

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

October 7, 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 August 5, 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 **October 7, 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, Ron Grasshoff, Rebecca Clarke, Chris Clayton, Andrew Potts, D.J. Nichols, and Jason Knutson. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Dr. Franciso Arriaga (UW-CALS), Amber Radatz (UW-Extension)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Grasshoff motioned to approve the August 5, 2025, meeting minutes as amended, 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 LWRM Plan Revision for Manitowoc County

David Wetenkamp, Department Director 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: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Knutson motioned to recommend approval of Manitowoc County's LWRM plan revision, seconded by Clayton, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mandy Bonneville, Deputy Director/County Conservationist; Heather Marquardt, Senior Urban Conservation Specialist; Katie Porubcan, Conservation Technician; Brian Holt, LCC 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, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of Walworth County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Knutson, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Climate Change & LWRM Plans

Jenny Pethan, WI Land+Water; Helena Tiedmann, DNR presented their efforts on climate resilience and working with data and research to implement into LWRM plans.

Item #6 Recommendation for approval of LWRM 5-Year Review for Pepin County

Jessica McMahon, Land Conservation & Planning Director/County Conservationist; Angie Bocksell, LCC Chair formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's LWRM 5-Year 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 Pepin County's LWRM 5-Year plan review, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Alex Elias, DATCP delivered an update on the SWRM and nonpoint source water pollution programs, other project cooperator grants, and highlighted 8 counties in the report. A survey will be sent out in January.

Item #8 Presentation of 2026 Joint Final Allocation Plan

Susan Mockert, DATCP; Joanna Griffin, DNR delivered a presentation of the 2026 Joint Final Allocation Plan and Environmental Assessment.

Motion to receive the Joint Final Allocation Plan and Environmental Assessment by Osterman, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 DNR presentation of the Final Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)

Joanna Griffin, DNR presented the applications and ranked list for the projects that applied for and received TRM grant support for 2026.

Motion to receive the Final Scores and Rankings of TRM by Grasshoff, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 DNR presentation of the Final Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source (NPS) and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2026

Joanna Griffin, DNR presented the projects receiving NPS and Storm Water Management support for CY 2026.

Motion to receive the Final Scores and Rankings of NPS by Grasshoff, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research - Committee Updates

Ron Grasshoff summarized the September 2nd meeting. A summary sheet of presentations will be included in the survey.

Item #12 Agency Reports

- a. FSA-No report provided.
- b. NRCS- Gerlich submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 7, 2025 [meeting packet](#).
- c. UW-Extension- Radatz reported registration is open for the Water and Soil Health Conference December 16-17 at the Kalahari Resort.
- d. WI Land + Water- Osterman reported the board meeting is October 15th in Stevens Point.
- e. DOA- Potts submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 7, 2025 [meeting packet](#).
- f. DATCP- Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 7, 2025 [meeting packet](#).

- g. DNR- Knutson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the October 7, 2025 [meeting packet](#). On October 15th there is a board meeting to share the planning effort to analyze progress of NR 151.
- h. Member Updates- No member updates.

Item #13 Planning for the December 2025 LWCB Meeting

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

- LWRM Plan Revision for Adams County, Iowa County, and Sheboygan County
- Report and Potential Recommendation on the 2026 CREP Spending Authority
- Farmland Preservation Program Biennial Report
- Approval of Proposed 2026 LWCB Annual Agenda
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
- Board Education Item: Introduction to Producer-Led Watershed Program with Dani Heisler

Item #14 Adjourn

Motion

Grasshoff motioned to adjourn, seconded by Knutson, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved at the December 2nd, 2025 meeting of the LWCB