



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Oct 19, 2023    **Time:** 9:30 – 10:00 am (strategic planning retreat to follow)

**Location:** Jensen Community Center, 487 N Main St, Amherst, WI 54406

Board Members			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monte Osterman (Chair), Racine Co. LCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Micheel (Vice-Chair), Monroe Co. LCD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Piaget (Treasurer), Dane Co. LWRD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Scholl-Huza (Secretary), Vilas Co. LWCD
<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Gerhardt, Clark Co. LCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Luck, Richland Co. LCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Frank, Shawano Co. LCD	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Mandli, Marinette Co. LCC
<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Haase, Waupaca Co. LWCD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Hofberger, Calumet Co. LWCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marissa Castello, Waukesha Co. LRD	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Henry, Vernon Co. LCC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chase Cummings, Dunn Co. LWCD	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Dufford, Bayfield Co. LWCD	<input type="checkbox"/> Craig Conroy, Burnett Co. NRC	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Ritter, Marathon Co. ERC
Advisors (Non-Voting)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Anderson, DATCP	<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Haydin-Dobbins, DNR	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Clayton, DNR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Beth Mason, NACD	<input type="checkbox"/> Coreen Fallat, DATCP	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Zerr, UW-Madison Division of Extension	
WI Land+Water Staff (Non-Voting)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Krueger		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Warkentin	

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### ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE

- 9:34am      Call to order – Chair Monte Osterman
- i. Roll call – adopt agenda – quorum in attendance.
    - 1. Board alternates in attendance: Tony Reali, Calumet Co. and MaryJo Gingras, Ashland Co.
  - ii. Approve previous meeting minutes – July 13, 2023

Gingras had questions about dues item, and Krueger explained the flat fee.  
**Motion to approve: Hofberger/Castello** – all vote aye.

Recognition of the Life of NRCS Wisconsin State Conservationist Ty Larson – Osterman, Pres. Bob Micheel – a moment of silence to observe the passing of Ty Larson, very sad to lose such a good friend of Conservation. Board will think about a memorial or Legacy to honor Ty, will discuss at next meeting.

9:50am National Assn. of Conservation Districts' 2025 Summer Meeting – Osterman  
Discussion about the 2025 NACD meeting to be held in Milwaukee. It will be interesting because WI functions differently than the rest of the nation. Expect about 250-300 to attend. Date likely 3<sup>rd</sup> week July/1<sup>st</sup> week August?

2024 County Conservation Meeting – Exec. Director Matt Krueger  
Survey indicated that a fall mtg was preferred. October 17-18, 2024  
**Motion to approve moving meeting to October: Scholl/Gingras** – All ayes.

9:58am 2023 Q2 Financial Reports – Treasurer Amy Piaget, Krueger  
**Motion to approve: Frank/Micheel** – All ayes.

9:59am Executive Director's Report – Krueger

- I. Welcome Conservation Training and Membership Services Manager Kelli Myers – Kelli was introduced to the group.
- II. Q3 financials – will be distributed to the board once available
- III. Strategic Planning retreat logistics – Matt described how the retreat will be handled for the day. Think about and discuss 3 big questions.
- IV. LWCB BOD Elections – Typically done in March (prior to LWCD Elections in April – this is problematic. Working with DATCP to get definition of voting via the internet. We are looking to hold BOD elections at the Fall meeting instead. Our by-laws would need a change to that effect.

9:40am Land Acknowledgement – Osterman  
Having discussions with tribal leaders. Receiving mixed messages – they want to be included, but don't partake in meetings. Will need to think about this more going forward.

Next Meeting Date – Dec. 14, 2023 in Wausau

Adjourn @ 10:12am

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