MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

June 2, 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 April 7, 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 **June 2, 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, Rebecca Clarke, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, Jason Knutson. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Ryan Gerlich (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA), and Amber Radatz (UW CALS)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion
Osterman motioned to approve the April 7, 2026, meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Knutson, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved minutes shall be posted as the official meeting record for publication on the LWCB website.

> Change Item 10 NR 151: amend to "DNR, DATCP, and Wisconsin Land and Water" and change "UW System" to "UW-Madison"

Item #2 Public Appearances

No public appearance cards were submitted.

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

Brian Haase, County Conservationist; Stefan Stults, Nutrient Management Specialist 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, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of Waupaca County's LWRM plan revision, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Josh Saykally, County Conservationist 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, Osterman motioned to recommend deferring approval of Waushara County's LWRM plan revision to August or September meeting in order to have a LCC member present, seconded by Clark, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Education Item: Jumping Worms

Brad Herrick, Lakeshore Nature Preserve Director, UW-Madison presented on the ecology and impacts of jumping worms.

Item #6 Agency Reports

a. FSA- Krauss provided a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the June 2, 2026 meeting packet.

b. NRCS- Gerlich reported NRCS national leadership change, new leader is Chief Colton Buckley. Local workgroup is scheduled for June 23. Notice of funding opportunity for Conservation Innovation grants – Classic and On-farm Trials. $65 million available between two programs. National F&W Foundation RFP out for 2026 grants to support conservation.

c. UW-CALS- No updated provided.

d. UW-Extension – No update provided.

e. WI Land + Water- Osterman reported that WI L&W moved into new building on South Blount Street. Friday June 5 first of five training opportunities for state-wide trainings focused on relationships between LCC and LCD staff.

f. DOA- Potts starting next budget cycle, beginning with JFC finalizing base budget. Working with Governor's office to get information out to Departments regarding budget instructions. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program ends at the end of June 2026, so working with DNR to capitalize any available funds.

g. DATCP- Clayton reports on Conservation Agronomy trainings starting this summer, targeting new county employees. 51 people signed up for field sessions this summer. 2026 NM regional meetings begin in August (5 meetings across the state). Application out for $300,000 in engineering reserve funds to address runoff needs.

h. DNR- DNR- Knutson referred to written update attached to meeting notes. A stakeholder meeting was held as part of the Nutrient loss reduction strategy with over 200 stakeholders in attendance. SOC to create two new standards for use of alum in stormwater ponds. Collaborative targeted watershed assessment of Four-Mile Creek includes Wood and Portage counties; Nepco Lake District, Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards, farmers, Domtar paper mill, and UWSP. PRA project – measure the rate of compliance with each ag performance standard across the state and to determine if areas out of compliance are due cost-share. Grants application period closed April 15. Fewer TRM grant applications for 2027.Working with WI L&W to make the TRM grants more accessible. New staff for regional nonpoint coordinator: Rob Wheeler SE region. Three new CAFO staff: Jeremy Kleinsmith (LaCrosse), Phil Gruber (Wausau), Ben Mrdutt (Eau Claire).

i. Member Updates- No member updates

Item #7 Planning for the August 2026 LWCB Meeting

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

- LWRM 5 Year Plan Review for Waukesha and Florence Counties (Dunn County swapped with Florence County and will present their revision in October) Waushara County
- Presentation of the 2027 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan
- DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and Urban Nonpoint Source Stormwater Management Projects for CY 2027
- A presentation on the 2026 Soil and Water conservation Report (pending final publication)
- Education Item: Nutrient Management Planning, including training, support, and Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE), Andrea Topper-DATCP

Item #8 Adjourn

Motion
Potts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 11:49am.

These meeting minutes were approved at the August 4, 2026 meeting of the LWCB