

**MINUTES**  
**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**April 5, 2022**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Item #1      Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of February 1, 2022 LWCB meeting minutes.**

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**Call to Order**

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met via videoconference on **April 5, 2022**. 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, Bobbie Webster, Monte Osterman, Ron Grasshoff, Andrew Buttles, Brian Weigel, Andrew Potts, Brian McGraw and Coreen Fallat. A quorum was present.

**Advisors:** John Exo (Division of Extension – UW Madison), Eric Allness (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA) and Matt Krueger (WI Land+Water)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Grasshoff motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Osterman requested that the draft minutes of the February 1, 2022 be amended to reflect the correct Board Secretary.

**Motion**

Osterman motioned to approve the February 1, 2022 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Potts, 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**

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No public appearance cards were submitted.

**Item #3      Extension of DATCP Projects from 2021 into 2022 & Report on Transfers and Reallocations of 2021 Cost-Share Dollars**

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Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein and Susan Mockert, DATCP presented on the extension of DATCP Projects from 2021 to 2022 and a written report, available within the April 5, 2022 [meeting packet](#), on transfers and reallocations of 2021 cost-share dollars.

McGraw motioned to approve the extension of DATCP Projects from 2021 to 2022 as presented, seconded by Webster. The motion carried.

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

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Jeremy Johnson, Land Conservation Department Director, Menominee County and Heather Pyatskowitz, Menominee Tribe and LCC 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](http://lwcb.wi.gov)).

**Motion**

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

**Item #5 Certified Crop Advisors**

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Andrea Topper, Training and Outreach Conservation Specialist for DATCP, presented to the Board on certified crop advisors in Wisconsin.

The presentation to the Board is available online at the LWCB website [lwcb.wi.gov](http://lwcb.wi.gov) under April 5, 2022.

**Item #6 5-Minute Break**

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**Item #7 Recommendation for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Revision for Jackson County**

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Gaylord Olson II, County Conservationist, Jackson County LCD, and Ron Carney, Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee Chair, made a formal presentation in support of a 10-year approval of the County's LWRM plan. A copy of their presentation is available on the LWCB's website [lwcb.wi.gov](http://lwcb.wi.gov).

DATCP's review of the plan, using the LWRM Plan Review Checklist, found that the plan complies with all requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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](http://lwcb.wi.gov)).

The Board and County representatives discussed local livestock licensing and manure management ordinances, use of multi-discharge variance funds to install structural practices, the county's approach to nutrient management planning and associated use of cost-share, the efficiencies of having staff with strong institutional knowledge and future staffing transitions, and the value of long-term land and water resource management planning. The board strongly encouraged the county to make nutrient management a priority and to consult with peers on successful approaches for long term nutrient management implementation. The board commended the county for the amount of works achieved with only two full-time county conservation department staff.

## **Motion**

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Jackson County's LWRM plan revision for a period of 10 years, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Item #8      LWCB Advisory Duty to the University of Wisconsin System**

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John Exo, UW-Extension and Zach Zopp, DATCP, presented to the Board on the LWCB's advisory duty to the University of Wisconsin System. The cover memo and presentation given to the Board are available online at the LWCB website within the April 5, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Members Weigel, Webster, Osterman and Grasshoff agreed to meet with Advisors Exo and Arriaga, in addition to Zach Zopp, DATCP, to prepare for future board discussions on the Board's role in advising the University of Wisconsin System.

## **Item #9      Agency Reports**

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**FSA-** Ian Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the April 5, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**NRCS** – Eric Allness submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the April 5, 2022 [meeting packet](#). Allness also reported that Angela Biggs is still on detail to national headquarters.

**UW Extension & UW CALs** - John Exo reported that Division of Extension leadership is prioritizing resources, including staffing, toward agricultural water quality issues. The new Extension Agriculture Water Quality Program is recruiting for three Agriculture Water Quality Outreach Specialists. UW is recruiting for faculty hires within the Horticulture, Biological Systems Engineering and Ag Economics Departments and one additional position that is yet to be determined. In Extension, outreach positions related to farm management, beef, swine and grazing are also in recruitment.

**WI Land+Water-** Matt Krueger reported that at its spring meeting WI Land + Water membership elected 3 members to serve on the LWCB beginning in January of 2023 through 2025: Rebecca Clarke (Sheboygan), Monte Osterman (Racine) and Russell Rindsig (Barron). As a result of local elections on April 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a new WI Land + Water Board of Directors in June who will convene for the first time in July.

**DOA** – Andrew Potts reported that the state Legislature concluded its session in March. As of the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, all bills that were passed were conveyed to the Governor's Office for signature or veto. DOA will be working with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau on base budget reconciliation.

**DATCP** – Coreen Fallat submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the April 5, 2022 [meeting packet](#). In addition to the written report, Fallat reported: if the Governor signs the nitrogen optimization legislation, DATCP will need to start an emergency rule process; the department is currently working on the ATCP 50 rule revision process; the department has received a grant from the EPA to work with WI Wetlands Association to analyze and research hydrologic restorations. The department anticipates the analysis from this project will inform whether new practices are needed in ATCP 50.

**DNR** – Brian Weigel submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the April 5, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

**Item #10 Planning for the June 2022 LWCB meeting**

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The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting:

- Two LWRM 5-year plan reviews (Forest and Lincoln Counties)
- One Revisit (Adams)
- The 2021 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report (written report only)

**Item #11 Adjourn**

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**Motion**

Osterman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Monte J. Osterman*

June 13, 2022

Monte Osterman, Secretary

Date

Recorder: KS, DATCP