

TREMPEALEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISCOVERY MEETING

Introduction – Meeting Outreach

Formal invitations were sent out on July 24, 2026 via email to CEOs and ZAs. A save-the-date outlook invitation was previously emailed on June 22, 2026. Both invitations included a link to the Zoom meeting. A list of the attendees is included on page 3.

Meeting Time and Location

July 29, 2026 | 1:00 – 3:00PM

Trempealeau County Courthouse
18600 Hobson Street | County Board Room
Whitehall, WI 54773

And virtually through Zoom

Staff Attending Meeting

FEMA Region 5		
Chad Lancot	John Wethington	Munib Ahmad
WI DNR		
Allison Kielar <i>(In-person)</i>	Chad Heimerl	Kristin Rankin
Ben Sanborn <i>(In-person)</i>	Chris Olds	Ryan Jarvis
Bill Roznik <i>(In-person)</i>	Gordon Statz	Sarah Galster

Communities and Organizations Represented

FEMA	City of Arcadia	Town of Trempealeau
WI- DNR	City of Independence	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Trempealeau County	MRRPC	Village of Pigeon Falls
Jackson County	Town of Arcadia	Village of Taylor
Buffalo County	Town of Dodge	

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Allison Kielar
RiskMAP/Discovery Overview: Allison Kielar
Floodplain Engineering: Bill Roznik
National Flood Insurance Program: Sarah Galster
Summary and Next Steps: Allison Kielar

Meeting Information

Attendees were welcomed to the Trempealeau River Watershed meeting which consisted of discussing the RiskMAP program and products, Discovery Process, floodplain engineering, National Flood Insurance Program, and next steps. There was plenty of time after the presentation for questions, discussion, and reviewing the draft Discovery materials.

There were representatives from Buffalo County, Jackson County, Trempealeau County, City of Arcadia, City of Independence, MRRPC, Town of Arcadia, Town of Dodge, Town of Trempealeau, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Village of Pigeon Falls, and the Village of Taylor.

WI-DNR's Allison Kielar introduced the project team, including WI-DNR and FEMA. Allison covered and introduction of the RiskMAP program and its products, the Discovery process and draft materials. WI-DNR's Floodplain Engineer Bill Roznik covered types of restudy and the engineering methods used. WI-DNR's NFIP Coordinator Sarah Galster then covered the NFIP program. Allison Kielar then wrapped up the presentation portion of the meeting.

Initially discussion was group-wide, before smaller groups broke out and worked on comment forms and marking up the draft maps. There were 22 in-person attendees, with 36 in total. The draft maps showed imagery beneath the current effective floodplain, mapped/unmapped streams, and other features including dams and gages.

Attendance

Community	Name	Title	Email Address	Phone #
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Town of Dodge	Daniel Lilla	Town Chair	lillaroad@aol.com	608-539-3923
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Trempealeau County	Cody Brommerich	County Surveyor	cody.brommerich@co.trempealeau.wi.us	715-538-2311
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US Fish and Wildlife Service	Casey Bryan	Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Manager		608-539-2311
Village of Pigeon Falls	Jeff Johnston	Village President		
Village of Taylor	Adam Bush	Director of Public Works		
WI-DNR	Kristin Rankin	Floodplain & Shoreland Zoning Specialist	Kristin.Rankin@wisconsin.gov	920-764-2201
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