

Agenda/ Meeting Minutes

Date: 26Jan2023

Topic: Lake Wisconsin Alliance Monthly Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

Forrest, Deanna	X	Kidd, Sarah	X	Zumm, Rob	X
Gleason, Mike	X	Murray, Andrea	X		
Herbert, Brandon	NP	Neander, Steve	X		
Hunt, Bob	X	Plumer, Jon	X		
Kell, David	X	Zumm, Jenny	X		

Agenda/Meeting Discussion:

1&2. Meeting Administration

- David called the meeting to order.
- The meeting minutes of 06Dec2022 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Financial Report

- David reviewed the treasurer's report that Brandon had provided.
- Note, Mike Gleason should be reimbursed for a payment made to GoDaddy for domain protection. Request for Brandon to issue that reimbursement.

4. Communications

- Mike followed up with Clayton on additional items to put on the website. These were completed.
- See additional discussions on LWA website review (#9)

5. Membership

- Andrea gave an update.
 - i. 465 members. 19 have renewed for 2023
 - ii. There are currently 25 business memberships. Approximately 20 businesses did not renew in 2023. Andrea can provide the list of non-renewing businesses.
 - iii. David drafted a membership renewal letter for 2023. The letter was reviewed and there were no comments.
 - iv. Discussion on Paypal auto-renewals. About 25% of the memberships are Paypay renewals. Some people who use Paypal often pay twice. Membership renewal using Paypal automatically commits a person to an annual renewal. Some members are not realizing that Paypal has auto-renewed and if they respond to the membership communications they often issue a second payment.

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6. Education

- Jenny gave an update on webinars from the Wisconsin Lakes Assoc she has recently attended. She will submit an overview of the classes she attended. She will also explore inviting speakers from some of the webinars of interest to an LWA meeting.
- Jenny will attend the annual Wisconsin Lakes Association meeting in April.
- Rob provided an overview of a recently published book, *Ripple Effect* by Ted Rulseh.
- **Post Meeting Note:** Rob sent a summary of the book by email. This is copied from that email.
- **Summary:** Ideal book for Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) Board members with goal of maintaining/improving our Lake Wisconsin/Wisconsin River watershed, and shoreline properties. The author focuses on Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan lakes, lake associations, and relationships with public or private entities such as DNR, etc. Chapters are dedicated to a wide variety of subject matter, including suggestions to prevent spread of invasive species (e.g., curly leaf pondweed, zebra mussels); shoreline protection, including minimizing phosphorous nitrate run-off from agricultural operations or residential lawns; increasing heavy boat traffic, with an entire chapter on the topic of wake boats and high-powered boats' damage to lake bottoms and therefore degrading of overall water quality. There's even a chapter on how lake associations should be handling impact on our lakefront property values due to recent proliferation of VRBO-type organizations. All in all, a great read for anyone concerned with learning more about the key issues facing Wisconsin lake protection associations, and suggested solutions to resolving some of these challenges on our local waterways.
- A motion was made to purchase copy of this book for each of the board members. The motion was approved. If we order through the Alliance we would not be taxed. Jenny and Rob will follow up with Brandon.

New Business

7. Election of a new LWA Board Vice President
 - Mike Gleason was nominated as Vice President. The board unanimously agreed with this nomination! *Congratulations, Mike!*
8. Paypal and Facebook Administrators
 - Need to designate a new administrator for each.
 - Committee agreed that Paypal should be managed by the Treasurer.
 - Committee agreed that Facebook will be managed by Education.
9. Review of the LWA Website
 - Committee reviewed the potential edits for the website. See attachment to these meeting minutes for details on recommended edits.

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- Mike will work with Clayton to make these edits.

Old Business

10. Ice Fishing Tournament– February 11, 2023

- Jon has collected more donations from local businesses. *Thanks, Jon!* He will deliver these to Brandon.
- Following are those who agreed to volunteer:
 - Brandon
 - Sarah & Brian Kidd
 - David
 - Mike (TBD)
 - Steve (TBD)

11. Eskimo Open – February 18, 2023

- Key chains will be given as prizes for the Fish Cornhole
- Following are those who agreed to volunteer:
 - David
 - Sarah & Brian Kidd
 - Mike (TBD)

12. Update: Buoy & Buoy Lights – Brandon provided an update

- Partnering with the Grade Boat Club for another buoy and buoy lights grant.
- Application submitted to DNR, see below. I believe it to be a complete application. Applications are due Feb 1. and awarded in early April.
- Buoys have been ordered and I paid for them already. I purchased 20 lights already as well, they have been received. Once awarded the grant, I'll apply for reimbursement from DNR shortly after. Grade Boat Club is sending us a check for 1/2 of the cost of the buoys and lights purchased so far.
- Kyle from GBC still needs to purchase the buoy equipment like anchors, chains, etc.

13. **Action Item:** Draft a proposal for support of the Wildcat Tipperary group's proposal regarding lakefront dredging.

- Completed. (Note: This was not a grant application by LWA. This is a support of a grant application made by the Wildcat Tipperary Group. They are applying for a grant to evaluate if sandbar that has formed near their lakefront could be dredged out.)

14. **Action Item:** Follow-up with contacts at Alliant Energy and/or Town of Merrimac for tree trimming and fish sticks_Mike Gleason

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- Have identified the locations for fish stick placement, if agreed upon by DNR. The town of Merrimac would support.
- We did not get the grant, as grant was focused on shoreline replacement.

14. Conserve Sauk County Film Festival

- a. At the December meeting the committee voted to donate \$250
- b. and find old LWA calendar pictures for poster. - 10 minutes Mike to follow-up with Brandon to send donation.

15. Miscellaneous

- a. DOD Badger Ammunitions will not be doing anything in the lake in 2023. Mike provided a copy of the article from Star News. See attached.
- b. PFAS- David asked for a volunteer to follow this topic, as it is an important topic for LWA.
- c. I-39 Bridge Project: Jon suggested this might be a topic for the annual meeting. This will be added to the next meeting agenda item.
- d. Annual meeting will be August 26, 2023.

Miscellaneous:

- ❖ Next meeting: February 23, 2023

Action Items

No	Item	Responsible	Date Due
1.	Reimburse Mike Gleason for GoDaddy payment	Brandon	23Feb2023
2.	Provide list of webinars	Jenny	23Feb2023
3.	Explore inviting speakers from some WI Lakes Assoc webinars to speak at LWA	Jenny & Rob	Update on 23Feb2023
4.	Order book for LWA Board <i>Ripple Effect</i> by Ted Rulseh	Jenny & Rob	23Feb2023
5.	Transfer Paypal management to Brandon		
6.	Transfer Facebook management to Jenny & Rob		
7.	Work with Clayton Hedgepath on the recommended edits to the LWA website	Mike	Update on 23Feb2023

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8.	Send donation for the Conserve Sauk County Film Festival	Brandon	23Feb2023
9.	Buoy and buoy lights grant	Brandon	Continue to follow
10.	Fish stick placement	Mike	Continue to follow

**Lake Wisconsin Alliance
Treasurer's Report**

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 26, 2023**

Hometown Bank Checking Account

Balance as of 1/25/23 - **\$40,513.34**

Activity - December 7, 2022 - January 25, 2023

Deposits

\$319.77 - 1/13 - PayPal

\$18.81 - 1/23 - PayPal

Withdrawals

\$1,455.65 - 1/10 - Reimbursement to Brandon

 \$179.24 - 20 Buoy Lights (Part of Grant)

 \$1,567.91 - Ice Fishing Tourney Prizes

 (\$291.50) Credit - Barefoot Bay Venmo Directly to me.

\$66.00 - 1/12 - PO Box Renewal Reimbursement to Brandon

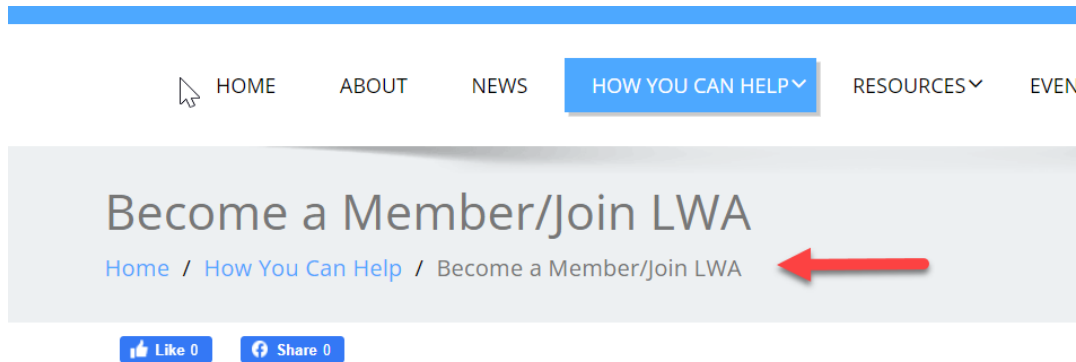
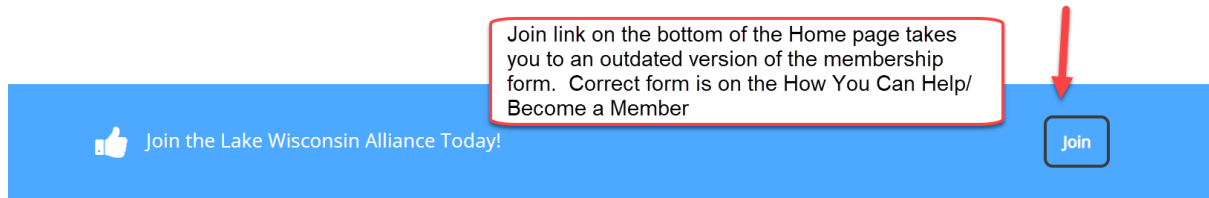
\$9,576.00 - Walsh Marine Products, Inc. - 72 Buoys, Various Types

Net Change 12/7/22 - 1/25/23 = (\$10,759.07)

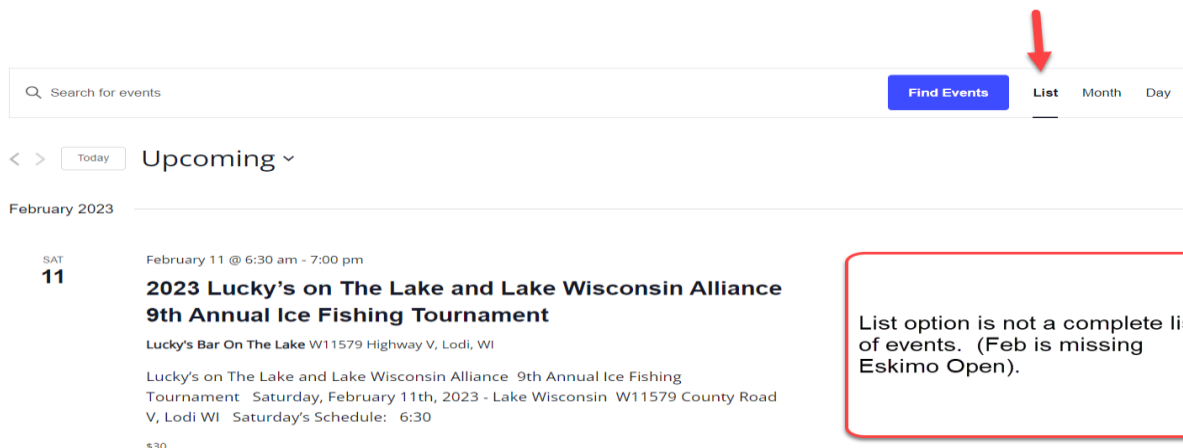
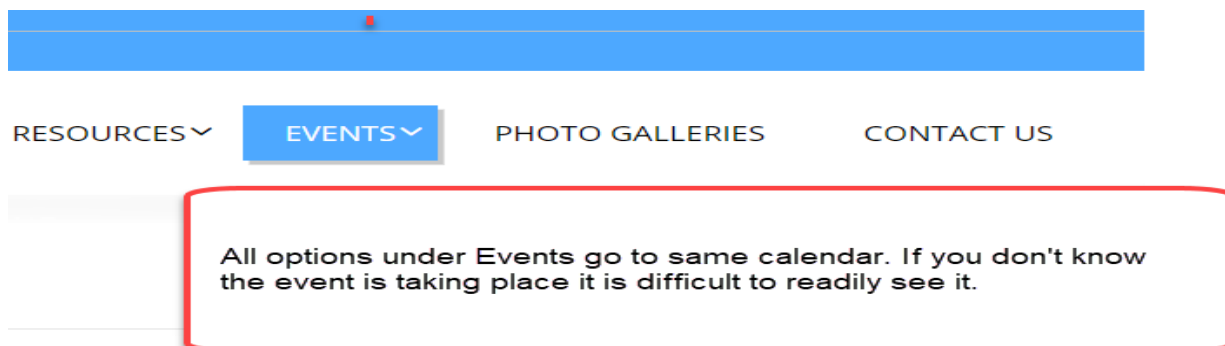
Notes:

- PO Box has been renewed for 1 year - \$66. Apparently, that's a low price due to rural PO location.
- DNR Rec. Boating Facilities Grant has been applied for. Won't find out officially if awarded until after April 1. Correspondence with DNR makes award very likely.
 - o DNR will immediately reimburse 50% for items already purchased once grant is awarded.
 - o Lights and buoys purchased now so they can be utilized in spring 2023. If we waited until after the award April 1, it would be too late to order and install in the lake this year.
 - o Have not purchased chains, anchors, etc. that were also submitted as part of the grant.
 - o Checks for 1/2 of cost of buoys and lights from Grade Boat Club should be in our PO box. I haven't been able to make it there to pick them up yet. We will reimburse GBC for 1/4 of grant application amount once DNR pays LWA. LWA and GBC are splitting the cost of up front purchases.
- Barefoot Bay Q3 and Q4 25% Reimbursement was paid. \$291.50 total.

1. Join link



2. Events



3. Home/ About/ Lake Wisconsin Board of Directors

Updates need throughout. Remove Kirk Boehm. Add bio for Steve Neander

4. Home/ How Can Help?/ Secchi Disk Monitoring

Information presented needs to be updated

5. Home/ How Can Help?/ Volunteer Opportunities/ Volunteer Interest Form

__ Other areas:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? **Contact: Ross Ament (rossament@gmail.com)**

For Detailed descriptions of opportunities go to LWA website:

<http://lakewisconsinalliance.org/how-you-can-help/>

Thank You!

Please print and submit to: Ross Ament: rossament@gmail.com

or mail to:

Ross Ament

W10724 Becker Rd.

Poynette, WI 53955

 print

Update
contact to
Andrea.

6. Home/ How Can Help?/ Volunteer Opportunities/ Volunteer Interest Form

Education Committee

The LWA education committee is focused on educating LWA members and the general public about Lake Wisconsin a lake. The LWA education committee encourages LWA members and the general public to take steps in making Lake W and recreate on.

The LWA education committee has the following responsibilities:

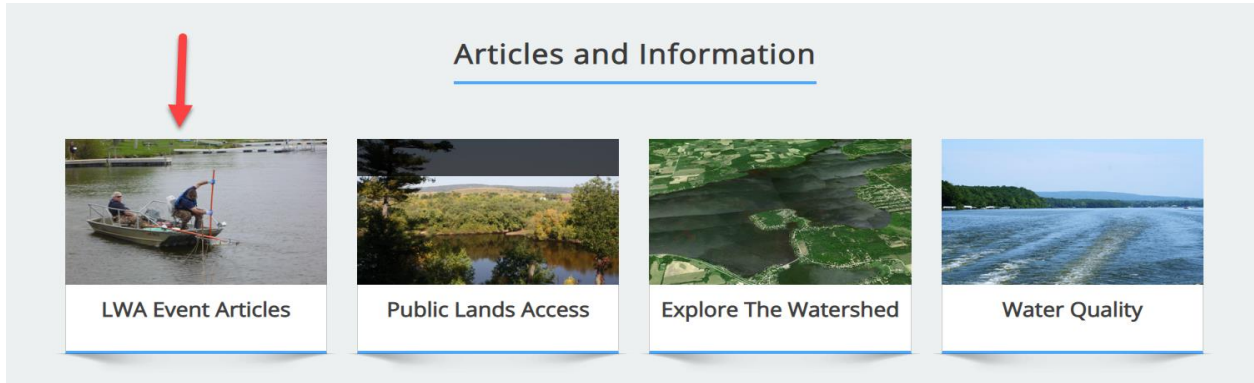
- Provide outreach and education resources through the LWA website
- Organize bi-monthly education seminars on various topics

The **Technical Advisory Team (TAT)** comprised of public and private partners, provides guidance to the LWA Education outreach and education LWA should provide.

Communication Committee

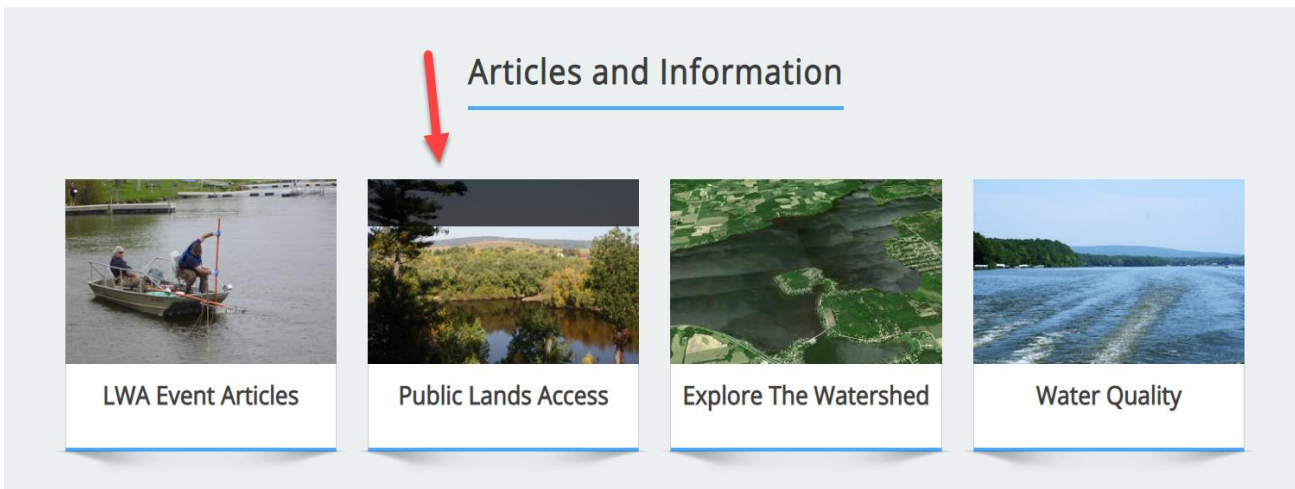
Who/What is TAT?
Information should
be updated.

7. Home – Scroll to Articles and Information



Link takes you to the same Event calendar as described in #2. There are no articles.

8. Home – Scroll to Public Lands Access



Public Lands and Access Information

[Navigation Guide to Lake Wisconsin \(PDF file\)](#)

[View a Google Map with Access Areas on Lake Wisconsin](#)

Wisconsin River TMDL

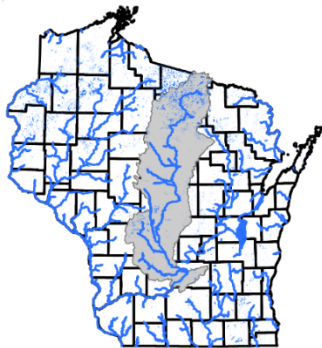


Image Source: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TMDLs/documents/WisconsinRiver/WRB_Basemap_8.5_11.pdf

[Wisconsin River TMDL Home page](#)


Check links throughout.


The DNR, together with many partners throughout the Wisconsin River, its reservoirs and tributaries implementation plan will provide a strategic framework for improvement in the Wisconsin River Basin.

The Wisconsin River TMDL study area spans Wisconsin County to Lake Wisconsin in Columbia and Sauk County, covering approximately 15 percent of the state.


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9. Home – Scroll to Explore the Watershed

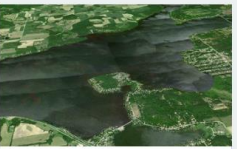
Articles and Information 




LWA Event Articles



Public Lands Access



Explore The Watershed



Water Quality

General Information Map


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10. Photo Gallery



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Category Archives: Photo Gallery

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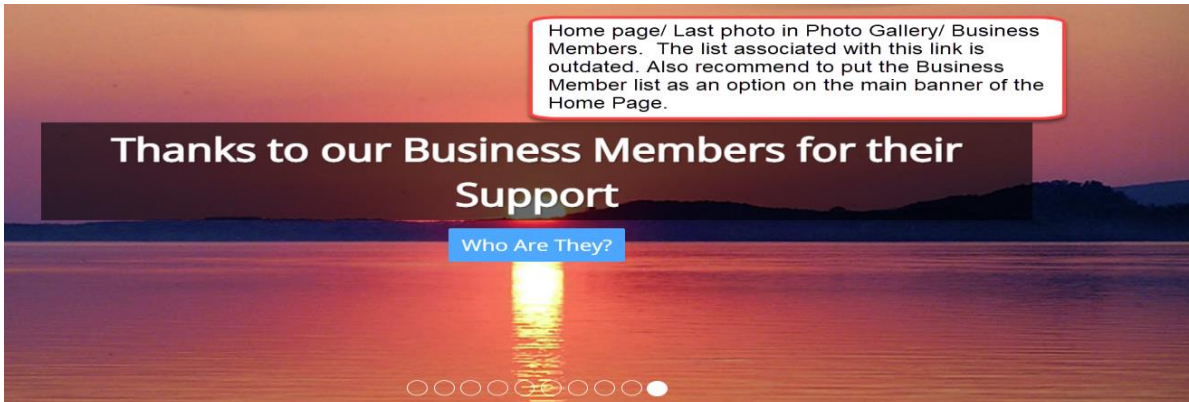
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Aug 21

The Prairie du Sac Dam that created Lake Wisconsin

Category: Photo Gallery

Lots of outdated postings. Are dates required on the postings?

11. Home page/ scrolling photos/ Business Partner



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12. & 13. Contact Us

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Get involved with the conservation and improvement of our Lake Wisconsin watershed

Name*

Email*

Message

Call Us (608) 635-8851 ?

Email Lake Wisconsin Alliance info@lakewisconsinalliance.org ?

Recommend removing phone number. Replace with text option?

Is this an active email address? No one has access.

14. Resources

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Meeting Minutes

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Lake Wisconsin Alliance holds monthly board meetings. Meetings typically occur on the first Tuesday of each month. Board meeting minutes are posted on this page. The public is welcome to view these minutes.

LWA Minutes 1-22-2015

LWA Minutes 2-26-2015

LWA Minutes 3-26-2015

LWA Minutes 4-30-2015

LWA Minutes 5-28-2015

LWA Minutes 6-26-2015

Outdated meeting minutes. Recommend keeping only past year visible. Older minutes could be posted to an Archive folder. Also sort so that the latest date is always at the top.

15. & 16. Add links to Home page banner: Business Partners, Merchandise, Accomplishments

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Add Business Partners

Add Merchandise link

Add Accomplishments link (or other title)

“Accomplishments” section would be a new section focusing on what LWA has accomplished in service to the Lake Wisconsin community and what LWA is working to achieve.

17. Home page/ scrolling photos/ Education Opportunities

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Link takes you to old information from 2018

Education Opportunities

LWA Upcoming Education Seminars

Current Information

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As the Army's progress on Badger cleanup inches along, citizen advisory group takes action

by **JOE BLOCK**
Editor

The Badger Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met on Thursday, January 19, at River Arts, and Army officials updated the public on the progress of the cleanup of Badger Army Ammunition Plant. The shuttered plant, once the largest of its kind in the country, is leaking toxic chemicals into groundwater to the south and east and into the Wisconsin River and Lake Wisconsin, in particular Gruber's Grove Bay. The remediation process has gone on for years and has included an unsuccessful dredging of the aforementioned bay. Most re-

cently—last year—the Army essentially stopped the planning process up to that point and reset the whole process. As more and more residential wells surrounding Badger need to be replaced due to the presence of contaminants, and as the process to just get to cleanup has dragged on an on, residents are getting increasingly anxious and angry.

In order to monitor the toxic chemicals—which have split into four “plumes” trending away from the plant’s boundaries—the Army has installed monitoring wells at various depths. At the same time and using that data, the United States Geological Survey has

been modeling the groundwater flow to better understand where the plumes will go.

At Thursday’s meeting, RAB members heard about updates to the current monitoring wells. Army officials have proposed eight new monitoring wells, and expect those to be operational this year.

As for Gruber’s Grove Bay progress, nothing will be done on the Bay proper in terms of cleanup this year. The Army has awarded a contract to a company to continue to examine the issue.

Laura Olah, Executive Director of Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger and RAB member, introduced a resolution for

the advisory board. The resolution concerns the need for more testing at the settling ponds. In August of 2020, a prescribed burn by the DNR went awry and resulted in an underground fire and plumes of clouds of orange smoke. The area is known to contain all types of DNT and the resolution urges immediate testing. (See resolution below).

RESOLUTION by Badger Restoration Advisory Board Members

Calling on WDNR to Expand Environmental Testing Requirements for Explosives and other Contaminants at the Former Badger Army Ammunition Plant

(2,4-DNT and 2,6-DNT) at concentrations as high as 87 mg/kg, exceeding the soil cleanup goal of only 11.4 mg/kg. According to the USEPA, DNT is “considered toxic to most organisms, and chronic exposure may result in organ damage.”

Even more concerning, the total concentration of DNT in soil may actually be higher than the Army reports. The WDNR has still not required the Army to test contaminated soils for the additional four forms of DNT (2,3-DNT, 2,5-DNT, 3,4-DNT and 3,5-DNT) present at Badger.

All six forms of DNT have been found in groundwater at levels exceeding Wisconsin’s Groundwater Enforcement Standards of 0.05 µg/l standard

January 26, 2023

BACKGROUND:

A routine prescribed burn of vegetation by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) ignited an underground fire that burned from August 26-28, 2020. Despite millions spent on cleanup, residual soil contamination at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant still poses a risk to human health and the environment.

The underground fire happened on land that is now owned by the State of Wisconsin and includes a series of interconnected settling ponds that received industrial and sanitary

wastewater during the plant’s active production years.

Between 2009 and 2012, the Army removed approximately 71,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the Settling Ponds. The fire occurred within the 5.4-acre Settling Pond #2.

One month after the fire, the WDNR issued a letter to the Army requesting a response action to include additional soil testing, describing the incident as producing “multi-colored smoke and high intensity flames.”

Soil sampling in June 2021 detected two forms of DNT — SEE BADGER, PAGE 3

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plant boundary recently detected elevated levels of PFAS. These “forever chemicals” are a concern because they do not break down in the environment, can move through soils and contaminate drinking water sources, and build up (bioaccumulate) in fish and wildlife.

RESOLUTION offered for individual RAB member support:

As a member of the Badger Restoration Advisory Board, I urge the Wisconsin DNR to order expanded soil and sediment testing for ALL six (6) forms of the explosive DNT at and near the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant, and to identify and enforce protec-

and suspected contaminants including PFAS, mercury and asbestos.

References:

- <https://cswab.org/badger-soil-cleanup-may-not-be-protective/>
- <http://cswab.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Settling-Ponds-deFur-CSWAB-Comments-AFS-January-20131.pdf>
- <https://cswab.org/army-finds-contamination-at-site-of-underground-fire/>
- <https://cswab.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Map-of-Settling-Pond-2-Site-Inspection-Report-Underground-Fire-Feb-2022.pdf>

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