



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2020	
Start Time: 9:14 A.M.	End Time: 11:56 A.M.
Location:	Zoom Meeting Only
Conference Phone:	If you'd like to attend this meeting, please contact the committee chair or WI Land+Water committee representative (kate@wisconsinlandwater.org) for the link to access the meeting
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<p>Committee Members: Ken Pozorski, Marathon Co.; 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.</p> <p><u>Non-Voting Advisors:</u> Matthew Woodrow – DATCP, Mike Gilbertson – DNR, Eric Hurley - NRCS</p>	<p>In Attendance: Pozorski, Albright, Dufford, Esser, Goepfert, Haase, Hanewall, O'Connell, Groshek, Woodrow, Gilbertson, Hurley, Brunner, Penny Pohle, Tina Barone</p> <p>Absent Committee Members: Klose, Heagle, Fredrich</p>
WI Land+Water Staff: Kate Brunner, SOC Coordinator.	
Notes	
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Next Meeting Date: December 17, 2020	

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

- **Call to order: 9:14 a.m.**
 - **Convene with PIC for general overview; then split up Tech/PIC Committees** – Matt Krueger commented on the challenges and financial implications of choosing a virtual vs. in-person 2021 WI Land and Water Conference. This will be discussed in more detail with the Executive Committee. Chris Schlutt and Kate Brunner followed by providing a general overview on how we would break into groups, discuss conference topics and merge back together. The two committees then broke into separate groups.
 - **Roll Call - Adopt agenda** - Motion made by Dufford, 2nd by Esser. No discussion. Agenda adopted by consensus.
 - **Approve previous meeting minutes** - Motion by Esser to approve the June meeting minutes, 2nd by Albright. Minutes passed unanimously.

- **WI Land + Water News (Brunner)** - All staff are still currently working from home. Everybody is busy with 2021 WI Land and Water Conference planning.

- **SOC Update (Brunner)** - Proprietary stormwater filtration devices (WDNR 1010) will be published within the next month. Horizontal directional drilling (WDNR 1072) has been slow going and is out a year or longer.

- **Status of the Revision to the Stream Restoration Standards (Brunner)** - The 4 current standards (NRCS 395, 580, 582 & 584) are being looked at together by the team. Quick progress is being made. Team members are collaborating well and accomplishing a lot between meetings. Habitat restoration specifications will be incorporated into the final documents. The existing stream restoration standards are to be followed until the updated standards are published.
- **Update on the Verification of Depth to Bedrock Standard (Brunner and Woodrow)** - This standard (DATCP 01) is nearing completion and should be published soon. The information can be found on the SOC website. The standard is currently being reviewed by various management teams at DATCP.
- **Update on the Significant Discharge Guidance Document Rewrite (Gilbertson)** – The document has been revised to define only direct runoff from feedlots, rather than the comprehensive scope of trying to define significant discharge of process wastewater and direct runoff from feedlots. Mike will email both versions (original and revised) to the committee. A review of the revised document will occur at the December meeting.
- **SITCOM Update (O’Connell)** – SITCOM is migrating back toward Area Interagency Training Committees (AITCOMs). DATCP regions will be used to define the areas. This will provide similar areas within the State to fine tune conservation training needs for specific soils, landscapes and resource concerns. One member from each AITCOM will report back to SITCOM. Curriculum teams may no longer be needed if the AITCOMs can identify specific needs within each area.
- **2020 Fall Technical Tour Postponed to 2021 (Dufford and Hanewall)** – The fall 2020 technical tour has been postponed due to COVID-19. The tour was set to be held in the northern part of the state and the preliminary agenda was set to mimic the successful 2018 state engineering tour. The same agenda will remain intact for 2021.
- **Recruitment of Technical Committee Member from the WC Region (Hanewall)** – Tina Barone (Dunn County) is interested in serving on the Technical Committee as a west central representative. Tina has worked for several counties, NRCS and the private sector. She has a wide range of experience, including, but not limited to design and installation of conservation practices, wetland delineations, conservation planning and snowmobile trail maintenance. The Technical Committee will vote at the December meeting to elect Tina as an official Technical Committee member.
- **Does Your County Cost Share Wetland Scrapes or Ponds? (Hanewall)** – The committee discussed who is providing cost-sharing and technical assistance for wetland scrapes and ponds. Many counties are not providing cost-share for these practices (especially in the driftless region). Portage County used to provide a lot of cost-share for scrapes, but provides much less today. Eastern and northern counties with more wetlands allocate more money for these practices. Wetland delineations are more comprehensive now, than they were in the past. When needed, most counties rely on the DNR or the private sector to conduct wetland delineations. Area water resources staff (DNR) vary greatly in their ability to provide assistance for these practices.
- **2021 Annual Conference Breakout Ideas (All)** – Many committee members emailed Kate their conference breakout ideas. Others provided ideas during the meeting. Roundtable topics were separated from individual breakout topics. Individual breakout topics were organized on a spreadsheet and voted on by committee members. All topics receiving at least one vote will be considered for the conference. Potential speakers were identified for most sessions.

- **Merge with PIC (11:15 AM): Further Discuss 2021 breakout sessions and conference planning (All)** – The Technical Committee merged back with the Professional Improvement Committee to discuss session topics. Strangely, there was very little overlap of sessions between committees. Both committees felt as though there were an adequate number of sessions to move forward with planning. More discussion followed about whether the conference might be held virtually or in-person. Most agreed that some topics will work better on a virtual platform than others.

- **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn both the Technical Committee meeting and Professional Improvement Committee meeting by Tony Reali, second by Dale Konkol. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. central.