

**David (Dave) Solin,**  
**Conservationist, Business-owner, Farmer & Public Officer**  
**Biography for LWCB Nomination**



I am seeking the re-nomination for the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board. I believe that my formal education, experiences, and skills that I have learned over the past year will make me a great board candidate to represent the benefits of county led conservation. I have served on the board for the last one and a half years.

I am a lifelong resident of Langlade County, our farm which is on the edge of the terminal moraine of the Wisconsin glaciations, north of Antigo. My interest in land and water conservation goes as far back as my childhood, spending much time in the fields and forests. I grew up living the dream of working the land that has become so precious to us all.

Following high school, I attended UW-Stevens Point. I was then offered a job with the City of Antigo as a wastewater operator and then at the water treatment facility. Working in these positions made me realize I would like to develop a water testing business of my own. In 1987, I started Lab-Tech Services, a laboratory that analyzes wastewater. In 1998, I added a drinking water laboratory. I have continued to operate this business for 29 years, continuing the support of municipal and private efforts for our precious water resources.

During these years, my brother and I went into business formed Solin Brothers Forest Products. In our many years of logging and tree farming, we have sustainably managed our lands, which consist of many acres of forestland, ponds, lakes and a class "A" trout stream. We have been recognized with numerous awards for good conservation practices. In 1993, we were named as the Wisconsin Tree Farm of the Year and as a runner-up for the National Tree Farm of the Year in 1994.

After 30 years of Solin Brothers Forest Products, I decided to step away to let the next generation take over. I recently started Solin's Woodland Ranch where I raise and sell grass-fed cattle, pigs, and other livestock. The farm also produces maple syrup, Christmas trees and is currently developing a minnow and fish farm operation. I am also pleased to say that the farm is also pleased to be part of the Antigo Flats Agriculture Enterprise Area.

Now, I find myself in public service and am currently the Chair for the Town of Neva and the Chair of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors. I am also the Langlade County Land Conservation Committee Chairman, along with Executive Committee Chairman.

Serving on the board has made me realize that we need a strong voice to stand up for our timber lands. My experience as a forest owner and past forest and timber manager for many of the forest parcels that I have worked on, will give the board an added perspective to the timber Industry and the need for greater awareness along with a strong voice.

Over the years I have developed deep conservation knowledge and have implemented and followed those practices. I want to educate other people about the need and ways to care for the land. I believe I would be an excellent candidate for the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board.

Sincerely,

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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:**

Over 35 years experience as a Civil/Environmental Engineer in land use planning, design and construction of Agricultural, Residential and Commercial/Industrial building site development. Specific project management and engineering expertise in the design/construction of building site layout; utility infrastructure systems; erosion control and stormwater management practices; environmental site assessments and regulatory permitting requirements.

**EDUCATION:**

BS Civil Engineering - 1975  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Indiana

Masters of Business Administration - 2004  
Edgewood College  
Madison, Wisconsin

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Registered Professional Engineer  
State of Wisconsin - Active  
State of Illinois - Retired  
State of Indiana - Inactive

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Society of Civil Engineering – Member  
American Concrete Institute – Member

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Member – Dane County Board of Supervisors (District 35)  
Vice Chairman – Dane County Environmental, Agriculture, Natural Resources Committee  
Member – Dane County Land Conservation Committee  
Member – Dane County Board Executive Committee  
Member – Dane County Economic & Workforce Development Committee



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**Brief biographical sketch of the candidate**

Married with 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild

Lifelong resident of Hilbert

Now retired, formerly self-employed in the real estate sales and auction business

Assessor for the Town of Woodville for 31 years

Served on the Hilbert School Board for 9 years

A Lions member for 30 years, Melvin Jones Award recipient

Little League coach for 5 years

Current Member; Calumet County Board of Supervisors; 24 years

Current Member; Calumet County Land & Water Conservation Committee; 24 years; served as chair for 6 years

Formerly served on WI State Land & Water Board for 8 years; 4 years as chair

Current member of the WI Land + Water Board of Directors

**Patrick has been a longtime advocate for groundwater regulation and protection.....**

Promoted stricter regulations for the transfer of deed with private wells to require full panel of water testing as opposed to only safe water testing

Promoted establishing Groundwater Guardians in Calumet County

Actively promoted safe water standards in Calumet County and the surrounding area by water sampling and testing in all nine towns in Calumet County on a rotating basis

Due to Patrick's heavy involvement in groundwater issues has become known as "the water man"

**Specific reasons why you want to vote for this candidate.....**

Helped spearhead a program coordinating 4-H clubs to stencil curb drains in municipalities that drain to streams to prevent dumping of waste

Promoted groundwater safety at NACD Conventions and seminars

Listened and encouraged County Board supervisors and Land & Water Board members on the importance of Land & Water issues not only in Calumet County but statewide

Promoted stricter regulations for the transfer of deed and home sales by promoting legislation to require full panel of water testing as opposed to only safe water testing

Has been an advocate for Land & Water Conservation for the past 24 years

As a longtime member of the Land & Water Committee and his work serving on other committees Patrick has gained an extensive understanding of Land & Water Conservation issues facing the state