



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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# Technical Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Date: August 10, 2021</b>	
<b>Start Time: 9:04 A.M.</b>	<b>End Time: 11:55 A.M.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting Only
<p><b>Committee Members:</b> Ken Pozorski, Marathon 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.; Dan O’Connell, Portage Co.; Erik Heagle, Grant Co.; Tina Barone, Dunn Co.</p> <p><u>Non-Voting Advisors:</u> Matthew Woodrow – DATCP, Mike Gilbertson – DNR, Eric Hurley - NRCS</p>	<p><b>In Attendance:</b>          Ken Pozorski, Marathon Co.; Matt Albright, Vernon Co.; Ben Dufford, Bayfield Co.; Shawn Esser, Dane Co.; Brian Goepfert, Juneau Co.; Mike Haase, Winnebago Co.; Matt Hanewall, La Crosse Co. (Chair); Paul Klose, Marinette Co.; Dan O’Connell, Portage Co.; Tina Barone, Dunn Co.; Paul Fredrich, Kewaunee Co.; Brian Smetana, Walworth Co.          Matthew Woodrow – DATCP, Mike Gilbertson – DNR,</p>
<p><b>WI Land+Water Staff:</b> Kate Brunner, SOC Coordinator.</p>	<p><b>Absent Committee Members:</b>          Heagle, Hurley</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI Land+Water meetings are open meetings. Individuals may connect by way of videoconference or dial in by phone.</li> <li>• Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Meeting Date: December 9, 2021</b></p>	

**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.**

- **Convene with PIC; Split into Tech/PIC Committees**
  - **Call Technical Meeting to Order** at 9:04AM
  - **Roll Call - adopt agenda**
  - **Approve previous meeting minutes** motion by Esser, second by O’Connell
- **Vote on Addition of New Committee Member: Brian Smetana, Walworth County (All)**
  - Brian presented his qualifications at our last meeting and he is recommended as a new committee member. Motion approved by Goepfert, second by Albright.
  - Welcome Brian!
- **WI Land + Water News (Brunner)**
  - New Website – go check it out!
  - County Con meeting December 9-10 will be IN PERSON
  - We’ll have quite a few staff at Conservation Observance Day hosted by Vernon Co is this Friday
- **SOC Update (Brunner)**
  - DNR Horizontal Directional Drilling – new standard, initial review in September and the public review later this year
  - DNR Dry Pond – we’ll be building a team soon to work on this new standard

- NRCS – will be starting work this year on CPS 328 and 595, both are either Modified or Full Process. Kate will email this committee when applications for teams open.
- **Stream Restoration Standards Update (Brunner)**
  - This team is updating 4 standards at the same time: CPS 395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, CPS 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection, CPS 582 Open Channel, and CPS 584 Channel Bed Stabilization.
  - Broad review had lower-than-expected number of comments. All together, there were 102 comments from 6 reviewers.
  - Team is addressing comments, making revisions, and NRCS will be publishing within the next month. It appears this will be in place before next round of projects approved for next construction season.
  - Senate Bill 91 (Act 77) was signed by Governor Evers yesterday: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/acts/77> This is supposed to make permitting easier for stream projects and wetland projects.
  - This Committee would like to see training and clear explanation of the changes.
- **Verification of Depth to Bedrock Standard Guidance Document Progress (Woodrow)**
  - The new standard is posted and finalized on DATCP website. [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/DepthToBedrockStandard.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/DepthToBedrockStandard.aspx)
  - There's also a guidance document to provide background and more insight.
  - DATCP will be doing training to certify practitioners (like county staff) and landowners for verification process. It will probably be a one-day training with part classroom and part in-field—to include designing a plan, implementing, then taking data back onto the computer to map. They won't train on geophysics and leave that to the professionals.
  - DATCP to conduct the reviews of verification plans from those who have become recently certified.
- **Direct Runoff from Feedlots Guidance Document Checklist(s) & Rollout (Gilbertson)**
  - No exact timeline yet but they will need to do DNR management review and comment and then public noticing.
  - Could there be a checklist or other simplification to bring consistency to the process? A fact sheet or companion document could be prepared. Would this come from WI Land+Water—let's discuss later.
  - Statewide consistency or regional resource concerns might best be addressed when area trainings occur.
- **BMP Nutrient Reduction Modelling Standardization (Hanewall)**
  - As counties are spending more time with modeling nutrient reduction (P or N), could there be a standard process to streamline and create more consistency?
  - DNR (Claucherty, Craig) is on-board with this concept and Matt will continue discussion with them.
  - Certain programs (MDV, TRM) may have more flexibility when it comes to nutrient reduction modelling than others.
- **Wetland Rapid Functional Value Assessment (WRAM) Development (Esser)**
  - DNR (James Brodzeller) reached out to WI Land + Water to recruit a technical team member to help revise the WRAM. Shawn has volunteered to be our rep.
  - There are 5 different sub-teams: water quality, water quantity, anthropogenic (Shawn's team), climate, ecology.
- **SITCOM (AITCOM) Update (O'Connell)**
  - Routine WI Land + Water trainings continue.
  - AgLearn is the USDA system for offering and tracking trainings. It is a rather cumbersome system. While some counties are already signed into an AgLearn account, others who are currently not using it will soon need to learn the system and get signed in if tracking their trainings is required.
- **Finalization of 2021 Fall Technical Tour (Dufford)**
  - 2-day plan coupled with DATCP training day before the tech tour.

- 1<sup>st</sup> day (Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>) – Stacy Dehne at DATCP test pits with soils training to demonstrate tools (shear vane and pocket penetrometer). This will have attendance cap of around 25 due to space.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> day (Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>) – 8:30 or 9:00 AM start meeting outside either Bayfield Co office or a visitor’s center. He’s got a lot of ideas to show off and need to narrow it down—Whittlesey Creek watershed work, dairy farm, fishery, stream/bluff projects (Marengo River). They’ll have some small busses since too many cars could be difficult for parking so they are working extra parking options that into planning.
  - Details in early September including registration.
- **2022 Annual Conference Breakout Ideas (10:00am - All)**
  - Brainstorming and prioritizing ideas for 2022 conference
  - Notes documented on separate spreadsheet.
- **Adjourn Technical Portion of the Meeting**
- **Break (11:05 – 11:15 AM)**
- **Merge with PIC (11:15 AM): Further Discuss 2021 breakout sessions and conference planning (All)**
  - Presentation of top priority ideas from each committee.
  - Let WI Land+Water or PIC know if you have idea for keynote or general sessions.
  - WI Land+Water will combine 2 committee lists and then start working on schedule, making sure to have variety - like urban and rural, northern and southern parts of state, technical and policy/program.
- **Adjourn Merged Portion of the Meeting**
  - Meeting adjourned with no objections 11:55 AM.