

**MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**October 5, 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of August 3, 2021 LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met via videoconference on **October 5, 2021**. 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, Advisors and Department Staff Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Eric Birschbach, Bobbie Webster, Ron Grasshoff, Andrew Buttles, Mike Hofberger, Monte Osterman, Brian Weigel, Andrew Potts, and Sara Walling. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Ken Genskow (Division of Extension – UW Madison), Francisco Arriaga (UW-Madison), Eric Allness for Angela Biggs (NRCS) and Matt Krueger (WI Land+Water)

Department staff: Lacey Cochart, Lisa Trumble, Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, Alex Elias, Kim Carlson, Susan Mockert, Coreen Fallat, Katy Smith, and Zach Zopp (DATCP) Joanna Griffin, Liz Osborne (DNR).

Approval of Agenda

Motion

Hofberger motioned to amend the agenda by removing agenda items 12 and 13, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Grasshoff motioned to amend the draft August 3, 2021 meeting minutes by making a spelling correction on page one, seconded by Weigel, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Grasshoff motioned to approve the August 3, 2021 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Weigel, 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 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Kenosha County

Mark Jenks, County Conservationist, Kenosha County LWCD and Daniel Gaschke, LCC Chair, made the formal presentation in support of the 5-year review of the County’s LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB’s website lwcb.wi.gov.

Kenosha County Land and Water Conservation Department 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 moved to recommend approval of Kenosha County’s 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment for Contaminated Private Wells Publication

Dr. Tucker Burch and Dr. Mark Borchardt, USDA Agricultural Research Service, presented to the Board the results of a recent study that used years of private well-water data in Kewaunee County, WI to predict the total cases of acute gastrointestinal illness in the area with a quantitative microbial risk assessment model. The *Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment for Contaminated Private Wells in the Fractured Dolomite Aquifer of Kewaunee County, Wisconsin*, study is available [at this link](#). The presentation to the Board is available online at LWCB’s website lwcb.wi.gov under 2021 Meetings for October 5, 2021.

Item #5 Video Series: Building a Waterway with a Grade Stabilization Structure

The “*Building a Waterway with a Grade Stabilization Structure*” video published by the Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as part of their Conservation Under Construction series was presented to the Board. The video is available online at LWCB’s website lwcb.wi.gov under 2021 Meetings for October 5, 2021.

After discussion with agency representatives, the Board requested Department staff continue to present 10-15 minute informational videos at each Board meeting. The Board suggested that future videos should relate to conservation practices or topics currently faced by the Counties undertaking LWRM plan revisions or reviews. The Board suggested the following topics for future videos: manure injection and nutrient management plan development.

Item #6 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Trempealeau County

Chuck Zauner, County Conservationist, Trempealeau County LCD and George Brandt, Environment and Land Use Committee Chair, made the formal presentation in support of the 5-year review of the County’s LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB’s website lwcb.wi.gov.

Trempealeau County Land and Water Conservation Department 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, Birschbach moved to recommend approval of Trempealeau County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 Presentation of on the 2020 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report

Coreen Fallat, DATCP, gave a presentation on the [2020 Soil and Water Conservation Report](#) to the board. The presentation is available online at LWCB's website lwcb.wi.gov under 2021 Meetings for October 5, 2021.

The Board suggested agencies should evaluate resources for modeling nutrient and sediment reductions for counties.

Item #8 Lunch

Chairman Mark Cupp reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Item #9 Presentation of 2022 Joint Final Allocation Plan

Jenni Heaton- Amrhein, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the 2022 Joint Final Allocation Plan for approval. The 2022 Joint Final Allocation Plan document and memo are available online at the LWCB website within the October 5, 2021 [meeting packet](#). Heaton- Amrhein noted, the Preliminary Joint Allocation Plan miscalculated the Bayfield Staffing grant, thus \$4,500 was redistributed to 69 of the 71 other counties. Additionally, DATCP is holding \$125,000 in reserve for a DATCP IT project; should these funds not be used, DATCP will use the funds to increase SEG innovation grant funding.

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Grasshoff moved to approve the final 2022 Joint Final Allocation Plan, seconded by Hofberger, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 DNR Presentation of the Final Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2022

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the final scores and rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2022. The memo describing the 2022 final scores and rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects and the tables showing the scores and rankings are available online at the LWCB website within the October 5, 2021 [meeting packet](#). Griffin noted the final scores and rankings did not contain any revisions from that of the preliminary scores and rankings presented to the Board on August 3, 2021.

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Webster moved to approve the ranking of UNPS projects as presented, seconded by Hofberger, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 DNR Presentation of the Final Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2022

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the final scores and rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2022. The memo describing the 2022 final scores and rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects and tables showing the scores and rankings are available online at the LWCB website within the October 5, 2021 [meeting packet](#). Griffin noted that while the total amount allocated is the same, Ozaukee County requested to decrease funding on two of their grants so the available funds could fund their third grant application. The DNR granted Ozaukee County's request, as the revision would not exceed the 20% total TRM allocation cap to any single county.

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Hofberger moved to approve the ranking of TRM projects for CY22 as presented, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #12 Update on Post-pandemic Planning for In-person and Virtual LWCB Meetings

Katy Smith, DATCP, presented to the Board an update on DATCP plans for virtual and in-person LWCB meetings. For the time being, the Board should expect to meet virtually; however DATCP is outfitting the Board room located at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708 with equipment that may enable the board to conduct a hybrid meeting. Once this equipment is installed, DATCP will inform the board.

Item #13 Agency Reports

FSA- Ian Krauss and Danielle Roder were both absent and did not submit a written report.

NRCS – Eric Allness submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 5, 2021 [meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Allness reported President Biden signed a continuing budget resolution that will carry Federal funding through December 3, 2021.

UW CALs & UW Ext - Dr. Arriaga reported: The Dairy Innovation Hub recruited a new faculty position; the Dean of CALs is stepping down in 2022 and CALS is current searching for a the next Dean; The Nutrient and Pest Management Program hired a new Northwest Regional Outreach specialist to be headquartered out of Chippewa Falls. Dr. Arriaga also reported UW is gathering input on SNAP + 3, which is projected to be a web based interface with an alternative desktop version to accommodate users who do not have a good internet connection.

WI Land+Water- Matt Krueger reported: WI Land+Water is working with NRCS to fund a statewide training coordinator and hopes to fill the position by the start of 2022; is planning an in-person county conservation meeting in Stevens Point, December 2021 and an in-person association meeting in Wisconsin Dells, March 2022. Krueger also reported that WI Land+Water launched an in-house climate resiliency program and hopes to build a climate resilience hub on the WI Land+Water website with resources for LCC staff and committee members. This in-house program also expects to provide LCDs with suggestions to incorporate climate resilience into a LWRM plan.

DOA – Andrew Potts reported: DOA is completing work related to the annual financial report and annual comprehensive financial report; working on overdraft reports where overspending occurred; the WI legislature may or may not be in session for the remainder of the calendar year.

DATCP – Sara Walling submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 5, 2021 [meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Walling reported that the statement of scope on the ATCP 50 rule change will be presented to the DATCP board in October. Beginning January 1, 2022, the DATCP Hemp Program will transition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

DNR – Brian Weigel submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 5, 2021 [meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Weigel reported that Ian Anderson was hired to work in the CAFO program; NR 216, governing stormwater rules, was approved in August; and the DNR completed a notice of discharge module for Best Management Practices Implementation Tracking Systems (BITS).

Member Reports – No member reports were submitted

Item #14 Planning for December 2021 LWCB meeting

In addition to the items identified in the proposed 2021 annual agenda, the Board should expect the following at the December meeting:

- Three LWRM plan revisions (Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Waushara counties)
- The October 2021 LWCB agenda item, *Update on Post-pandemic Planning for In-person and Virtual LWCB Meetings* will be carried over to December 2021
- A Department update on FSA Representation on County LCCs
- Review of Board powers and duties under s. 92.04, Wis. Stats.
- An update on revisions to the 5-year review questionnaire and policy documents
- Approval of the 2022 LWCB Annual Agenda

Item #15 Adjourn

Motion

Grasshoff moved to adjourn, seconded by Weigel, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbie Webster, Secretary

Date

Recorder: ZZ, DATCP