questions on Reports

6:50-7:00 Treasurer Report-Ben Hartenbower

Business Items

7:00-7:25

Earth Day Updates-Chris & Amber

Xcel Grant

7:25-7:30 Meeting evaluation

Upcoming Activities

June 1st Disabled Fishing Event

June 12th Next Meeting

Reports

Dunn County Board of Supervisors-Mike Kneer

The Planning Resources and Development committee (PRD) cancelled its last meeting in April. There will be another meeting the same morning as our TMLIA meeting. I will report on that Tuesday evening.

In General:

In January the PRD decided on a list of priorities, all taken from the Livestock Operations Study Group recommendations. Since that time, we have struggled to communicate what we want done. I hope to report more progress Tuesday night.

Dunn County Land and Water Conservation-Lindsay Olson/Chris Gaetzke

Continuing to work on water quality trading with City of Menomonie.

The Planning, Resources, & Development Committee developed a water quality work plan that stemmed from the Livestock Operations Study Group recommendations. Dan will be providing some LWCD recommendations of activities to meet the plan goals at the next PR&D Meeting (May 8), and I will be working on details of these in the future as assigned by my supervisor.

Working on coordinating phosphorus sampling in Wilson, Big Beaver, and Vance Creeks, starts this month. I will be sampling two WAV sites starting this month - sites on Broken Creek and Eighteen Mile Creek (no phosphorus samples at these sites).

Still developing the water resources webpage.

Several new CREP contracts to protect sensitive riparian areas in the Red Cedar were signed for April 1 and May 1 start dates.

I developed the job description for the Soil Health Specialist grant-funded position, which will be posted once our budget is amended to include the grant. This project will lead to greater adoption of soil health practices within the Red Cedar Watershed. I'm also working with our initial demo farmer to set up his demo plots for 2018 since the SHS won't be on board before planting season.

Our annual Environmental Field Days for Boyceville, Colfax, and Elk Mound 5th graders are coming up on May 16 and 18. Students will learn about many areas of natural resources, including water quality and ecology. Construction season is starting and I will be overseeing the construction of several projects within the Wilson Creek watershed including two grassed waterways, contour cropping, an animal trail, a stream crossing and fencing of cattle from the stream, and roof runoff structures in a barnyard.

A reminder that June 1 is the annual Sharing our Resources Fishing Event. LWCD staff will be on-hand at this event and TMLIA is also highly involved. In addition, Let's Go Fishing will have its kick-off event later that afternoon and will have the boat available for short excursions with our sponsors. Details will be forthcoming.

Outreach

Cathy Osborne distributed newsletters to:

The Raw Deal

Tabby's Catfé

Bookends on Main

Chamber of Commerce

Menomonie Family Restaurant

The Golden Leaf Café.

President/Membership-Elizabeth Osborne

146 members, 8 business sponsors

Attended Civic Governance meeting and discussed capacity issues

Met with Chris and Ron regarding Civic Governance and roles

Attended St. Croix Summit

Attended Dobbs Landing Work Day and helped pile brush and seed native prairie plants in restoration areas

Attended Sustainability Panel Presentation

Website-Mike Tomasek

We were contacted by a member they were having trouble with the PayPal link. Mike looked into the issue which turned out to be a database error where a permission was changed on the database that didn't allow the change to go through. This doesn't mean we were hacked, just that one of the upgrade scripts changed security and didn't put the old security back to allow the registration to go through. Mike was able to get it working and contacted the member to let them know the issue has been resolved.

Website Stats:

