

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
MEETING MINUTES**

**September 3, 2024
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Item #1 Call to Order – Roll call, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of July 2, 2024 Committee meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Advisory Committee on Research (“Committee”) to the Land and Water Conservation Board (“LWCB” or “Board”) met via videoconference on September 3, 2024. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.84. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ron Grasshoff at **9:05 am**.

Committee Members Present

Members: Ron Grasshoff, Brian McGraw and Tim Anderson. A quorum was present.

Committee Advisors Present

Advisors: Dr. Francisco Arriaga. Amber Radatz

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the draft minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Anderson, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved minutes shall be posted as the official meeting record for publication on the LWCB website.

Item #2 Board Presentations Update

Kirsten Biefeld, DATCP opened the discussion on potential educational presentations to the Board. Chelsea Zegler had been reached out to regarding the opportunity and she had accepted it. She will be presenting for 30 minutes at the October 1, 2024 Board meeting. The time she will present is still being determined, but she may be in person or virtual. She will discuss her outreach work relating to current soil and water practices, as well as ground water quality and soil health topics. Biefeld has shared with her guiding questions to encourage Zegler to discuss what’s next for her research, how her research advances the needs of county conservation departments, how the board can support her work, and discuss the economic and social impacts of her work. These questions will be a baseline guiding questions for future Board Education Presenters.

Item #3 Discuss Proposed Bylaw Changes

Ron Grasshoff, Chair, opened the discussion on proposed language for Bylaw changes relating to broadening what advisors can be added to the Advisory Committee on Research. The second half of Section VIII.A was altered to read:

The Advisory Committee on Research shall consist of no more than 5 voting members of the LWCB, whose terms shall be concurrent with their regular LWCB appointment, and at least 2 advisors, including the designee from the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of the UW- Madison, and the designee from the Dean of the Division of Extension, and such other person(s) as the Advisory Committee Chair may, from time to time, deem appropriate. New members may be appointed by the Board Chair in the event of a vacancy.

Grasshoff also noted reaching out to WI Land + Water Association for potential advisor recommendations.

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the adjusted bylaw language as listed above to be put forth to the Board, seconded by Anderson, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Review Committee Workplan and Upcoming Tasks

Ron Grasshoff, Chair, opened the discussion on reviewing the LWCB Advisory Committee on Research 2024 Workplan. No Topic, goal or action was changed, but notes were added to revisit the workplan goals after each Board Education Presentation to discuss how the LWCB can potentially support or participate in their work, as well as a goal to draft and send a thank you message to presenters after their presentations.

Item #5 Member Updates with Possible Discussion

There was no discussion of member updates.

Item #6 Planning for the next Advisory Committee meeting

The Committee should expect the following at the next meeting on January 7, 2025 at 9:00am:

- Board Presentation Discussion, referencing two upcoming Board Education Presentations (October Meeting: Chelsea Zegler; February Meeting: Wisconsin’s Green Fire).

Item #7 Adjourn

Motion

McGraw motioned to adjourn, seconded by Anderson, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kirsten Biefeld, Bureau of Land and Water Resources
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WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection