



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021	
Start Time: 8:34 a.m.	End Time: 11:53 a.m.
Virtual Location:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83236130025?pwd=TVVCdW1TWkIjaTBHYORISDUrNIZIUT09
Conference Phone:	1 312 626 6799 US
Access Code:	Meeting ID: 832 3613 0025 Passcode: 786917
<p>WI Land+Water BOD Members: <u>Area 1 (LM)</u>: Ken Dolata (<i>Oconto LCD</i>), Ken Fisher (<i>Door LCC</i>); <u>Area 2 (LW)</u>: Brian Haase (<i>Waupaca LWCD</i>), Mike Hofberger (<i>Calumet LWCC</i>); <u>Area 3 (SE)</u>: Monte Osterman (<i>Racine LCC</i>), Alan Barrows (<i>Waukesha LRD</i>); <u>Area 4 (S)</u>: Amy Piaget (<i>Dane LCD</i>), Melissa Luck (<i>Richland LCC</i>); <u>Area 5 (W)</u>: Bob Micheel (<i>Monroe LCD</i>); Tom Clark (<i>Jackson LCC</i>); <u>Area 6 (WC)</u>: Russell Rindsig (<i>Barron LCC</i>); Chase Cummings (<i>Dunn LWCD</i>); <u>Area 7 (NW)</u>: Craig Conroy (<i>Burnett NRC</i>), Ben Dufford (<i>Bayfield LWCD</i>); <u>Area 8 (NC)</u>: 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>WI Land+Water Staff: Matt Krueger (<i>Executive Director</i>), Kim Warkentin (<i>Operations Manager/Youth Education Director</i>)</p>	<p>In Attendance: K. Dolata, K. Fisher, B. Haase, M. Hofberger, M. Osterman, A. Piaget, M. Luck, T. Clark, R. Rindsig, C. Cummings, C. Conroy, B. Dufford, B. Mott, C. Scholl, M. Krueger, K. Warkentin, C. Fallat</p> <p>Via Conference Phone: A. Barrows</p> <p>Absent Board Members: Bob Micheel, excused</p>
<p>WI Land+Water Mission: To protect, conserve, and enhance Wisconsin’s natural resources by advocating for and supporting county conservation efforts, for current and future generations.</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. 	
Next Meeting Time: Dec. 9, 2021, 8:30 am	

All agenda items may be actionable

- 8:30 am Call to Order – Chair Monte Osterman**
- Pledge of allegiance
 - Roll call
 - Adopt agenda
 - Approve previous meeting minutes – July 29, 2021

8:35 am Approval of Financial Management and Investment Policy – Osterman, Treasurer Alan Barrows

- Policy will be reviewed annually, document goes through the whole process, term should be no more than 3 years/tentative. Discussion occurred about several specific lines: Line 18, Lines 26-28, Line 30 (add, “a Financial Advisor”), Line 31 (remove “contract.”), Line 144, Lines 151-155.
- Section III. Goal of Policy: add “non-encumbered, non-designated,” and add reference to section 10.

Motion: Mott/Cummings to adopt this financial management and investment policy.

9:50 am WI Land+Water Operating Reserve Account Discussion – Osterman, Barrows

Discussion of WI Land+Water “priority” services. Only 40% of operating budget do not have strings attached. Barrows suggests creating a procedure for prioritization of reserve fund usage. Hofberger suggests that Matt makes those decisions. Barrows recommend this as a 2022 strategic board initiative.

10:20 am Break Tom Clark/Ken Fisher left the meeting

10:30 am Review of Equity Working Group Project Charter – Executive Director Matt Krueger, Amy Piaget Do counties have resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion? Some do, many don’t. Is there a need for WI Land+Water to make resources available to our members? Yes. On the 2022 to-do list.

10:41 am Approval of Dan O’Connell (Portage Co. Land and Water Conservation) as WI Land+Water Representative to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame – Krueger
Motion: Mott/Barrows to nominate Dan O’Connell to represent us on the WI Conservation Hall of Fame Board. All Ayes.

10:45 am WI Land+Water Staff Appearance – Christina Anderson, Climate Resilience Program Manager Christina introduced herself and shared her past experiences prior to her work with WI Land + Water. She wears many hats in the organization, but now is leading the Climate Resilience Program. Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science provide a listing of specific adaptations for climate change. We’re all very pleased with her efforts so far in this program – Keep up the good work!

11:12 am Agency Advisor Announcements

- DATCP: Coreen Fallat provided updates on approved ATCP 50 scope statement; revising rule to incorporate Silurian bedrock NR 151 standard, and other updates. Scope statement available on legislative website. DATCP received a wetland policy development grant from EPA, which will review gaps in wetland policy in our existing rules, and highlight training and educational opportunities for different types of watershed mgmt. designs.
- Extension: Dan Zerr provided an update - job opening available Extension Educator, new ag water quality program created: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/news/2021/10/04/ag-water-quality-program/>. Contact John Exo or Amber Radatz for more information.

11:25 am Executive Director's Report – Matt Krueger

- Mid-year budget adjustment - a few changes in where funds were coming from for positions. Minor adjustments made it more efficient and straight forward.
- December 9-10 County Conservation/BOD meeting – In-person or virtual? Discussion. This last one will be done virtual. About \$3,200 will still be charged from Holiday Inn. **Motion: Mott/Barrows** to make the December County Con meeting virtual. All Ayes. Will create an announcement for the membership on this topic.
- 2022 Annual Conference Planning is underway. Will be held at Chula Vista, WI Dells, also contingency plans for a virtual event – “Socio” platform would still be available to us.
- Please nominate someone for any of the categories for awards at [Wisconsin Land and Water | Conservation Awards \(wisconsinlandwater.org\)](https://www.wisconsinlandwater.org/conservation-awards)
- Statewide Training Coordinator position - Contract from NRCS to hire a Training Coordinator to develop a core conservation curriculum. Integrate all existing programs. Four-year contract with NRCS.
- Update on future planning/financial security discussion – at recent meetings we’ve had discussions of future sustainable and long-term funding for conservation.
- Office building issues. < [City orders Downtown building with Paisan's closed due to 'structural concerns' | Local Government | madison.com](https://www.localgovernment.com/news/city-orders-downtown-building-with-paisan-s-closed-due-to-structural-concerns)>

11:51 am Announcements - Osterman will participate in SW region on Urban Committee. October 29 will be first meeting 9:00-11:00 AM

11:53 am Adjourn Motion: Scholl/Osterman

Respectfully submitted by: Carolyn Scholl, Secretary WI Land + Water