

**MINUTES**  
**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**August 2, 2022**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Item #1      Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of June 7, 2022 LWCB meeting minutes.**

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**Call to Order**

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met via videoconference on **August 2, 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, Brian McGraw, Andrew Buttles, Mike Hofberger, Bob Thome, Brian Weigel, Andrew Potts, and Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

**Advisors:** John Exo (Division of Extension – UW Madison), Francisco Arriaga (UW-CALS), Eric Allness (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA) and Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water).

**Approval of Agenda**

Cupp noted two revisions to the agenda as presented. For Item 11, *LWCB Standing Committee for Advising the UW-System*, John Exo, UW-Extension reported in place of Ron Grasshoff. For Item 13, the title should read *Planning for October 2022 LWCB Meeting*.

**Motion**

Osterman motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

Hofberger motioned to approve the June 7, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Weigel, 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**

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No public appearance cards were submitted.

**Item #3      Overview of Wisconsin Septage Program**

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Steve Warrner, Site Review Coordinator for DNR, presented to the Board on Wisconsin's Septage Program. The presentation to the Board is available online at the LWCB website [lwcb.wi.gov](http://lwcb.wi.gov) under August 2, 2022.

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

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Lisa Wilson, Director, Melissa Schlupp, Conservation Manager, Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department and Marty Krueger, Land Resources and Environment 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](http://lwcb.wi.gov)).

**Motion**

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Hofberger motioned to recommend approval of Sauk County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Item #5 Funding Sources for Soil and Water Conservation Programs**

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Andrew Potts, Executive Policy and Budget Manager for DOA, presented to the Board on Funding Sources for Soil and Water Conservation in Wisconsin. A copy of the presentation is available on the [LWCB's website](#) under the heading for the August 2, 2022 meeting.

**Item #6 Presentation of the 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan**

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Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR presented to the Board the 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan. The 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan document is available online at the LWCB website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**Item #7 DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2023**

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Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Applications (UNPS) for CY 2023. The memo describing the preliminary 2023 Scores and Rankings of UNPS projects for CY 2023 is available within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**Item #8 DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2023**

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Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Applications for CY 2023. The memo describing the preliminary 2023 Scores and Rankings of TRM projects for CY 2023 is available within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**Item #9 Presentation of 2021 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report**

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Coreen Fallat, Agency Liaison for DATCP's Bureau of Land and Water Resources, presented to the Board on successes and outcomes of the 2021 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report. A copy of the Report is available on the LWCB's website under [Wisconsin Report on Soil and Water Conservation](#).

**Item #10 Introduction to Land and Water Resource Management Program Evaluation**

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Coreen Fallat, Agency Liaison for DATCP's Bureau of Land and Water Resources, informed the Board that they would be receiving a survey related to the Bureau's internal evaluation of the Land and Water Resource Management Program.

## **Item #11 LWCB Standing Committee for Advising the UW-System – Update and Recommendations**

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John Exo, UW-Extension and Zach Zopp, DATCP, presented to the Board on the meeting of the LWCB’s Standing Committee for Advising the University of Wisconsin System and the findings and recommendations of the committee convened after the June 2022 meeting. The cover memo given to the Board is available online at the LWCB website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Advisor, Matt Krueger, recommended “the state of” be inserted in the Committee’s proposed purpose statement before the words “Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board” to avoid confusion with WI Land + Water’s Board of Directors. The amended purpose statement reads “The Advisory Committee on Research purpose shall be to create, implement and oversee the process for the state of Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board to advise the University of Wisconsin System on research and outreach needs relating to soil & water conservation. The Committee will provide oversight of a sustainable, lasting process which involves all Board members and advisor organizations as part of the normal agenda of the Board.”

After a discussion between the Board and Standing committee representatives, Osterman made a motion to adopt the purpose statement as amended and to adopt the committee title of “LWCB Advisory Committee on Research”, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously. Weigel made a motion to appoint the members of the LWCB standing committee, approved on June 7th 2022, to serve on the “LWCB Advisory Committee on Research” with terms concurrent with their regular LWCB appointment, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Item #12 Agency Reports**

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**FSA-** Ian Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**NRCS** – Eric Allness submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#). In addition, Allness noted that Angela Biggs, State Conservationist, is still on detail to NRCS national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jeff Vanderwilt is acting State Conservationist in her absence.

**UW Extension-** John Exo submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**UW CALs** – Franciso Arriaga reported that new Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Glenda Gillaspy, will start August 4<sup>th</sup>. An Agronomy Soil Field Days scheduled for August 31, 2022 at UW-Arlington Agricultural Research Station.

**WI Land+Water-** Matt Krueger reported that the association Board of Directors held elections in July. Bob Micheel, Monroe County, will remain President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Board Vice-Chair. Monte Osterman, Racine County, will retain his position as Vice President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Board Chair. Conservation Training and Membership Services Manager, Penny Pohle retired. Isabelle Paulsen has replaced her in that role. Krueger discussed an association focus on budgetary matters related to the Soil and Water Resource Management Staffing Grants to support the critical workforce in county conservation departments.

**DOA** – Andrew Potts reported that the state agency budgets are due to DOA on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DATCP** – Brian Weigel submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**DNR** – Jill Schoen submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**Member Updates-** Monte Osterman reported that the US Water Alliance will be hosting the One Water Summit in Milwaukee between September 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Osterman will be representing the National Association of Conservation Districts at this meeting. Osterman attended the Summer Conservation Forum for the National Association of Conservation Districts in Puerto Rico in July. Osterman also reported on an initiative between NACD and the data company, HABITERRE. They have developed a model would estimate yields in crop fields that implement certain types of conservation practices. For more information contact Meg Leader with NACD.

**Item #13 Planning for the October 2022 LWCB meeting**

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

- 5-year Review Fond du Lac County
- Plan Revision for Dodge and Racine Counties
- 2023 Joint 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
- Follow-up on Land and Water Resource Management Program Evaluation

**Item #11 Adjourn**

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**Motion**

Potts motioned to adjourn, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Monte J. Osterman*

Monte Osterman, Secretary

11-15-2022

Date

Recorder: KS, DATCP