

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

December 3, 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 October 1, 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 **December 3, 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 **9:15 am** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Andy Buttles, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, Ron Grasshoff, Rebecca Clarke, and Jason Knutson. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Ryan Gerlich (NRCS), Amber Radatz (UW-Extension), Ian Krauss (FSA) and Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Osterman motioned to approve the October 1, 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 Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Vilas County

Carolyn Scholl, County Conservationist, and Holly Tomlanovich, Land Conservation Committee Chair, and Fred Heider, AICP North Central WI Regional Planning Commission, made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County's LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB's website lwcb.wi.gov.

DATCP’s review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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 Vilas County’s LWRM plan revision for a period of 10 years, seconded by Anderson, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Wood County

Shane Wucherfennig, County Conservationist, and Bill Leichtnam, Conservation, Education, and Economic Development Committee Chair, made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County’s LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB’s website lwcb.wi.gov.

DATCP’s review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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 Wood County’s LWRM plan revision for a period of 10 years, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 Review of the LWCB Bylaws

The Board elected to take up agenda Item 7 early to accommodate a schedule change.

Katy Smith, DATCP, presented a review of the LWCB’s Bylaws. The proposed bylaw revisions are available within the [December 3, 2024 meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Osterman motioned to recommend approval the Bylaw revisions as presented, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 2023 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report

Alex Elias, DATCP, presented the 2023 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report.

Item #8 Recommendation for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Langlade County

The Board elected to take up agenda Item 8 early to accommodate a schedule change.

Chris Arrowood, Assistant Director Langlade County Land Records and Regulations Department, Katie Bahr-Bender, County Conservationist made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County's LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB's website lwcb.wi.gov.

DATCP's review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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 Langlade County's LWRM plan revision for a period of 10 years, seconded by Clarke, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 Break

The board took a 15 minute break.

Item #6 Approval of Proposed 2025 LWCB Annual Agenda

Smith reviewed the draft 2025 annual agenda.

Potts motioned to recommend approval of the 2025 annual agenda, seconded by Anderson, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the December 3, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- b. NRCS- Gerlich submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the December 3, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- c. DOA- Potts reported the Governor's budget is anticipated to be released between late January and early February.
- d. DATCP- Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the December 3, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- e. DNR- Knutson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the December 3, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- f. Member Updates- Grasshoff reported that in January the LWCB Advisory Committee on research is going to evaluate comments from first presentation.

Item #11 Planning for the December 3, 2024 LWCB meeting

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

- Plan Reviews for Columbia, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties

- Possible Report and Recommendation on 2025 CREP Spending Authority
- Election of 2025 Officers- Chairman Cupp requested that members interested in serving as Officers reach out to DATCP or himself before January 20th.
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
- Farm Sustainability Rewards Project presentation- Wisconsin's Green Fire

Item #12 Adjourn

Motion

Anderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Knutson, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the February 4, 2025 meeting of the LWCB.