

**MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

June 3, 2025

2811 Agriculture Drive, Board Room &
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of April 1, 2025, 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 **June 3, 2025**. 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, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, D.J. Nichols and Laura Bub for Jason Knutson. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Nathan Fikkert (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA) and Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Cupp requested a change of the meeting minutes in Item #8 to reflect that in follow-ups with Kirsten Biefeld and Dr. Evan Larson, the Board could not convene an executive committee and issue a letter of support prior to the assigned deadline.

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the April 1, 2025, meeting minutes as amended, 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 Public Appearances

No public appearance cards were submitted.

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

Chad Casper, Conservation Department Director; Chuck Farrey; Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's 5-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: lwcw.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Winnebago County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan Review for Marinette County

Sheri Denowski, County Conservationist; Tim Oestreich, Land Information Department Director; Tom Mandli, Development Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's 5-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: lwcw.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of Marinette County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Wake Surfing and the environment

Jeff Meesmann presented an introduction on wake surfing and the environment on behalf of the Last Wilderness Alliance.

Item #6 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan revision for Rusk County

Nick Stadnyk, Land Conservation & Development Department Director; Kathy Halbur, Land Conservation Committee, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's LWRM Plan Revision.

The County provided written answers to the Board's standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB's website: lwcw.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Rusk County's LWRM plan review, seconded by Anderson, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research-Committee Updates

Biefeld delivered an update on the May meeting of the Committee. The committee will reconvene on September 2nd. Biefeld noted the committee discussed Jeff Hadachek's presentation to further expansion of PLWPG. Biefeld has reached out to Dani Heisler, DATCP's Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants Program Manager, to present to the LWCB in December. Dr. Adam Larson is anticipated to present in August.

Item #8 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 3, 2025 [meeting packet](#). In addition, Krauss reported that FSA appointed Sandy Chalmers as State Executive Director. CRP Opened until June 6, 2025. Cap from 2017 farm bill still applies for sign-ups. ELRP funding is open.
- b. NRCS- Fikkert submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 3, 2025 [meeting packet](#). Fikkert reported EQUIP, CSP, and IRA funds will not be available for 2025. They have started making payments for existing agreements.
- c. UW-Extension- No report provided.
- d. WI Land + Water- Krueger reported they will be hosting a series of wetlands and waterways workshops. Michael Hook is facilitating workshops in “Teaching Mastery for Conservation Staff”. They will work with the Savannah Institute on June 12th for Silvopasture trainings.
- e. DOA- Potts reported the Joint Finance Committee met twice thus far. DATCP environmental papers have not yet been published by Legislative Fiscal Bureau.
- f. DATCP- Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 3, 2025 [meeting packet](#).
- g. DNR- Bub submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 3, 2025 [meeting packet](#). Laura Bub reported
- h. Member Updates- Osterman reported summer meeting of the NACD in Milwaukee kicks off Saturday July 26th.

Item #9 Planning for the August 2025 LWCB Meeting

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

- Plan Revision for Oconto County
- Plan Reviews for Door and Iron Counties
- Presentation of 2026 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan
- DNR Presentation of the Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management Projects for CY 2026
- DNR Presentation of the Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2026
- Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
- Educational Opportunity- Climate Change Research by Dr. Evan Larson
- Update on Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

Item #10 Adjourn

Motion

Osterman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the August 5, 2025 meeting of the LWCB