

MINUTES of the LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2026

2811 Agriculture Drive, Board Room &

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of June 2, 2026 LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison WI 53718 and over Microsoft Teams on **August 4, 2026**. 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, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Andy Buttles, Ron Grasshoff, Tim Anderson, Mike Hofberger, Andrew Potts, Shannon Haydin. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Nathan Fikkert (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA), Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water), Dr. Francisco Arriaga (UW-Extension), and Amber Radatz (UW CALS)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

The board proposed a correction in the June 2026 minutes of the Waushara 5-Year review;

Change Item 4 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan 5-Year Review for Waushara County: change "September" to "October"

Grasshoff motioned to approve the June 2, 2026, meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Buttles, 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

One public appearance card was submitted by Steve Books. The requester presented on lake cleanup efforts related to invasives and aquatic plant management in Dane County where nutrient loading is impacting water quality

Item #3 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan 5-Year Review for Waukesha County

Alan Barrows, Land Resources Manager; Brian Meier, L.U.P.E Chair formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's LWRM plan 5-Year 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 Waukesha County's LWRM plan review, seconded by Hofberger, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan 5-Year Review for Florence County

Shawna Dishaw, County Conservationist/Department Head; Matt Burnette, LCC; Garrett Vucenic, Conservation Technician/AIS Coordinator formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's LWRM plan 5-Year 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, Potts motioned to recommend approval of Florence County's LWRM plan review, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Education Item: Nutrient Management Planning, including training, support, and Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE)

Andrea Topper, DATCP presented Nutrient Management Planning, including training, support, and NMFE.

Item #6 Presentation of 2027 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan

Hailey Roessler, DATCP delivered a presentation of the 2026 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan. The board received this as an informational item.

Item #7 DNR Presentation of the Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2027

Shannon Haydin, DNR notified the board that Matt Kaelin will be permanently replacing Joanna Griffin as the LWCB DNR representative. Shannon presented on the applications and ranked list for the projects that applied for and received TRM grant support for 2027.

Item #8 DNR Presentation of the Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Sources and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2027

Shannon Haydin, DNR presented on presented on the applications and ranked list for the projects that applied for and received Urban Nonpoint Sources and Storm Water Management Projects support for 2027.

Item #9 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Krauss provided a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 4, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- b. NRCS- Fikkert reported NRCS has a new chief Colton Buckley.
- c. UW-CALS- Dr. Arriaga reported that Troy Runge has been selected to serve as new Dean. Glenda Gillaspay stepped down in July.
- d. UW-Extension – No update provided.
- e. WI Land + Water- Krueger reported that the new two-year cycle has commenced following the election of the new county board, noting that the Executive Committee was officially reelected. In June, the organization conducted five distinct training sessions that drew approximately 175 total attendees, including 95 Land Conservation Committee (LCC) members and representing 54 out of 72 counties. Additionally, elections for representatives on the Land and Water Conservation Board are currently being conducted electronically.
- f. DOA- Potts reported that Ryan Hutter has been appointed as the new Budget Director for the state court system. Additionally, an analyst position is currently open and is scheduled to start in October. Agencies have been instructed by the governor to submit a status quo official budget request.
- g. DATCP- Anderson provided a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 4, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- h. DNR-Haydin provided a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 4, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- i. Member Updates- Cupp reported that Ducks Unlimited collaborated with Groundswell Conservancy on the purchase of a 2,000-acre conservation easement in Rock County.

Item #10 Planning for the October 2026 LWCB Meeting

The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting, which will be a hybrid meeting:

- Recommendations related to Land and Water Resource Management Plans: Five-Year Reviews (Waushara and Green Counties) and Approval (Dunn and Shawano Counties)
- Recommendation for approval of the 2027 Joint Final Allocation Plan
- DNR Presentation of the Final Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2027
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research- Committee Updates
- Board Education Item: Nitrate Contamination and Ag Practices

- Cupp, McGraw, Osterman, and Katy Smith will form a working group to develop and implement policy or guidance regarding supervisor attendance at plan reviews and revisions. The group will present their draft proposal at the October 2026 meeting, with a target for full implementation by February 2027.

Item #11 Adjourn

Motion

Hofberger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm.

These meeting minutes were approved at the October 6, 2026 meeting of the LWCB