

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

October 1, 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 August 6, 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 **October 1, 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 **9:00 am** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

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

Advisors: Nathan Fikkert (NRCS), Amber Radatz (UW-Extension), Dr. Francisco Arriaga (UW-CALS), Ian Krauss (FSA)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Osterman motioned to approve the August 6, 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 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Bayfield County

Ben Dufford, Bayfield County LWCD Director, and Marty Milanowski, Land Conservation 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: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

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

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Calumet County

Anthony Reali, Calumet County Conservationist, and Nick Kesler, Land and Water Conservation Committee Member, 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: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

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

Item #5 The Zone of Interaction: Assessing Water Quality Risks through Sampling- a Participatory Research Project

Chelsea Zegler, Ag & Water Quality Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Division of Extension, presented on project *Assessing Water Quality Risks through Sampling*. The project seeks to help producers make informed decisions about land management by providing data, seeks to illustrate the importance of stacking best management practices and encourage review of soil test phosphorus.

Item #6 Presentation of the 2025 Joint Allocation Plan

Katy Smith, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR presented to the Board the 2025 Joint Allocation Plan. The 2025 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan document is available online at the LWCB website within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of the final 2025 Joint Final Allocation Plan as presented, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously

Item #7 DNR Presentation of 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 Scores and Rankings of TRM projects for CY 2025 is available within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, McGraw moved to recommend approval the ranking of TRM projects for CY25 as presented, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

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 Scores and Rankings of UNPS projects for CY 2025 is available within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and agency representatives, Grasshoff moved to recommend approval the ranking of UNPS projects as presented, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Portage County

Steve Bradley, Portage County Conservationist and Nancy Eggleston, Land and Water Conservation 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: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

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

Item #10 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research- Committee Updates

Grasshoff reported that the Committee met on September 3, 2024 and reviewed the work plan and potential bylaw revisions to forward to the Board at its December meeting. Grasshoff noted that Osterman requested that the Board consider an additional revision beyond that recommended by the Committee. Proposed language includes:

The Advisory Committee on Research shall consist of no more than 5 voting members of the LWCB, whose terms shall be concurrent with their regular LWCB appointment. The committee shall include at least one board member elected under [s. 15.135\(4\)\(b\)2., Wis. Stats.](#) as a representative of county land conservation committees. New members may be appointed by the Board Chair in the event of a vacancy.

The committee shall include at least 2 advisors, including the designee from the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of the UW- Madison, and the designee from the Dean of the Division of Extension, and such other person(s) as the Advisory Committee Chair may, from time to time, deem appropriate.

Osterman motioned to send a revised draft bylaw revision to staff for review and incorporation to the December 2024 bylaw revisions, seconded by Grasshoff, the motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- b. NRCS- Fikkert submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- c. UW CALS- Arriaga reported that the Dean’s Office is restructuring and streamlining; there is no longer going to be a Dean of Extension and that responsibilities attached to that position will be attached to the Dean of Research; UW CALs will participate in two [Research Innovation and Scholarly Excellence \(RISE\) Initiatives](#), being RISE-AI and RISE-Earth. The initiatives will focus on faculty hiring, research infrastructure, interdisciplinary collaboration and student opportunities.
- d. UW Madison- Extension- Radatz reported that the [WI Water and Soil Health Conference](#) is coming on December 17th and 18th in the Wisconsin Dells; Extension continues to add new agriculture staff, a summary of topics and areas covered can be accessed [here](#); looking to fall, there are opportunities for participatory research in a number of areas, interested parties are encouraged to connect with Amber so she can connect them with the team members in charge of the topics of interest.
- e. WI Land + Water- Osterman reported that the association hired Lou Warpinski as an administrative manager; the County Conservationist Meeting is coming on October 17th and 18th; elections for WI Land + Water membership on the LWCB will take place in late October.
- f. DOA- Potts reported that agency budget requests have been submitted to the Governor.
- g. DATCP- Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#).
- h. DNR- Clayton submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 1, 2024 [meeting packet](#). Jason Knutson has been hired to fill Jill Schoen’s vacancy. Jason will join the Board as the DNR representative at the December meeting.

Item #12 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 Revisions for Langlade, Vilas and Wood Counties
- If available, the 2023 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report
- Possible Report and Recommendation on 2025 CREP Spending Authority
- Review of Bylaws
- Review of Proposed Annual Agenda
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates

Item #13 Adjourn

Motion

Cupp motioned to adjourn, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the December 3, 2024 meeting of the LWCB.