

AGENDA
Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
Dunn County Fish and Game Clubhouse
1600 Pine Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751
Tuesday, September 10th, 2019: 6 – 7:30 pm

Identity Statement: TMLIA is a civic non-profit that reaches goals toward water quality awareness and improvement efforts by using Civic Governance to educate and organize the civic infrastructure needed to govern for the common good.

Mission Statement: Increase awareness of water quality issues, advocate resource protection, and celebrate our rivers and lakes through community engagement and diverse partnerships.

Purpose for Civic Organizing Approach: Every member develops ownership in the organization in order to maintain the capacity to address complex public issues, making TMLIA a viable and resilient organization for the long term.

Purpose of this meeting: **Finalize plans for October's annual meeting, begin developing 2020 work plan strategy, present draft 2020 budget for review.**

6:00-6:05 Introductions

6:05-6:10 Negotiate Agenda, approve August 13th outcomes

6:10-7:00 Business Items

Annual Meeting Plans

2020 Work Plan Development

2020 Budget Proposal

7:00-7:10 Treasurer Report

7:10-7:25 Questions on Reports (in order to use our meeting time more efficiently, individual reports were agreed to be submitted prior to meeting)

7:25-7:30 Meeting evaluation

Rating based on criteria:

- Purpose of the meeting was achieved
- Progress made towards achieving our goals
- Members came prepared
- Timeliness
- What is/not working

Upcoming Activities

Sep 7th Chippewa Valley Farm City Day, Denmark Dairy in Colfax

Sep 18th Civic Governance Workshop

Sep 19th Midwest Active Citizenship Initiative (MACI) Meeting

Oct 2nd Red Cedar Water Quality Partnership Meeting

Oct 4th Liz, Dick, & Rod presenting at 2019 Upper Midwest Planning Conference, Eau Claire

Oct 8th ANNUAL Meeting

REPORTS

City of Menomonie-Randy Sommerfeld

City Council summary of meeting Sept 3, 2019.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Randy Knack at 7:00pm. Council reviewed minutes from previous meeting and approved.

Special Recognitions – Melissa Kneeland, Executive Director Dunn County Historical Society

No old business

6. New Business

A. Proposed Title 5 ordinances prohibiting graffiti and requiring its removal by the building's owner, motion made to approve, ordinance adopted.

B. Proposed Title 3 ordinance requiring fire extinguish and smoke detector requirements for homeless shelters. Motion made to approve, ordinance adopted.

C. Rezoning request from S&H Investment to change residential from R-2 Limited Multiple to R-3, Multiple Family. Motion made and approved referral to the planning commission.

E. Motion made and approved to contract with TAPCO for \$20,560 to purchase 2 sets of Rapid Flashing signals on Crescent and Main Street at pedestrian crossings.

Licenses. City Council discussed possible granting of Class B beer and Class B Liquor License and proposed a hotel exception license for beer and cider sales. Council voted to take no action at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

Dunn County Board of Supervisors-Mike Kneer

- County Board

The Community Services Building remodeling project is continuing with the goal of starting to move County offices in October.

No August County Board meeting was held.

- Planning Resources and Development Committee (PRD) 8/13 and 8/27 and 9/10

The PRD discussed the 2020 legislative agenda items briefly. Nothing was approved.

The ENS (Conservation, Zoning/planning, Surveying, Register of Deeds) budgets (with the exception of solid waste budget) were approved and sent to the executive committee.

There will be cuts.

We approved a land conservation department grant application for a producer led watershed group.

Kassandra, the Dunn County intern, gave a great report. Thanks, TMLIA for helping make this happen.

Dan Prestebak, KT Gallagher, and myself testified at the Speaker's task force hearing in Menomonie.

- Ad Hoc Ground Water Committee

This committee presented its report to the PRD on 8/27. It will be sent to the Health and Human Services standing committee in September, and then to the County Board, both for information purposes. It is expected that the Board Chair will send the report back to the standing committees for consideration and possible actions. The report was available to the public following the PRD meeting.

The Ad Hoc committee was made up of community members, Dunn County Health Department staff, ENS staff, and two county board members; myself and Tom Quinn from the Health and Human Services committee. It was set up to recommend policies and implementation plans for issues of ground water contamination.

- Neighbors County Committee

Ongoing-The "Neighbors of Dunn County" committee will soon decide whether to continue the demonstration farm currently using the land around /near the Neighbors. It is currently rented by CVTC and used by multiple organizations/schools for education and research.

The frontage road in front of the Neighbors should be completed this year.

- City and Town cooperation

Ongoing--Representatives from the City of Menomonie, the Town of Menomonie, and the Town of Red Cedar met on 8/29/19 and discussed plans for future expansion of the City and the Towns. One of the things discussed in this meeting was in what situations City water/sewer may be provided in the future. Proper planning, or conversely NO planning, will have an impact on our water resources.
The Towns of Red Cedar and Menomonie surround the city.

Dunn County Land and Water Conservation-*Jessica Schoen*

Treasurer-*Ben Hartenbower* (only activities listed, detailed financial report presented during meeting)

Social Media-*TBD*

Before leaving, Tom shared Photo Friday pictures for calendar consideration with Liz along with the newsletter template he developed.

Kate Edenberg was meeting with this semester's potential new intern on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

Legislative-*Dick Lamers*

Dick gave a presentation to the Water Quality Task Force on Sept. 4th along with Rod Olson, co-chair of the Red Cedar Watershed Conference planning committee, Wisconsin Lakes, and UW-Extension Lakes Program.

K-12 Education-*Amber Georgakopoulos*

Amber met with Liz on August 27th to go over the survey project she's been working on and also met with the Lake Leaders group when they were in town for the Water Quality Task Force hearing.

President/Membership-*Liz Usborne*

- 136 members, 9 business sponsors for 2019.
- Attended August 21st Civic Governance Meeting and gave updates on TMLIA progress and challenges.
- Promoted Menomin Meander on Hello Wisconsin, assisted during event along with Ben, Cathy, and Dick, posted follow up to social media and through email.
- Met with City of Menomonie on August 22nd to discuss pet waste station and stormwater pond sign projects.
- Attended Dunn County Alliance of Conservation and Sporting Clubs meeting with Ben on August 20th.
- Gave testimony at Sept. 4th Water Quality Task Force public hearing. Shared info among membership.
- Reached out to manufacturer (JigE Signs) to get quote on TMLIA logo for city's local clubs welcome sign. Waiting to hear back.
- Investigating next year's member merchandise.

Website-*Mike Tomasek*

Red Cedar Watershed Conference-*Cathy Usborne*

The Red Cedar Watershed Conference resumes meeting on Monday, September 9th, after a summer hiatus.

I am framing the print for the annual meeting presentation.

Working on the catering for the annual meeting.

Committing to volunteer as the TMLIA representative to the RCWC committee and volunteer at various events TMLIA is involved in/hosting for 2020 work plan.

Civic Governance-*Chris Gaetzke*

This past month has been a time of discovery of how the Civic Governance process (CG) is butting heads with many organizations. There have been many months of learning and trying the process out in three, local non-profit organizations. Tacit agreement has been established in accepting the policy agenda and governing documents as policy for the three organizations. Work plans were then modeled and developed for each organization and key individuals. Follow up was done with most folks to find that in the real world we work in many different expectations that are hard to

line up the commitments and time availability of dedicated volunteers. So there has been some holding and declining forward efforts with using this process that can take us to new levels of living our our mission statement commitments.

Civic Governance calls out the need for a new governance that is based upon citizens to be key stakeholders in our society and organizations to organize others they come in contact with. This takes a significant amount of time and diligence that only a small percentage of citizens are willing to commit to. Those individuals will then have to agree with the standards and disciplines to reach the organizational and individual goals of each organization to have positive impact on our society. Even though the CG standards and principles are tried and very agreeable, the acting in alignment with them rarely occurs. So we need to look forward with an open mindset and continue with our three organizational pilot projects to find out what the potential can be when we strive to be community organizers that build up stronger partnerships that lighten the load we all try to carry in the severely broken and divided communities we live in.

So, if this resonates with you, I would like to talk to you more about this to learn more on how you can be a part of this effort to move forward. Keep the course and the outcomes will come to fruition soon! Those results have come true in the private company Kowalski's Markets in MN because they have been staying the course for more than 18 years. What the next generations will have to work with and our own organizational sustainability is up to us. Hope to hear from some of you soon!

As for the budget and goals for 2020, I agree with them. They are well written and easy to follow. I will contribute as much as I can to help TMLIA continue to strive to build unity around our water to solve the issues we have been dealt with.