

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2023
2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison WI and
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of February 7, 2023 LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison WI 53718 and via videoconference on **April 4, 2023**. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.84. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Cupp at **9:00 am** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Bobbie Webster, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Ron Grasshoff, Rebecca Clarke, Bob Thome, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, and Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

Advisors:, Ryan Gerlich and Jeremy Bennet (NRCS) and Ian Krauss (FSA).

Approval of Agenda

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved minutes shall be posted as the official meeting record for publication on the LWCB website.

Item #2 Public Appearances

No public appearance cards were submitted.

Item #3 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Burnett County

Dave Ferris, County Conservationist, and Ed Peterson, Natural Resources Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's 5-year LWRM plan review.

The County provided written answers to the Board’s standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB’s website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Grasshoff motioned to recommend approval of Burnett County’s 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Statewide Phosphorus Multi-discharger Variance

Matthew Claucherty, DNR presented on the Statewide Phosphorus Multi-discharger Variance. A copy of the presentation is available on the LWCB’s website: lwcb.wi.gov

Item #5 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Grant County

Erik Heagle, Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department Administrator, and Gary Northouse, Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County’s 5-year LWRM plan review.

The County provided written answers to the Board’s standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB’s website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Grasshoff motioned to recommend approval of Grant County’s 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Schoen, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 Extension of DATCP Projects from 2022 into 2023; Report on Transfers and Reallocations of 2022 Cost-share dollars

Susan Mockert, DATCP presented on the extension of DATCP Projects from 2022 to 2023 and a written report, available within the April 4, 2023 [meeting packet](#), on transfers and reallocations of 2022 cost-share dollars.

Motion

Osterman motioned to approve the extension of DATCP Projects from 2022 to 2023 as presented, seconded by McGraw. The motion carried.

Item #7 Report of Governor’s Proposed Budget for DNR and DATCP Nonpoint Programs

Jill Schoen, DNR and Tim Anderson, DATCP reported on impacts of the governor’s budget to the agency’s respective nonpoint programs.

Item #8 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research - Committee Updates

Ron Grasshoff and Zach Zopp, DATCP, presented to the Board an update from the LWCB’s Advisory Committee on Research.

Chairman Cupp discussed the importance of “advising the UW-System” as a duty of the LWCB under s. 92.04(2), Wis. Stats. and iterated that this sentiment should be included in a memo to accompany the

Committee’s final report on research and education needs. Cupp advised that the board should look to Dr. Arriaga on who to share the Committee report to in the UW-System, but that the board should look to share this to DATCP, DNR Secretaries, the Senate and Assembly Committees on Agriculture, and potentially federal partners. At future meetings the Board will need to: evaluate a forum to discuss results of the survey on research and education needs around Wisconsin; discuss how to attract future participation in its annual survey on research and education needs and solicit feedback on how to improve.

Item #8 Agency Reports

FSA- Ian Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [April 4, 2023 meeting packet](#).

NRCS – Jeremy Bennet and Ryan Gerlich submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [April 4, 2023 meeting packet](#)

UW- CALS & UW Madison- Extension- Dr. Arriaga reported that UW Madison- Extension has hired Lindsey Hartfiel as the new Research Program Manager for UW-Discovery Farms. The UW-Extension Office of Agriculture Water Quality is almost fully staffed. For UW-CALS, Dr. Arriaga reported that UW is working to revamp the Mesonet system for weather data with a goal of having a station in each county.

WI Land+Water- Osterman reported that the NACD recommended multiple administrative changes at its conference in February. WI Land + Water Conference had 434 participants in March. Krueger is at an assembly committee on agriculture meeting related to [AB 131](#) and FSA representation on LCCs. WI Land + Water is tracking other legislative priorities including AB/64/SB 58 related to the well compensation program, AB 65/SB 59 related to the producer-led watershed protection grant program and AB 133/SB 134 related to farmland preservation.

DOA – Andrew Potts reported that DOA is working on the governor’s budget and the Multi-discharger Variance with DNR. DOA welcomes recommendations related to outreach for the Multi-discharger variance

DATCP – Tim Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [April 4, 2023 meeting packet](#).

DNR – Jill Schoen submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the [April 4, 2023 meeting packet](#).

Member Updates- Brian McGraw had his confirmation hearing for the term ending May 1, 2023.

Item #9 Planning for the June 2023 LWCB meeting

The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting:

- 5-year Review Green Lake, Kewaunee Counties
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
 - Planning for Board Actions on the Soil and Water Conservation Survey
 - Potential: 2023 Roundtable on UW Systems Soils and Water Conservation Research Needs

- Board Education Item

Item #10 Adjourn

Motion

Grasshoff motioned to adjourn, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the June 6, 2023 meeting of the LWCB.