Chair Troy Larson called the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association Board Meeting to order at 7:00 AM on May 16, 2019 at the Monona Terrace in Madison, WI.

Board Members Present:
- Troy Larson, Chair
- Rachel Lee, Vice Chair
- Jon Butt, Treasurer
- Samantha Austin, Secretary
- Dan Zitomer, Trustee

Other members present:
- Rusty Schroedel
- Sam Warp, Jr.
- Tom Mulcahy
- Jim Fischer
- Eric Lynne
- Tom Dickson
- Chris Lefebvre
- Joanie Hawley
- Josh Gable
- Alan Grooms
- Autumn Fisher
- Mark Van Weelden
- Jay Kemp
- Matt Allen
- Jim Kleinschmidt
- Lindsey Busch
- Matt Seib
- Emily Maher
- Jim Fisher
- Julie McMullin
- Jane Carlson
- Dan Schaefer
- Brandon Koltz
- Jen Hurlebaus
- Chris Tippery
- Keith Haas
- Dave Arnott
- Ryan Holzem
- Raj Bhattarai

1. **Introduction of Those Present** – Larson
   All attendees introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of Minutes of February 2019 Board Meeting** – Austin
   Motion to Approve as presented: Schroedel, Second: Lee, motion passed.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Butt
Jon Butt presented the Treasurer’s report, which showed a balance in the Section’s accounts of $39,996.92 as of 05/16/2019. Of this amount, $27,622.87 was in the checking account and $12,374.05 was in the savings account.

Motion to approve as written: Warp, Second: Hawley, motion passed.

4. **Trusted’s Report** – Zitomer
Dan Zitomer provided a verbal report regarding:
-The need for more diversity and inclusion within WEF.
-The student design competition is growing to other states (IA, ND, SD, and IN) and CSWEA should allow them to compete.
-Now the IL operators need CEUs, CSWEA should try to include operator trainings.

5. **WWOA Liaison’s Report** – Cramer
WWOA Liaison Jeremy Cramer provided a written report, see attached packet.

6. **Committee & Representatives Reports** – Larson
   a. **Collection System** – Post
      Committee Chair Amy Post submitted a written report, see attached packet.
   b. **Government Affairs** – Boersma
      Committee Chair Paul Boersma submitted a written report, see attached packet
   c. **Government Affairs Seminar** – Carlson
      Committee Chair Jane Carlson submitted a written report, see attached packet
   d. **Industrial Waste** – Butt
      A written report was not provided. Committee Chair Jon Butt led a brief discussion.
   e. **Membership** – Fisher
      Committee Chair Autumn Fisher submitted a written report, see attached packet.
   f. **Operations** – Cramer
      Committee Chair Jeremy Cramer submitted a written report, see attached packet.
   g. **Management Seminar** – Haack
      A written report was not provided.
   h. **Public Education/Awareness** – Yoshida
      Committee Chair Hiroko Yoshida submitted a written report, see attached packet
   i. **Watershed and Stormwater** – Mittag
      Committee Chair Mark Mittag submitted a written report, see attached packet.
   j. **Young Professionals and Students Committees** – Van Weelden
A written report was not provided. Committee Chair Mark Van Weelden indicated the date of the Brewer Game outing will be August 13, 2019.

k. Spring Biosolids Symposium – Marten
   A written report was not provided.

7. **Old Business** – Larson
   a. none

8. **New Business** – Larson
   a. Updated committee information: Request that any committees that are having transitions provide updated committee chair information to Chair and Secretary
   b. Discussion of date/time for August Board Meeting: The date and time of the August Board Meeting will be Mon August 26, 2019.
   c. It was brought to the committee’s attention that members would like to provide an award similar to LIFT or R2E and to provide more visibility for resource recovery efforts.
   d. Tom Mulcahy suggested that CSWEA sponsor a bus to drive WI Section operators down to WEFTEC in Chicago for a day this fall.

9. **Passing of the Gavel** – Larson
   Chair Troy Larson handed the gavel to incoming chair Rachel Lee.

   Upon receiving the gavel, Rachel presented former chair Troy Larson with a plaque as a token of appreciation for his service.

10. **WI Section Service Award** – Kemp
    Jay Kemp presented this year’s WI Section Service Award to Jim Kleinschmidt.

11. **Upcoming Events** – Lee
    c. Operations Seminar-Phosphorus/Nutrients – Oshkosh, WI – Nov 14, 2019
    d. Midwest Student Design Competition – Madison, WI – April 6, 2020
    e. 25th Annual Education Seminar – Madison, WI – April 7, 2020

12. **Adjourn** – Lee
    There being no further new business
    Motion to approve/adjourn: Grooms, Second: Carlson
    Motion passed.
    Meeting adjourned at 8:26 AM

Respectfully submitted:
Samantha Austin
Secretary
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA
Recent WWOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING’s: WWOA Board of Directors meetings were held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on April 4th and 5th.

Upcoming WWOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGs: WWOA Board of Directors meetings will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on August 6th and 7th.

2019 WWOA Annual Conference: The 53rd Annual Conference will be held October 8th through October 11, 2019 at the KI Center/Hyatt on Main, in Green Bay, WI.

2019 WWOA Active Members: 1550

Executive Secretary Update: There was a decision made to hire a firm to take on the responsibilities and duties that were previously done by the past Executive Secretary. The firm selected was AEG. Caley Mutrie will be the Association Manager. Her contact info is as follows:

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From: Amy Post – WI Collection System Committee Chair  
Mark Kolczaski – WI Collection System Vice-Chair  
Subject: WI Collection System Committee Report

2019 Committee Goals

• Classic and Northwoods Collection System 1-day Seminars offering 6 operator continuing education credits (and an estimated 4 PE PDHs) – same as last year
  o 2 in-person planning meetings (January & March) & 1 phone conference (May)
  o Raise money for CSWEA/WWOA for scholarships
• Selection of 2020 WI Collection System Award winner

Seminar Planning Updates

• Final Seminar Morning Topics
  o Up Newton Creek, Superior SSO Case Study
  o Specifying for Quality Precast Concrete
  o Force Main Mapping and Assessment w/ Smart Ball
  o Trench Box Safety & Competent Person
  o Nassco Update (Classic Only)
  o Spray-in-Place Pipe Rehab (Northwoods Only)
  o WDNR Update
  o GIS for CMOM
  o In-house Remediation of I&I (Classic Only)
  o Use and Management of MMSD Deep Tunnels (Northwoods Only)
• Both 2019 seminars have been accepted by WDNR for 6 wastewater and general septage operator continuing education credits
• Classic: Turner Hall & Riverside Park, Watertown, WI – June 6, 2019
  o 10 vendor food sponsorships solicited and filled – made default option for registration and filled quickly
  o 34 vendors registered (all indoor spaces filled)
  o 4 vendors selected for afternoon talks
  o Attendee registration in progress
• Northwoods: Eagles Club, Marshfield, WI – July 25, 2019
  o Vendor registration in progress
CSWEA WI Collection System Award

- 2019 nominee is Mark Kivela of Marshfield. He has been notified by CSWEA.
- Collecting applications from those nominated for and interested in 2020 CSWEA WI Collection System Award.

Committee Membership

- The following new member was reviewed and voted on by the committee at the March planning meeting: Jen Hurlebaus (City of Madison). Will join in 2020.
- Current Members (15 total): Amy Post (Symbiont), Mark Kolczaski (Baxter & Woodman), Jerad Wegner (Ruekert-Mielke), Abby Meyer (MSA Professional Services), Randy Belanger (Visu-Sewer), Kevin Freber (City of Oconomowoc), Sam Warp (Marshfield Wastewater Utility), Katie Hassing (Applied Technologies), Tim Zimmerman (Village of Germantown), Nathan Wells (WDNR), Tim Birkel (City of Cudahy), Doug Nelson (MSOE), Randy Langer (Strand Associates), Erin Abramson (City of Superior), Jen Hurlebaus (City of Madison, joining in 2020)
Government Affairs Committee Report

To: Samantha Austin - Secretary Wisconsin Section
From: Paul Boersma, Government Affairs Committee Chair
       Chris Tippery, Government Affairs Committee Vice-Chair
Date: May 13, 2019
Subject: Government Affairs Committee Report

The primary focus of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is to identify and track various regulatory/legislative initiatives that may have a significant impact on Wisconsin Section members, including federal initiatives that will impact Wisconsin. Following are brief summaries prepared by individual committee members in the areas of recent interest. The committee members are shown below:

   Chair: Paul Boersma, Black & Veatch
   Vice-Chair: Chris Tippery, Symbiont
   Jim Kleinschmidt, Consulting Engineer
   Brent Brown, CH2M Hill
   Jane Carlson, Strand Associates
   Allen Williams, Donohue & Associates
   Joan Hawley, Superior Engineering (Mentor)
   Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum
   Brandon Koltz, Brandon Koltz Water & Environmental Consulting LLC
   Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
   Drew Suesses, Madison MSD
   Kathy Lake, Madison MSD
   Sam Hocevar, Strand Associates

Regulatory and Other Initiatives Updates Committee is Tracking

Nutrient Criteria (Designated Uses, Biocriteria, Site Specific Criteria for P, Total Nitrogen)
   - Jane Carlson, Strand Associates
   - Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
   - Sam Hocevar, Strand Associates

Stormwater (Waters of the U.S, NR 151, Phase II Stormwater Rule) Paul Boersma/B&V
   No report
CMOM and Wet Weather Updates - Drew Suesse/Madison MSD  
No report

Chloride Variance - Kathy Lake/Madison MSD  
No report

Wisconsin DNR Thermal Rules Revisions (NR 102 and NR 106) - Jim Kleinschmidt  
No report

Recreational Criteria /Other Water Quality Criteria - Brandon Koltz  
Brandon attended the hearing on April 18.

- The change to E. coli will include geometric mean 126 cfu/100 ml 30 days, 10% samples can exceed statistical threshold value 410 cfu/100 ml over 90-day period.
- Standards apply during the recreation season (May 1 – September 30). Recreational season can be extended on a site-specific basis.
- Effluent limits will be 126 cfu/100 ml per month geometric mean, 10% samples can exceed 410 cfu/100 ml over 90-day period
- Natural Resources Board and legislative approval expected by end of the year, implementation mid-2020.
- E. coli will be used for 303(d) listing 2022.

Air Standards - Chris Tippery/Symbiont  
No report

Ammonia Criteria - Tyler Linton/Great Lakes Environmental Center  
No report

Anti-Degradation - Paul Kent  
No Report

Multi-discharger Variance for phosphorus compliance (Wis. Stat. s. 283.16) - Jim Kleinschmidt  
No report

Federal Report – Bandon Koltz

Water Week Washington Fly-In  
Brandon Koltz attended the Water Week Washington Fly-In April 3-4 on behalf of Central States WEA Wisconsin Section. In addition, Tom Sigmund/New Water and a delegation from Madison Metropolitans Sewerage District attended the Fly-In. Water Week has a two-fold purpose: information and updates from the regulatory agencies (principally U.S. EPA) Senators, Representatives and key Congressional committee staff and then dialogue regarding the importance of water funding in individual Senators and Representatives offices. The offices of Representatives Bryan Steil, Mark Pocan, Gwen Moore and Mike Gallagher, and Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson were visited by our delegation.
Water Week messaging is now coordinated among several organizations so that there is a consistent dialogue as attendees make their Capitol Hill visits. In addition to WEF, participating organizations include APWA, AWWA, NACWA, US Water Alliance, WateReuse, Water Research Foundation, Rural Community Assistance Program, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association.

Key Discussion Points.

- Increase FY 2020 Clean Water Act SRF appropriations and reauthorize the program.
- Fund Drinking Water SRF to the fully authorized level.
- Fund Water Infrastructure and Finance & Innovation Act (WIFIA) at or above $50 million (leverages $5 billion in additional funding)
- Provide $20 million for the National Priorities Water Research Grant Program
- Increase Bureau of Reclamation’s water reuse and recycling grants program
- Fund USDA Rural Utility Service’s Water/Wastewater Loans and grants at $2 billion/$500 million respectively
- Protect full funding for water quality conservation and source water protection programs in the USDA National Resources Conservation Service
- Fully fund new grant programs created in America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.
- Support EPA’s Action Plan for PFAS compounds. (Note legislation has been introduced to add PFAS compounds to the Toxic Release Inventory - H.R. 2577. Rep Gallagher, Wisconsin 8th District is a cosponsor)
- Stormwater program recommendations including improved stormwater infrastructure data needs collection, stormwater infrastructure funding tools, and verification program funding.

A packet of information was provided. Please contact Brandon Koltz for additional details.

Regulatory Update

David Ross, Assistant Administrator Office of Water U.S. EPA provided an overview of agency initiatives and actions. These include:

- EPA is working to move the 404 program to state agencies
- The Water Reuse Action Plan is addressing technology gaps, risk, and financing. Stormwater as water source is being examined.
- Water sector work force development is a concern.
- Federal coordination of programs is needed among the Bureau of Reclamation, NOAA, USDA and the Corps of Engineers
- Groundwater as a source of pollutants to surface waters has differing opinions at the Circuit Court level. USEPA is developing a position; the Supreme Court will need to resolve the differences.
- USEPA is concentrating on compliance assistance versus enforcement.

Andrew Sawyers/Director of Office Wastewater Management provided updates regarding financing and other initiatives.

- WIFIA has generated a number of applicants. SRF has invested $134 billion over last 30 years with an average interest rate of 1.5%.
- There is support of nonpoint source reduction working with USDA
- The next needs survey will include stormwater
- Integrated planning gives additional flexibility for permittees facing multiple long term obligations
- A draft of the updated policy regarding peak flow/blending “is expected pretty soon”.

Jennifer McClain/Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water related the following:
• Lead is a high priority
• Emerging contaminants
  o Algal toxins - advisory rule for two cyanotoxins being developed
  o Rulemaking is anticipated for PFAS & PFOS compounds
  o USDA is collaborating to protect source waters
  o Source water protection compliance needs additional tools and technical assistance

Deborah Nagle/Director, Office of Science and Technology provided updates with respect to several water quality criteria.

• Field work is progressing for lakes, coastal waters and streams for stressor-response factors. A draft for lakes is expected 2020.
• Chlorides - researching criteria based on local conditions; literature search completed, a partial draft has been prepared
• Aluminum criteria update will be variable based on carbon and pH; publication expected in December. There will be draft guidance for implementation.
• Draft swimming advisory criteria have been published for cyanotoxin and microcystins.
• Coliphage have been studied since 2015 as additional criteria for recreational water quality. Literature review has been completed, lab methods were reviewed in 2017 AND PUBLISHED 2018, a coliphage study for raw effluent and effluent is underway, and risk assessment being performed. There will be an extensive peer review in 2020.
• Biosolids
  o OIG has stated “EPA not able to assess the risk of biosolids”, so they are updating the guidance on risk.
  o A screening tool for pollutants is under development
  o The risk assessment is being peer reviewed in 2019
  o PFOA/PFAS in biosolids is being investigated

Sandra Connors/Deputy Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds reported:

• Two states have assumed primacy for the 404 program, working with other states. Working with the Corps of Engineers for multipurpose mitigation for 404 projects.
• Nutrients – new approach
  o Market based approach
  o Support nutrient management effort by the USDA
  o Aquatic survey – coastal, wetland, lakes, streams
  o Nitrogen levels are steady, phosphorus increasing
• Hypoxia task force, 12 states, 45% reduction goal
• The next generation of “How’s my watershed” under development

USEPA also facilitated several roundtable discussion on specific topics:

• Infrastructure Funding, Water, Finance, WIFIA Affordability (Draft updated affordability guidance will soon be available)
• Water Reuse Framework/Water Security Grand Challenge
• CSOs, Post LTCP Compliance & Peak Flow Management
• Watershed Approaches, Trading, and Other Efforts to Address Nutrient Pollution
  o I attended this roundtable; Chris Hornbeck /NACWA facilitated a discussion with Kevin Norton/USDA, Anna Wildman/USEPA Office of Water and Don Parrish/Farm Bureau. There was considerable support for trading and program ordination between USDA and USEPA. A
portion of the $4.1 billion should be directed to water quality (Farm Bureau). There is a need for better “edge of field” techniques for nutrient control.

CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ROUNDTABLE

Navis Bermudez/Professional staff for the House Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee.
Transportation Infrastructure Committee Professional, Joe Brown/legislative assistant to Sen. John Boozman (R, AR) and John Wye legislative assistant Sen. Feinstein (D, CA) provided a summary of legislative activities.

- There was agreement about the need for infrastructure investment and the shortfall that exists. The infrastructure discussions mainly involve roads, rail and runways – agreed with the need to expand to water/wastewater. A segment of the legislature wants to expand public private partnerships (3P), privatization, etc. Discussion also indicated P3 not likely to work in rural areas.
- Water use reduction, recycle/reuse is a hot topic. Expect to expand programs with additional funding from the southwest/water poor areas to the rest of the country.
- Education is needed with respect to water supply and climate change.
- There is support to restoration of earmarks for specific local projects.

SUMMARY

The handouts for congressional visits include that $66 billion of SRF projects has generated $171 billion in clean & drinking water projects and that each job in water and wastewater construction or rehab jobs creates 3.68 jobs in the national economy. Congressional staff are coming to realize investment in water and wastewater is also beneficial to the economy as well as providing an environmental benefit. Return visits and communications have led to a better educated Congress about the value of water. Broad communications from the water sector to congressional representative and staff – in Washington or the local offices – reinforces the needs and importance of safe water and robust water reclamation for our environment, our wellbeing and for the economy. Each year our representatives are better educated about the importance of water. Thanks to the Wisconsin section for its continued support of this effort.
The 2019 Government Affairs Seminar was a success on many fronts. There was a broad range of speakers and topics. Attendance was 245. Profit was $1,245.92 which is split evenly between CSWEA-WI and WWOA. We reduced expenses by using WWOA’s projectors again, by Jacobs donating lanyards, and by having CSWEA handling online registrations and nametags. Our Section Treasurer Jon Butt handled mail-in and on-site registrations. It was CSWEA-WI’s year to lead the seminar, and our co-chairs were Brent Brown and Jane Carlson. The planning committee included Jon Butt and Paul Boersma as additional CSWEA representatives; Sharon Thieszen, Jeff Smudde, and Sue Leith representing WWOA; Bernie Robertson and Jennifer Jerich representing WDNR; Paul Kent representing MEG; Jerry Deschane representing League of Wisconsin Municipalities; and Kathleen Lake and Vanessa Wishart as members at large. On-site registration table help was provided by Patrick Ingle and Eric Davenport of William/Reid, and Mark Corbett was our timer. For next year’s GAS we are trying a new venue. This is based partly on cost (and a financial loss in 2018) and partly on past AV and other issues with the Madison Marriott West, although these issues were not repeated in 2019. The seminar will be held at the Radisson (formerly Holiday Inn) on the southwest side of Fond du Lac on February 20, 2020, and WDNR will be chair. Mark your calendars for another great seminar!

As of this May 2019 Section Board meeting, the CSWEA-WI Representative to Government Affairs Seminar will change from Jane Carlson to Brent Brown of Jacobs. Please list Brent on our website as the GAS representative and include him in quarterly emails to committee chairs. Jane would like to sincerely thank the hard-working and dedicated planning committee for making the 2019 seminar such a success.
To: CSWEA Wisconsin Section  
From: Autumn Fisher, Membership Committee Chair  
RE: Committee Report for the Business Meeting of the Wisconsin Section  
Date: May 5, 2019

The section Membership Committees would like to thank the Wisconsin Section for the monetary support which was used for the purchase of this year’s welcome gifts (note pads, post-its and mints) as well as the iPad used for the Scavenger Hunt Giveaway. The iPad giveaway was a new initiative used to help increase traffic in the exhibition hall and encourage people to network with past section presidents, 7S/Golden Manhole recipients and speakers.

The Membership Committees throughout the three states continue outreach via email to new members as a blanket effort when the updated member list is received through a WEF download. Mohammed also forwards individual requests from members to “get involved” via the website to committee members. When a “get involved” request is submitted, the membership committee engages the respective committees the individual would like to engage with to make the initial introduction and kick start volunteer efforts.

The membership committee remains interested in knowing if other committees are looking for volunteers.

At the current time, the membership committee has 3 members: Autumn Fisher, Jon Butt, and Dan Zitomer.

Thank you,

Autumn Fisher
The Operations Committee
The committee helps plan and execute activities that enhance plant operations awareness and knowledge of Section members. The committee will assist or organize an operations or management seminar within the state.

Sub Committees
1. Management
   - Recent activity: New add to the committee from the CSWEA side: Micki Klappa-Sullivan, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

2. Safety
   - Recent activity: Robert Evangelisti, P.E., CEA, CHMM, CSP from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, OESH Department has shown interest in the committee.

2019 Operations seminar
1. Seminar Focus: Operations - Phosphorus/Nutrients focused
2. Status: Seminar will be held on November 14\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 at the UW Oshkosh Alumni Center.
3. Seminar Overview: The committee is active in organizing the event.

2019 Operations Committee Meetings
- February 6\textsuperscript{th}
- March 6\textsuperscript{th}
- April 3\textsuperscript{rd}
- May 1\textsuperscript{st}

Next Operations Committee Meeting
June 5\textsuperscript{th}
SJWP 2019 competition was due on April 15th. This year Mr Eric Lynn and Mr Ryan Holtz from Donahue, Ms Sharon Thieszen and Ms Tricia Garrison from NEW Water, and Dr Zhongtian Li and Hiroko Yoshida from Centrisys/CNP served as a judge. Ms Beatrice H. Youd of Turner School in Beloit WI are selected as a state winner for her work titled “Eutrophication Prevention Analysis of Driveway Materials”. She will be attending the national competition at the Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, Ohio, June 13-16, 2019.

Since this year SJWP was claimed by one student, Public Awareness Committee decided to use the leftover funds to sponsor the basic registration for 5 students (matched by corporate sponsorship and ended up with the total of 10 students). Below is the list of attendees who claimed the sponsorship for 2019.

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As for the mini career fair, the announcement to the exhibitor was sent out April 30th. Red balloon to signify the open for hiring/internship will be distributed Wednesday morning.
Quarterly Committee Call Summary


Introductions
Recent additions and position changes within the watershed and stormwater committee members include:

Erin Houghton – is now NEW Water’s Watershed Coordinator; Jeff Smudde is now the Watershed Programs Manager. The Watershed Coordinator oversees the NEW Water full scale adaptive management effort to meet NEW Water’s WPDES permit phosphorus requirement.

Linda Reid – Stormwater Solutions Engineering – Civil Engineer Design firm – focus upon stormwater and green infrastructure (GI).

Jen Hurlebaus/Madison MSD – Jen is transitioning to the collection systems committee. Thank you, Jen, for your involvement.

Martye Griffin/Madison MSD – Has been with Madison MSD for 1.5 years serving as the Director of Eco-System Services. This position focuses upon the adaptive management requirements of the Madison MSD WPDES permit, including the involvement with Yahara WINS, resource recovery, pollution prevention program, etc. Martye or someone from this Madison MSD focus area plan on replacing Jen’s role within the committee.

A. Annual Conference
   a. New Committee Chair
      Jon Lindert/Strand will be the new Watershed and Stormwater Committee chair beginning at the May 2019 CSWEA Annual Meeting. The Committee has the need for a new vice-chair – please contact Jon Lindert to express your interest.

   b. Stormwater Tour – Jon Lindert/Strand
      Jon Lindert/Strand provided an update regarding the stormwater BMP tour planned for the Central States Annual Meeting. The stormwater BMP tour will be a bike tour through the arboretum where participants will be able to view various stormwater BMP and stream stabilization projects.

   c. Watershed and Stormwater Presentation Topics
Wisconsin Section – Central States WEA
Watershed and Stormwater Committee

Thank you to all on the committee who are presenting a watershed and stormwater presentation or other presentations at the annual meeting.

B. State Watershed and Stormwater Activity Updates
a. NE Wisconsin Activities
Erin and Jeff provided an update on NE Wisconsin activities: On May 8 the International Joint Commission (IJC) is taking a tour of the Lower Fox River demonstration farms to observe both locally led and Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded efforts taking place. NEW Water will be participating with the tour. In the evening, there will be a panel of local leaders discussing the various projects that is open to the public.

NEW Water is advancing the Adaptive Management plan focusing upon Ashwaubenon and Dutchman Creek watersheds. Efforts are underway to start engaging with partners in these watersheds. In fall 2018, baseline inventory of the stream corridors in these watersheds got underway. The inventory is wrapping up this spring. The information gathered from the inventory will be used to evaluate and prioritize how and where to make investments over the next 20 years in the watersheds.

Jim Bachhuber/Brown & Caldwell provided an update on the Upper Fox and Wolf TMDL – There was a public hearing on the Fox/Wolf TMDL last December. There have been no major developments since that time.

Matt Claucherty/WDNR – Indicated he is aware that the WDNR is working on developing responses to comments submitted during the TMDL public hearing process.

b. Madison/Rock River Activities
Martye Griffin/Madison MSD provided an update of activities happening around the Madison area.

Yahara WINS: The watershed efforts are in their 3rd full year following the 4-year pilot project that ended in 2007. For 2019, a first meeting was held 1 month ago. Other active efforts include wrapping up the partner reports and annual reporting of the 2018 season efforts. The 2018 annual report is scheduled to be out in June. Counties partnering with the effort will be a strong focus in 2019. Volunteer monitoring is in full swing. The Yahara WINS efforts within Madison MSD supports the WPDES permit requirements for the Madison MSD Badfish Creek outfall, which is in the Rock River watershed.

Madison MSD’s second outfall on Badger Mill Creek does not have an updated WPDES permit requirement from WDNR yet. The updated permit is expected sometime later this year. The updated WPDES permit is expected to formalize lower Phosphorus (P) requirements and Madison MSD is in the planning stages of how to address the lower P limit. Options to address the expected lower P limit include exploring water quality credit trading (WQCT) within the Sugar River Watershed. Madison MSD is working with partners.
in the Sugar River Watershed to see who is actively involved and what potential partners there may be for WQCT.

Chloride limit: Waters softener and road salt have been identified as significant sources of chloride for Madison MSD. Residential water softeners are the largest chloride input. Madison MSD is examining technology for optimizing residential water softeners with the idea of targeting plumbers and other professionals with information on how to optimize water softener use of salt. The goal is to optimize old water softeners so that they use less salt and consequently contribute lower quantities of chloride to the Madison MSD collection system.

Jon Lindert/Strand – Lake Wingra Creek cleanup occurred this past weekend. The city of Madison is studying flooding in some watersheds affected by significant flooding in 2018.

Jim Bachhuber/Brown & Caldwell – Middleton is conducting a watershed flooding study through MARS; Dane County – had developed a task force since the flooding last fall to evaluate lake management for flood control purposes. A report is out with suggestions for better lake flood management, such as adding a large pump station at the end of Lake Monona to drain the lake more quickly.

c. SE Wisconsin Activities
Mark Mittag/Milwaukee MSD: MMSD’s new WPDES permit became effective in April 2018. Milwaukee Riverkeeper sponsored river cleanups throughout the Milwaukee area on April 27. Milwaukee MSD is working with Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust (SWWT) to develop a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) related to the Milwaukee River TMDL. SWWT has a science and policy meeting on May 15 planned to review the draft WQIP document.

Linda Reid/Stormwater Solutions – Working with Milwaukee MSD on the development of GI maintenance technical standards. Interviews will be held with communities to understand their experience, needs, and ideas for GI maintenance.

d. Western Wisconsin Activities

e. Wisconsin River Activities
Jon Lindert/Strand – The Wisconsin River TMDL went to EPA in December.

Matt Claucherty/WDNR. – WDNR just received communication from EPA that they approved the Wisconsin River TMDL on April 17, 2019. Development of site-specific P criteria will still require promulgation in code.

f. Other Activities
None reported.
C. Regulatory Issues Update
   a. WDNR Leaf Collection Phosphorus Reduction Information
   Jim Bachhuber/Brown & Caldwell - No major new developments in this USGS-led study examining leaf collection approaches to reduce phosphorus release. The USGS study is starting its second year. The studies are occurring in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh. The League of Municipalities will be in touch with municipalities who have contributed to funding this effort in the past for their continued support. Please encourage municipalities to continue supporting this study. After this second year of data collection, the third year will be used to analyze the data and develop a report and findings.

   b. External Advisory Committee on Water Quality Standards
      No update.

D. Other Topics of Interest
   a. TBD
      No report.

E. Next Meeting Day and Time (tentatively Monday, July 29, 2019 at noon)