



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2020	
Start Time: 9:30 A.M.	
End Time: 12:00 P.M.	
Location:	Zoom Teleconference 715-344-0200 (<i>Chairperson: Matt Hanewall</i>)
Conference Phone:	312-626-6799
Conf ID:	Meeting ID: 532 361 081 Password: 249348
Committee Members: Matt Albright, Vernon Co.; Ben Dufford, Bayfield Co.; Shawn Esser, Dane Co.(Vice Chair); Paul Fredrich, Kewaunee Co.; Brian Goepfert, Juneau Co.; Mike Haase, Winnebago Co.; Matt Hanewall, La Crosse Co. (Chair); Paul Klose, Marinette Co.; Dan O’Connell, Portage Co.; Erik Heagle, Grant Co. (Secretary); Adam Groshek, Wood Co. <u>Non-Voting Advisors:</u> Matthew Woodrow – DATCP, Mike Gilbertson – DNR, Eric Hurley - NRCS	In Attendance: Albright, Brunner, Esser, Fredrich, Gilbertson, Goepfert, Groshek, Haase, Hanewall, Heagle, Hurley, Klose, Bob Micheel, O’Connell, Ken Pozorski, Woodrow
WI Land+Water Staff: Kate Brunner, SOC Coordinator.	Absent Committee Members: Dufford
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Next Meeting Date: June 5th, 2020	

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

- **Call to order:** 9:40 a.m.
 - **Roll Call - Adopt agenda-** Motion approved by Esser, 2nd by O’Connell, Agenda adopted by consensus
 - **Approve previous meeting minutes** Minutes to be approved at next meeting
- **Vote on Addition of New Committee Member: Ken Pozorski, Marathon County (All)**
- Ken Pozorski, Marathon Co. was introduced to the committee by Hanewall at December meeting. Motion to approve by Esser, 2nd by Albright with no opposition. Welcome Ken!
- **2020 WLW Conference Review (All)** Overall everything went well, good sessions and agendas. Silent Auction was down in money but still successful. The layout was easily accessible. Some complaints about food portions. Concerns of the Employee Year Achievement List came up, some people missing, some years of service not counted.
- **WLW News (Brunner)** Everyone is working from home. WLW is working together with the Wisconsin Counties Association on sending out a meeting guidance document. The website is getting redone. All pictures are migrating off the website and onto Flickr. Albright will take over Paul Sebo’s spot in assisting Goepfert with photo captioning.

- **SOC Update (Brunner)** Meetings have been all done over the phone. 5 standards currently in process:

DNR Dewatering Standard: waiting for DNR approval, possibly published in May

Proprietary Filtration Devices: currently open for public comment, few responses so far

Horizontal Directional Drilling: in the brainstorming stage

DATCP Depth to Bedrock: responded to comments, preparing sets of examples, public comment coming soon

NRCS Stream Restoration (395,580,582,584): had first meeting, just starting

Contact members on the committees to get your opinions heard.

- **Update on the Verification of Depth to Bedrock Standard (Brunner and Woodrow)**
Getting close, waiting for examples and we'll start with a SnapMaps base. Woodrow mentioned that DATCP met last week, cleaning up responses internally.
- **Status on the Revision of the Stream Restoration Standards (Brunner and Micheel)**
Remote meeting, slow due to the virus. 35 people applied for the team. Representatives were selected from different work sectors (DNR, DATCP, NRCS, private, County). No timelines set yet. Old standard to be used until new one comes out. NRCS has new criteria in for job approval. Use old job approval criteria for DATCP projects until new one comes out per Woodrow. Micheel also mentioned that no new updates on the Coon Creek watershed at this time as well.
- **Proposed CREP Changes (Micheel)** 13 additional proposals were made and then narrowed down to six to submit to FSA in Washington D.C. to be included in Wisconsin agreement (see attached document). Number 2 is an increase like Minnesota's. Currently the actions have been tabled. Wisconsin operates under grandfathered rules until the next fiscal year in September. Will know at that time if we will have to come into compliance with the current 2018 Farm Bill at that time.
- **Update on Significant Discharge Guidance Document Rewrite (Gilbertson)** No new updates/finalization. DNR is still evaluating internally. Looking to provide examples to help predict discharge. Processed wastewater is being pulled, just keeping barnyard/feedlot runoff. Waiting for attorney drafted language from DNR.
- **SITCOM Update (O'Connell)** No new news. Plenty of webinars coming out. Woodrow stated that training evaluations are being worked on and reviewed. The goal is to get surveys out to be able to identify training needs around the state.
- **Guiding Principles Document Review (Hanewall)** Some minor language changes, adding clarity to roles and responsibilities and reconfirming membership. See attached document.
- **Milk Dumping/Land Application (Hanewall)** Webinar was last week. UW Extension sent out some guidance sheets, also available online. Main points were to put milk in pits rather than dumping, land apply in a safe manner according to Nutrient Management Plan. Target crops for spreading are corn, silage, tall grasses. The drier the soil the better. Avoid tiled fields especially ones with tiles running. Still avoid runoff to waters of the state.
- **Committee Leadership Term Limits and Selection of Vice Chair (All)** All committee members committed to a new 2-year cycle. There is no rep from the Southeast on the committee currently. Looking for someone. Motion by Fredrick to elect Shawn Esser as Vice Chair, second by Heagle. Unanimous approval by committee, Esser is new Vice Chair, congrats Shawn!

- **2020 Fall Technical Tour Ideas (All)** Looking for somewhere in the Northern or Central part of the state. Bayfield and Jackson counties were suggested. Hanewall & O'Connell will check with Jackson, Woodrow will check with Bayfield. Other ideas or options welcome. Counties can work with Brunner with questions about costs.
- **Budget Allowance for Meeting Coffee/Treats (All)** Per last meetings minutes, \$700 was in the budget for Tech Tour and \$600 for expenses. Most funds have typically been used for the Tech Tour previously. The committee discussed allocating \$15-\$25 for coffee/treats at each meeting, with a little more for the August meeting with the PIC Committee. \$100 was brought up as an amount to budget for the year, motioned by O'Connell, second by Albright. Motion carries unanimously.
- **Adjourn** Motion by Fredrich, second by Klose. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am