



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thurs, March 10, 2022	
Start Time: 8:30 am	End Time: 10:45 am
Virtual Meeting Web link:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83236130025?pwd=TVVCdW1TWkljaTBHYORISDUrNIZIUT09
Conference Phone:	1-312-626-6799
Access Code:	Meeting ID: 832 3613 0025 Passcode: 786917
<p>WI Land+Water BOD Members: Area 1 (LM): Ken Dolata (<i>Oconto LCD</i>), Ken Fisher (<i>Door LCC</i>); Area 2 (LW): Brian Haase (left at 10:00) (<i>Waupaca LWCD</i>), Mike Hofberger (<i>Calumet LWCC</i>); Area 3 (SE): Monte Osterman (<i>Racine LCC</i>), Alan Barrows (<i>Waukesha LRD</i>); Area 4 (S): Amy Piaget (<i>Dane LCD</i>), Melissa Luck (<i>Richland LCC</i>); Area 5 (W): Bob Micheel (<i>Monroe LCD</i>); Tom Clark (<i>Jackson LCC</i>); Area 6 (WC): Russell Rindsig (<i>Barron LCC</i>); Chase Cummings (<i>Dunn LWCD</i>); Area 7 (NW): Craig Conroy (<i>Burnett NRC</i>), Ben Dufford (<i>Bayfield LWCD</i>); Area 8 (NC): Bob Mott (<i>Oneida LWCD</i>); Carolyn Scholl (<i>Vilas LWCD</i>).</p> <p>Non-Voting Advisors: Dan Bahr (<i>WCA</i>), Angela Biggs (<i>NRCS</i>), Chris Clayton (<i>DNR</i>), Lacey Cochart (<i>DATCP</i>), Coreen Fallat (<i>DATCP</i>), Ken Genskow (<i>UW-Madison Division of Extension</i>), Mike Gilbertson (<i>DNR</i>), Beth Mason (<i>NACD</i>), Dan Zerr (<i>UW-Madison Division of Extension</i>)</p>	<p>In Attendance: Highlighted</p> <p>Absent: K. Fisher; M. Hofberger, A. Barrows, T. Clark, B. Mott, B. Haase (left at 10:00)</p>
<p>WI Land+Water Staff: Matt Krueger (<i>Executive Director</i>), Kim Warkentin (<i>Operations Manager/Youth Education Director</i>), Michael Hook (<i>Statewide Training Coordinator</i>)</p>	
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WI Land+Water meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe via web or call-in if desired. Please state your name if using the dial-in option. Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the board. 	
<p>Next Meeting Time: July 14, 2022, 9:00 am – noon, Stevens Point, WI</p>	

ALL ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE

- 8:32 am Call to Order – Chair Monte Osterman
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll call
 - Adopt agenda
 - Approve previous meeting minutes – Dec. 9, 2021 **Motion: Rindsig/Dolata**
- 8:36 am Financial Reports – Treasurer Alan Barrow unable to attend, Krueger
- Balance Sheet Comparable - Quarterly review in the future? Same level of review at both Executive and BOD meetings? Balance as available and review year end.
 - YTD Budget vs. Actual – Should be continuous review over the entire year.

- YTD P&L Comparable – Most information with remain skewed until year end. Available for review.

- 8:48 am Executive Committee Report – President Bob Micheel
- 2022 Board of Directors workplan – shown on screen, reviewed 2022 BOD annual plan – Hyperlinks to strategic plan reference will be available soon – Plan will be available on website for the BOD members.
 - 2023 Membership dues adjustment – Adjustment has not been made since 2020. Cost of ops is getting more expensive. Executive committee agreed to start at an increase of \$50 in 2023 instead of digging into formula. **Motion to approve: Haase/Conroy**
- 9:00 am WI Land+Water Staff Appearance: Michael Hook, New Statewide Training Coordinator – Executive Director Matt Krueger
- He started on January 18
 - He shared a Kahoot! game to introduce himself to the BOD. Fun. 😊
- 9:30 am Break
- 9:35 am Approval of Representatives to External Committees – Osterman
- Cathy Cooper, Richland County – UW-Madison Division of Extension New Landowner Advisory Board
 - Dave Ferris, Burnett County – UW-Madison Division of Extension Maple Syrup Advisory Group
- Motion to approve: Cummings/Dolata**
- 9:40 am Executive Director’s Report
- 2022 annual conference debrief 300 registrations, revenue may be around \$40,000. \$20,000 has been paid to Chula Vista for next year. \$7,000 in sponsorships. Very proud of Land+Water Staff.
 - Navigating federal funding opportunities – actively navigating these to extract opportunities for counties and Land+Water
 - 2022 LCC trainings – In 2020, we didn’t do these trainings in person. Many resources are available on website. Targeted training videos for an on-boarding process? Follow-up discussion about how best to meet county LCC members’ needs.
 - Office relocation – Move is complete, 40% increase in rent, still setting up technology. Part-time in office for staff. Still utilizing remote work opportunities.
- 10:06 am National Association of Conservation Districts Update – Osterman
- Last one in January in Columbus, Ohio. Dues increase to \$400. Scholarships increased to \$800, and as he understands it, these would be eligible to both LCC or LCD members. Osterman summarized a number of grants that were given out.

Bylaws change. On committee to write policy handbook. Other committees as well. Very busy.

- Hosting future NACD regional meeting – Opportunity to work with NACD staff and planners to bring annual summer mtg to WI. Possibly 2024 or 2025. Don't know what would be required of the WI Land+Water staff. Event planners could answer that question better.

10:23 am

Agency Advisor Reports

Coreen Fallat (DATCP)– DACTP staffing, Sara Walling and Lacey Cochart have taken different positions outside of agency. Rule revision for Silurian bedrock in process – additional meetings will address more detailed. New wetland practices in the future? WWA will look into this. Hypoxia task force in process, federal funding sources? Funding contract for WI Land+Water is complete.

Chris Clayton (DNR)– provided in email "The department is engaged in planning efforts in anticipation of receiving federal infrastructure dollars. We are investigating how these funds might be used to provide more funding to nonpoint source work. I believe that Karl Gesch has provided all the information we have to share at this moment. We will keep WI Land+Water in the loop when we have more information to share."

Dan Zerr (UWEXT) – Been searching for Nat Res Educator in Fond Du Lac area failed, re-advertising. Starting to get back out in the field. Explanation of dwindling pots of money with UW-Extension.

10:30 am

Closing Remarks – Osterman

Thank you to agency partners, you help us tremendously! WI Land+Water - Pandemic didn't de-rail you! Osterman hopes to continue with Land and Water Conservation Board. Thank you to all!

10:41 am

Announcements – July 13 WI Land+Water is hosting a training on diversity, equity, and inclusion

10:45 am

Adjourn Motion: Rindsig/Cummings

Respectfully Submitted: Carolyn Scholl, Secretary WI Land+Water