

Minutes
Round Lake Management Planning
January 26, 2006
Famous Dave's BBQ Restaurant

Present: Kris Tiles, UWEX, Moderator
Tom Aartila, WDNR
Tom Jerow, WDNR
Dan Tyrolt, LCO Conservation
P.J. Schaefer, Osprey Lake Property Owner's Association
Mic Isham, LCO/GLIFWC
Peter David, GLIFWC
Dave Kafura, WDNR
Jack Adroyno, Round Lake Property Owner's Association
Frank Dallam, WDNR
Stan Strainis, Tiger Cat Property Owner's Association
Gary Gedart, Sawyer County Highway Dept.
Dale Olson, Sawyer County LWCD
Shirley J. Riedmann, Sawyer County
Scott Cox, Sawyer County, Weld, Riley, Prens & Ricci
Kris Mayberry, Sawyer County Clerk
Jan Eck, Sawyer County LWCD
Bob Oehlsen, Tiger Cat property owner
Iona Stover, Tiger Cat property owner
Sue & Tom Kintzinger, Round Lake property owners
Al Reinemann, Round Lake property owner

1. Introductions
 - a. Tiles distributed the UW-Extension publication *How's the Water? Planning for Recreational Use on Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers* to attendees. The publication will be used as a reference during the plan development.
2. Review plan options
 - a. The group reviewed the *Chippewa Flowage Management Plan (CFMP)*.
 - b. No other plans were available for review. It was agreed to use the CFMP as a template and make changes as needed for the Round Lake system.
 - c. Tiles distributed and explained outline alternatives for a lake management plan.
3. Develop problem statement and vision statement
 - a. After extensive discussion the following were listed as issues to address in a holistic lake management plan: history and background of natural systems; description of geography (define affected area); development trends and demographics; cultural resources; recreation opportunities; watershed land-use including a reference to the forestry plan; water level and emergency plan; hydrology; fisheries including concerns related to recreation, subsistence, dissolved oxygen, contaminant levels and passage; water quality; littoral zone health; aquatic plant communities; invasive

species including zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil; sensitive areas including wetlands and nesting; impervious surfaces/stormwater; regulations and ordinances that apply to recommended actions; and management options (considering reasonable parameters for the County).

- b. The group considered individual descriptions of the water system that were the basis for the vision statement. These included: lots of fish and habitat; contaminant-free fish; backwater areas; wildlife; environmental attributes; public access; water quality and clarity; public understanding; water level understanding; recreation; navigation between the lakes; shoreline buffers; respect the natural limits; uniqueness of the character of the watershed; collaboration; and management compatibility.
 - c. From the discussions the following vision statement was developed: “To protect and enhance the ecological and cultural characteristics of the (Round Lake) chain-of-lakes through sustainable management.”
4. How to address issues
- a. Discussion on how the CFMP utilized various partners with expertise to contribute pertinent information. There was also a DNR and public review process for input and comments. This plan will utilize a similar process with small groups assigned tasks/assignments. In addition, there is a substantial amount of information available from reports, etc. that will be compiled into the management plan.
 - b. Consensus that the water level topic will be addressed at the large group level and not in a smaller work group. There was discussion regarding what information is available, and copyright issues for some engineering documentation.
 - c. Smaller work group assignments and tasks will be established at the next meeting.
 - d. Sawyer County Land & Water Conservation personnel will facilitate the collection of information, produce the lake management plan document based on the CFMP template and, if necessary, develop a grant proposal to implement the plan. Riedmann noted that the cooperation and commitment of individual members to meet deadlines is vital the success of the project.
5. Funding
- a. The potential of a lake management planning grant was discussed. The grant deadlines are February 1 and August 1. A grant to compile information may not be necessary if the information is already available in other documents. If necessary, a grant could be written for the August 1 deadline.
 - b. As the discussions continue, other needs may be identified and other funding may be needed to accomplish tasks.
6. Future meeting logistics
- a. Note takers – Jan Eck, Sawyer County Land & Water Conservation will be the primary note taker and compile minutes
 - b. Meeting locations – A central location in the Hayward area will be sought
 - c. Next meeting – Thursday, March 9, 9 am – Noon, place to be determined

- d. Homework – read chapters 4 and 5 in *How's the Water?*; gather any relevant data; **forward historical information to Jan Eck before March 1st** (e-mail to: lwsec@sawycountygov.org or P.O. Box 89, Hayward, WI 54843)
7. Review of water level documents brought to meeting
- a. Dallam distributed a list of hydrologic studies including engineering reports provided to the DNR by Barr Engineering which are copyrighted.
 - b. Discussion regarding benchmarks, quality of data source, water level data and the necessity of understanding measurements and datums. Jerow indicated DNR staff would provide information on topic at next meeting.