

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2023
2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison WI
Microsoft Teams Meeting

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

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718 on **October 3, 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 a.m.** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Bobbie Webster, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Ron Grasshoff, Tom Mandli, Rebecca Clarke, Andrew Buttles, Robby Personette, Andrew Potts, and Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water), Rachel Schindler (FSA), Tyrone Larson (NRCS)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Osterman motioned to approve the August 1, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, 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 Presentation of 2024 Joint Final Allocation Plan

Susan Mockert, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR presented to the Board the 2024 Joint Allocation Plan. The 2024 Joint Allocation Plan document is available online at the LWCB website within the October 3, 2023 [meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of the final 2024 Joint Final Allocation Plan as presented, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 DNR Presentation of Final Ranked Lists and Memos of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2024

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Applications for CY 2024. The memo describing the Scores and Rankings of TRM projects for CY 2024 is available within the October 3, 2023 [meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Grasshoff moved to recommend approval the ranking of TRM projects for CY24 as presented, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 DNR Presentation of Final Ranked Lists and Memos of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2024

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Applications (UNPS) for CY 2024. The memo describing the Scores and Rankings of UNPS projects for CY 2024 is available within the October 3, 2023 [meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, McGraw moved to recommend approval the ranking of UNPS projects as presented, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Bob Micheel, County Conservationist, and Doug Rogalla, Natural Resource & Extension Committee Member, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's five-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 Monroe County's five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 State Interagency Training Committee-Opportunities and Challenges

Michael Hook, WI Land + Water, presented on the State Interagency Training Committee (SITCOM), Opportunities and Challenges. A copy of the presentation is available on the LWCB's website: lwcb.wi.gov.

Item #8 Recommendation for approval of five-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Oneida County

Michele Sadauskas, County Conservationist, Karl Jennrich Oneida County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Director, and Jim Winkler, Conservation & UW Extension Education Committee Chair,

formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's five-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, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Oneida County's five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research-Committee Updates

Ron Grasshoff and Katy Smith, DATCP, discussed updates from the September 5 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Research; DATCP has been coordinating with Dr. Francisco Arriaga to compile a list of UW contacts to whom the report should be shared to; the Committee will reconvene on November 7, 2023 to discuss future needs.

Item #7 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Schindler reported that September 30, the end of the Federal Government Fiscal Year, was the deadline for offers related to new and re-enrolling contracts for CRP; until the Farm Bill is reauthorized or extended, there is no authority to administer new CRP sign-ups; while many counties are experiencing varying degrees of drought status, emergency haying may still be an option for producers in FSA programs. Interested producers should consult their local FSA Office.
- b. NRCS- Larson reported that the Federal Government has been funded through November 17; the total number of NRCS staff has just surpassed 300, just 5 years ago it was around 210; the Board should expect a year-end report in December; NRCS is optimistically looking forward to more partnerships as they cannot deliver Farm Bill programming by themselves.
- c. UW Madison- Extension- Radatz submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 3, 2023 [meeting packet](#).
- d. WI Land + Water- Krueger reported that Kewaunee County is hosting a Fall Technical Tour Training on October 12 related to Depth to Bedrock Verification protocols and how this data will be impacted by soil loss; WI Land + Water is monitoring [SB 468](#), related to eligibility for farmland preservation tax credits and photovoltaic solar energy systems.
- e. DOA- Potts noted [SB 134](#), and [SB 468](#) related to farmland preservation for the Board's awareness. DNR staff has completed its draft technical analysis report for the multi-discharger variance for phosphorus, as required under [s. 283.16 \(3\), Wis. Stats.](#) DOA will be hosting a website for public comment in the very near future. In addition, DOA and DNR will jointly host several listening sessions on the technical analysis report
- f. DATCP- Personette submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 3, 2023 [meeting packet](#). In addition, Personette noted ATCP 50 was approved by the ATCP Board in September and has been submitted to the Governor's Office. Emergency Rule Scope Statements have been approved for ATCP 52 and

the Cover Crop Insurance Premium Rebate Program and the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program. DATCP is working on the recruitments for 4 cooperatively funded positions through NRCS. DATCP received 47 Producer-Led Watershed Protection grant proposals for approximately \$1.6 million. A review committee is currently reviewing applications and hope to distribute award letters to the successful grant applicants in November.

- g. DNR- Schoen submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 3, 2023 [meeting packet](#). In addition Schoen reported that the Natural Resources Board approved an order for rules related to anti-degradation policy.
- h. Member Updates- Cupp thanked DNR and DATCP staff for an excellent annual report; excellent support for the LWCB meetings; thanked members and advisors for their participation and leadership.

Item #8 Planning for the December 2023 LWCB meeting

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

- Five-year Review St. Croix, Taylor Counties
- A review of the Board’s Annual Agenda
- A Presentation on the Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report
- Report and Potential Recommendation on 2024 CREP Spending Authority
- 2021-2023 Farmland Preservation Biennial Report
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates, potentially related bylaw revisions
- Board Education Item

Chairman Cupp solicited the Board for location ideas related to the Board’s annual field meeting, typically to be hosted at the June meeting, in 2024.

Item #9 Adjourn

Motion

Buttles motioned to adjourn, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the December 5, 2023 meeting of the LWCB.