

Brief recount of first quarter FY 20-21 activities

UMMR Board:

Board topics included: Revenge of the Marshes: Preserving the Wetlands That Protect Us. The speaker was Kenneth Potter, and A Watershed Approach to Flooding: Suggestions included what individuals, neighborhoods and towns can do to mitigate flooding due to extreme rainfall events that exceed the capacity of drainage systems.

Reps named for each of our four states for UMRBA and Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins for MRRRI.

Approved a letter requested by MRI re State Agencies opposing Gulf Hypoxia

Letter to Wisconsin environmental agency in support of legislation to disallow PFAS pollution into waterways

Sue

Meets with Water Legislative Roundtable Routinely every month.

Tam

Hosted via Zoom a book discussion of Blowout by Rachel Maddow IUUWAN is providing informational programs on the book Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming edited by Paul Hawken

Ploesers

With the LWVDaneCounty, helped prepare two mini forums about storm water and how to deal with it in an environmentally friendly way.

Carolyn

City of LaCrosse has approved a 5-year, \$100,000 per year budget for the design changes, prepare work plans and estimates, and oversee construction for the restoration and maintenance of hydrology, trail infrastructure, and habitat in the La Crosse River Marsh. The La Crosse River Marsh currently is a 1000-acre, urban, riparian wetland

Beth/Bonnie

Scientists and Beth continue to work on the Karst Feature Database project. We're organizing the data so USFWS can host this in a Geographic Information System (GIS) map layer on their web

portal. This work is funded through a League grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Lee

Sent request to Illinois Board for approval of PFAS request UMRR Board discussed our action and decided to approve the PFAS request in support of WI as UMRR with listing of states we individually represent. Actively participating in review of McHenry County WRAP (Water Resource Action Plan) development since January 2020.

Gretchen/Lonni

Joined with MEP to strongly request that the legislature put aside political differences and deliver H.F. 3 as a strong investment in Minnesota's economy, local communities, and environment. The needs are very real and the funds need to be authorized as soon as possible so that the state can issue the bonds and get the resources out to approved projects for water structure improvements

And urged: Significant police accountability and reform

And urged a bonding package that meets important needs for the state around water infrastructure, community rebuilding, transit and natural lands and funding for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund projects

Lonni

Recruited and submitted newspaper columns in Anoka County papers May through September written by watershed districts.