

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2024
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 4, 2024, 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 6, 2024**. 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 **9:05 a.m.** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Andrew Buttles, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, Ron Grasshoff, Rebecca Clarke, Yogesh Chawla and Chris Clayton for Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water), Nathan Fikkert (NRCS), Amber Radatz (UW-Extension)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Potts motioned to approve the June 4, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by McGraw, 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 Recommendation for approval of five-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Marquette County

Patrick Kilbey, County Conservationist, and Dennis Fenner, Land Conservation 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, Grasshoff motioned to recommend approval of Marquette County’s five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 State of Wisconsin Nutrient Reduction Strategy

Joe Bonnell, Nutrient Reduction Strategy Coordinator, DNR, presented an introduction the current state of Wisconsin Nutrient Reduction Strategy as well as future direction for development of a revised nutrient reduction strategy.

Item #5 Recommendation for approval of five-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Price County

Evan Lund, County Conservationist, and Nicholas Trimmer, Price County Administrator, 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 Price County’s five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 Presentation of the 2025 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan

Susan Mockert, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR presented to the Board the 2025 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan. The 2025 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan document is available online at the LWCB website within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Item #7 DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2025

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Applications for CY 2025. The memo describing the preliminary 2024 Scores and Rankings of TRM projects for CY 2025 is available within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Item #8 DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2025

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Applications (UNPS) for CY 2025. The memo describing the preliminary 2025 Scores and Rankings of UNPS projects for CY 2025 is available within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Item #9 Recommendation for approval of five-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for La Crosse County

Matt Hanewall, County Conservationist and Kevin Hoyer, Land Conservation 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, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of La Crosse County's five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research- Committee Updates

Grasshoff reported that the Committee met on July 2, 2024 and updated its work plan. Looking forward there is an opportunity to focus on outreach and research and to build a lasting relationship between the board and universities.

Item #11 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- was absent.
- b. NRCS- Fikkert introduced himself as the state Conservationist. Fikkert submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- c. UW CALS- was absent.
- d. UW Madison- Extension- Radatz submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#). In addition Radatz reported field day season at UW-Extension is in full swing, extension educators and regional specialists are participating in and engaging with Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant and NOPP programming and practices; Extension is planning for the [Water and Soil Health Conference](#) December 17 and 18 of 2024.
- e. WI Land + Water- Krueger reported WI Land + Water's Board approved a revised policy and timeline for elections to the state Land and Water Conservation Board. Elections are to conclude by November 29. Kreuger discussed an emphasis on training of new county employees and new agency employees including plans for their ongoing mentorship program, new conservation professionals group to meet the needs of a changing workforce. The association is also reviewing legislative and budget priorities.
- f. DOA- Potts reported that budget season is starting, agencies are in the process of developing budget requests. Agency budget requests are due September 16, 2024.
- g. DATCP- Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

- h. DNR- Schoen submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 6, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Item #12 Planning for the October 1, 2024 LWCB meeting

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

- Five-year Review Bayfield, Calumet and Portage Counties
- Recommendation for approval of the 2025 Joint Final Allocation Plan
- If available, the 2023 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
- Chelsea Zegler, Ag and Water Quality Outreach Specialist, UW-Extension to discuss outreach works related to current soil and water practices, ground water quality and soil health

Item #13 Adjourn

Motion

Cupp motioned to adjourn, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the October 1, 2024 meeting of the LWCB.