



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 29, 2019	
Start Time: 9:30 A.M.	End Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location:	Portage County Annex Building, <u>Conference Room #2</u> 1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-346-1334 (<i>Chairperson: Matt Hanewall</i>)
Conference Phone:	515-604-9537 (long distance rates may apply)
Conf ID:	567881
Committee Members: Paul Sebo, Washington Co.; Matt Albright, Vernon Co.; Ben Dufford, Bayfield Co.; Shawn Esser, Dane Co.; Paul Fredrich, Kewaunee Co.; Brian Goepfert, Juneau Co.; Mike Haase, Winnebago Co.; Matt Hanewall, La Crosse Co. (Chair); Paul Klose, Marinette Co.; Bob Micheel, Monroe Co.; Dan O’Connell, Portage Co. Erik Heagle, Grant Co. <u>Non-Voting Advisors:</u> Matthew Woodrow – DATCP, Mike Gilbertson - DNR WI Land+Water Staff: Kate Brunner, SOC Coordinator.	In Attendance: Albright, Brunner, Dufford, Fleck, Goepfert, Hasse, Hanewall, Klose, Kotile, Micheel, Sebo, Woodrow Absent Committee Members: Esser, Fredrich, Heagle, O’Connell
Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI Land+Water meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if desired. • Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair. 	
Next Meeting Date: June 7, 2019	

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

- **Call to order:**
 - **Roll Call - Adopt agenda** Agenda adopted by consensus.
 - **Approve previous meeting minutes** Minutes approved by consensus.

- **2019 WLW Conference Review (All)** Committee members mentioned that there were some technology issues in some of the breakout sessions. In addition, there were some issues with the lights in some of the breakout rooms. It was suggested that we have a technology committee in the future, if one is not already present. It was also mentioned that the areas for vendors and breaks were too small. A comment was made that we should offer soda during the breaks. On the positive side of things, attendees felt there were technical sessions throughout the day and the topics were good. Attendees mentioned that the meals were good.

- **SOC Update (Brunner)** NRCS is on a slow path right now due to some NRCS system/software changes. Nutrient Management (590) will be coming up for review. State modifications will still be allowed. Dewatering (1061) went out for initial review, but has been delayed. It could be summer before broad public review. Proprietary Filtration Devices (1010) initial review is also expected this summer.

- **NRCS National Conservation Practice and Engineering Design Review (All)** NRCS at the national level, will be reviewing all national conservation practice standards and engineering design specifications and is inviting the public to provide comments.
- **Overview of the Verification of Land Features Standard (Woodrow)** Verification of Land Features (01) is a DATCP standard to aid in implementing NR151. It is currently in development mainly for 16 counties in the Silurian dolomitic areas of the eastern part of the state. It will not be completed for at least one year, but provides guidance for confirming depth to bedrock in that part of the state. NR151 has restrictions for spreading manure and other nutrients in that part of the state. There will also be a definition of “bedrock”, which may be different than the current 313 standard.
- **Nutrient Management Compliance: Are we meeting the 2015 590? (Hanewall and Esser)** Esser responded via email as to what Dane County does for nutrient management. They have winter spreading restrictions and setbacks up to 1000’. Pastures need to be soil tested before spreading. They use phosphorous indexing on pasture. Hanewall mentioned they offer seven strategies for winter spreading of which two must be selected by a producer. They utilize a change form to convert to the 2015 version of the Nutrient Management (590) standard.
- **Update on the Significant Discharge Guidance Document (Gilbertson)** No update was provided. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- **2019 Fall Technical Tour Discussion (All)** Ideas for the next Fall Technical Tour were discussed. The committee will follow up with O’Connell to see if Jackson County would be interested in hosting the tour. The committee will also follow up with Esser to see if Dane County would be willing to host the tour this year.
- **SITCOM Update (O’Connell)** There was not a whole lot new. Some upcoming trainings were mentioned. Some of the upcoming trainings include: Soil Health, Conservation Technician training, LCC training, Association training, and Conservation Partner training.
- **Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.