



State of Wisconsin

Land and Water Conservation Board

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Advisory Committee on Research Agenda

January 7, 2025

The Advisory Committee on Research (Committee) to the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) will meet on January 7, 2025 at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams. To attend the meeting, join by telephone at 608-571-2209 with Conference ID 923 447 880# or click the following Teams [hyperlink](#). The agenda for the meeting is shown below.

AGENDA ITEMS AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

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| 9:00 AM | 1 | Meeting Called to Order – Ron Grasshoff, Committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Roll Callb. Open meeting noticec. Approval of meeting agendad. Approval of September 9, 2024 meeting minutes |
| 9:05 AM | 2 | Reflect on Previous Educational Opportunity (Chelsea Zegler's Presentation)
Ron Grasshoff, Committee Chair |
| 9:25 AM | 3 | Review Workplan and Discuss including the Board in a Process to Identify and Prioritize Future Presentation Topics
Ron Grasshoff, Committee Chair |
| 9:45 AM | 4 | Discuss 2025 Educational Opportunities (Farm Sustainability Rewards and other Topics)
Ron Grasshoff, Committee Chair |
| 10:10 AM | 5 | Member updates with possible discussion |
| 10:20 AM | 6 | Planning for the next Advisory Committee Meeting
Ron Grasshoff, LWCB |
| 10:25 AM | 7 | Adjourn |

Ron Grasshoff, Committee Chair;
Vice Chair - vacant;
Members: Monte Osterman, Tim Anderson and Brian McGraw;
Advisors: Dr. Francisco Arriaga and Amber Radatz

LWCB Advisory Committee on Research 2024 Workplan

Updated: 9/3/24

Committee Purpose:

The LWCB 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.

Topic	Goal	Action	Timeline	Person(s) Assigned	Status	Notes
Frequency and Distribution of Survey	Develop and use survey to receive input from stakeholders to understand gaps in L&W resource management to advise UW System	1. Baseline Survey of Needs	1. Survey completed in June 2023		1. Completed and distributed	
		2. distribution of survey report and survey to establish contacts within UW System	2. Distribution Survey Feb-March 2024	Kirsten Biefeld, Ron Grasshoff, Amber Radatz	2. Reached out to 20-30 contacts, have had 13 responses, 4 individuals wanting to present	
		3. Propose to conduct survey every 4-5 years	3. Next Survey in 2026, potentially			start thinking on this next year, if this makes sense after we have a couple of board presentations
Educational Opportunities	UW Engagement: Annual meeting between LWCB and UW partners to review what work has been done, and UW partners utilizing survey results in grant opportunities	1. use distribution survey contact list to invite participants to an online reflection form	Annually			
		2. host hybrid meeting between communities	Annually? Long-term			
	Outside Partners Engagement: work with partners outside of UW-Wisconsin System and current LWCB partners to further address gaps found in survey					
	LWCB Educaton: Educational opportunities aimed to help board make recommendations to UW System	1. prepare list of potential presenters and topics to LWCB board chair	Suggest up to 3 presentations to the board per year	Have committee decide on potential presenter. Kirsten Biefeld and Ron Grasshoff suggest these presenters to the board planners	At the July 2, 2024 Meeting, the board moved to recommend Chelsea Zegler and Matt Ruark as the first presenters to the board. On 7/19/24, Kirsten Biefeld has extended an invitation to Chelsea Zegler.	Include a standard list of questions for presenters: what's next for their research, how their research advances the needs of county conservation departments, how the board can support their work, and to discuss the economic and social impacts of their work.
Advising and Recommendations	LWCB creates recommendations to UW System based on educational opportunities		annually? Bi-annually, switching off with survey period?	TBD		Revisit this item after we have a board presentation completed. After each presentation, at the next committee meeting, discuss what can we offer them i.e. support/participation in their work. How do we avoid a continuous line of presenters without a clear end point?