

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

June 7, 2022
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of April 5, 2022 LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met via videoconference on **June 7, 2022**. 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, Ron Grasshoff, Andrew Buttles, Brian Weigel, Andrew Potts, Brian McGraw and Coreen Fallat. A quorum was present.

Advisors: John Exo (Division of Extension – UW Madison), Francisco Arriaga (UW-CALS), Eric Allness (NRCS) and Ian Krauss (FSA).

Approval of Agenda

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Osterman motioned to approve the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Grasshoff, 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 Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Adams County

Dustin Grant, Director of Zoning and Land Conservation, Anna James, Water Resource Specialist, Chuck Sibilsky, Resource Conservationist, Adams County, and Jodi Schappe, Land & Water and UW-Extension Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's 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

The board and county representatives discussed: producer led initiatives, wind erosion control, pollinator plots, nitrates as a resource concern in the Fourteen Mile Watershed, partnering with DNR to do sampling in the Big Roche a Cri and Little Roche a Cri, partnering with the lakes associations, cover cropping, outreach related to nutrient management, advertising technical assistance available through the Zoning and Land Conservation Department, the county forestry plan and ordinance, and the positive direction that the Land Conservation Department is taking after significant staff turnover.

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Adams County’s LWRM plan review, seconded by Weigel, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Forest County

Steve Kircher, County Conservationist- Land Information/GIS Director, Forest County Land Conservation- Land Information/GIS Department and Thomas Tallier, LCC Member, 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 Forest County’s 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Hold for Board Education Item

This item was reserved for a future meeting.

Item #6 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Lincoln County

Thomas Boisvert, Conservation Program Manager, Lincoln County Land Services Department, Mike Huth, Administrator and Zoning Program Manager, Lincoln County Land Services Department, Marty Lemke, Land Services 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, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of Lincoln County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 5-minute Break

The board did not observe a break.

Item #8 LWCB Ad Hoc Committee for Advising the UW-System - Update and Recommendations

Francisco Arriaga, UW-CALS and Zach Zopp, DATCP, presented to the Board on the LWCB's advisory duty to the University of Wisconsin System and the findings and recommendations of the ad hoc committee convened after the April 2022 meeting. The cover memo and presentation given to the Board are available online at the LWCB website within the June 7, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

After a discussion between the Board and Ad Hoc committee representatives, Fallat made a motion to create a standing committee for Advising the UW-System, seconded by Weigel, and the motion carried unanimously. The board requested that the standing committee consider and articulate a refined purpose statement for the newly formed committee to be reviewed and approved at a future meeting.

McGraw made a motion to appoint the members of the Ad Hoc committee to be members of the Standing Committee on Advising the UW-System until the August 2022 meeting, seconded by Fallat, and the motion carried unanimously. The board determined to reserve consideration of the proposed soil and water conservation categories for the LWCB to advise the UW-System for the August 2022 meeting.

Item #9 Agency Reports

FSA- Ian Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 7, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

NRCS – Eric Allness submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 7, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

UW Extension- John Exo reported that two new Water Quality and Outreach Specialists have started in the Institute of Agriculture: Laura Paletta, formerly of the Manitowoc County Conservation Department, who will be primarily serving the east region, and Rachel Rushmann, formerly of DATCP, who will primarily be serving the west region. Extension is working on an offer for an additional Water Quality and Outreach Specialist.

UW CALs – Francisco Arriaga reported that Glenda Gillaspay will replace Dean Kate Vanden Bosch on August 4th. Gillaspay is a professor of biochemistry at Virginia Tech. The agronomy and soils field day has been scheduled for August 31, 2022 at the Arlington Research Station.

WI Land+Water- Osterman reported that the Statewide Training Coordinator has on boarded with WI Land + Water. The new Board of Directors for WI Land + Water is onboarding and will convene for their first face to face meeting in June. At that meeting, the Board of Directors will vote on a candidate to complete Bob Mott's term on the LWCB.

DOA – Andrew Potts reported that DOA has concluded works on a 2023-2025 base budget and presented two items for consideration of the Board at its August meeting: 1) A presentation on funding sources for programs so that the LWCB could communicate support for specific initiatives

before DATCP and DNR submit their agency budgets in September and 2) A presentation on the state's adaptive management plan, more specifically, P Multi Discharger Variance Program as DOA works with DNR on works related to renewal and resubmittal of the plan.

DATCP – Coreen Fallat submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 7, 2022 [meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Fallat reported that an emergency rule is pending for the nitrogen optimization program. The board will be provided with a copy of the rule prior to publication in the official state paper per s. 92.04(3)(c), Wis. Stats. The recruitment for the Land and Water Resources Bureau Director is ongoing.

DNR – Brian Weigel submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 7, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Item #10 Planning for the August 2022 LWCB meeting

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

- 5-year Review Sauk County
- 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan
- Scores and Rankings of Target Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2023
- Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Management Projects for CY 2023
- Presentation of the 2021 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report

Item #11 Adjourn

Motion

Buttles motioned to adjourn, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte J. Osterman

Monte Osterman, Secretary

Sep. 8, 2022

Date

Recorder: KS, DATCP