



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Date: March 25, 2022 **Time:** 9:00am-12:00 pm **Location:** Virtual/Zoom

Committee Members			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Pozorski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Albright	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Dufford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawn Esser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Fredrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Goepfert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Haase	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Hanewall, Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan O'Connell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Heagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Barone, Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Smetana			

Advisors (Non-Voting)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Woodrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Gilbertson	<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Hurley

WI Land+Water Staff (Non-Voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Brunner

Guests: Zach Mohr, Pepin County; Ketty Clow, Chippewa County; Thomas Boisvert, Lincoln County; Klayton Kree, Taylor County; Geoff Schramm, Ozaukee; Laura Boquist, Lincoln County; Tyler Gruetzmacher, Barron County

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ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE

- 1) Call to order: **9:12 am**
 - a) Roll Call - adopt agenda (added items 14, 15 and 16 to the agenda if time will address) **1st – Heagle 2nd-Goepfert. Motion passed.**
 - b) Approve previous meeting minutes **Motion to approve minutes by Esser, 2nd Heagle. Motion passed.**
- 2) Technical Committee Membership, Officer and Subcommittee Changes (Hanewall)
 - a) **Congrats to Heagle and Albright on their promotions and Haase on his retirement. This will be Albright's and Haase's last meeting. Officer changes –**

Motion to officially adopt Barone as Secretary made by Heagle and 2nd by Fredrich. Motion passed.

b) Subcommittee vacancies since Albright is leaving –

- i) NRCS State Technical Committee (quarterly on 3rd Thursday in AM) and SOC (next meeting is April 21 at 9 am). Albright made a motion to have Esser be the representative for NRCS State Technical Committee, Smetana 2nd. Motion passed. This position does have to be approved by Land+Water Board prior to finalizing but Brunner will bring up to Matt Krueger.
- ii) SOC Committee - The Committee itself is working on trying to find someone to fill the position–hoping for someone with some urban experience with DNR standards. No interest from members of this Committee to volunteer. Wi Land + Water will likely solicit all membership in it's attempt to fill this vacancy.

3) Recruitment of New Committee Member from the WC Region (Hanewall)

a) Two people expressed interest in joining: Zach Mohr- Pepin County and Ketty Clow-Chippewa County. Each introduced themselves and at the June 3rd meeting the Committee will take an official vote for onboarding them.

b) Hanewall asked Haase to think of possible interested parties from his area to fill his seat.

4) 2022 WI Land + Water Conference Review (All) The Tech Roundtables were the best attended sessions. Hoping to hold in person conference next year and never again virtual. Co Con meeting in July is planned to be in-person. Thanks to Land+Water for making the quick change to a virtual conference and Technical Committee members working on sessions and suggesting sessions.

5) WI Land + Water News (Brunner)

a) New hire with a brand new position, Michael Hook. His job is to create training systems and curriculum state-wide. He is funded through NRCS but is working with Counties, DNR, DATCP, etc.

b) Officially WI Land + Water, moved to new office location and phones should be turned on today.

c) Brunner focusing on Technical Photo Gallery again. Will now resume requesting photos to post here.

d) Matt Krueger sent an email yesterday for an ATCP 50 cost-sharing survey so please fill this out by April 1st. DATCP is revising ATCP 50 right now. Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VLLBNHX>

6) SOC Update (Brunner)

- a) NRCS Conservation Crop Rotation and Windbreaks. Trying to add more versatility and flexibility.
 - b) Dry Ponds through DNR for water quality.
 - c) Horizontal Directional Drilling – has been out to public comment and will likely be delayed
 - d) DNR will be releasing draft of Silt Fence and Slope Interruption in the near future.
- 7) Streambank & Open Channel Trainings (s) Thoughts (All) Trainings were held in February. Recordings should be available now or soon. Will be further training by AITCOMS so it is more area specific.
- 8) Wetland Rapid Functional Value Assessment (WRAM) Update (Esser) DNR in collaboration with Minnesota is updating this tool. There are 5 teams looking at various functions, water quality, water quantity, ecological, climate, and anthropogenic. Last Anthropogenic team meeting March 1st and they discussed drivers, Public Recreation, Education, Cultural, Scientific Study, Natural Scenic Beauty, and Commercial Use, that determine the functional value of a wetland for this team. Assume it will go through review process and be approved through a formal process, but not certain.
- 9) Direct Runoff from Feedlots Guidance Document Comment Summary (Gilbertson)
- a) Comment period ended March 9th, only 3 submittals. DNR will work on a summary of their responses to the submittals. Most comments suggested developing a supplemental document to go with that includes more examples or things to consider. Most of these things were included in the initial version but had to be cut out since it couldn't be included in DNR guidance.
 - b) Hanewall suggests we need usable tools to look at how we can assess things with actual models. Develop the supplemental document – what models would you run, what factors are looked at, the things that just can't be included in DNR's guidance.
 - c) Subcommittee for supplemental tools for NR151 Inspections – factors to prep for a site visit, DNR recommendation would be one supporting document for this guidance but could consider a supporting document on additional performance standards. Heagle suggests narrow supporting document (just Direct Runoff from Feedlots and maybe Processed Wastewater).
 - d) Motion by Barone to setup a subcommittee to develop a Companion Document for Direct Runoff from Feedlots to interpret the new Guidance. Esser 2nds. Subcommittee members will be – Barone, Gilbertson, Woodrow, and O'Connell. Motion passed.
- 10) Floodplain Zone A Conservation Practice No-Rise Checklist Approval (Hanewall)
- a) Thanks to Hanewall, Brian Cunningham, Albright, Smetana and Woodrow for the subcommittee work on the Floodplain no-rise checklist. Tried to streamline what

should go into a packet to simplify for technicians/designers for projects in the floodplain (simplified H&H).

- b) Woodrow spoke with Steve Becker, NRCS who suggested a few changes. Woodrow suggested making changes to the checklist based on Steve's comments. Could possibly be added to disclaimer or put after 8.
- c) This draft checklist has been approved by Brian Cunningham, DNR, and other engineers at the DNR, and also our DATCP engineering advisors. It will eventually be distributed to county Zoning and Land Conservation Departments. LCDs will need to go to their Zoning Administrator to discuss this checklist and make sure they are okay with it.
- d) No Rise -Surveying all the way through your floodplains (extend survey), run watershed, and match the Qs. There may be some need for training through DATCP especially on this item of the checklist.
- e) Hoped to use for A and AE floodplains but are limited to floodplain A at this time due to FEMA rules.
- f) Regarding checklist item Number 5, Heagle said is a red flag for Zoning, with the word impair, but no alternative was determined.
- g) This is for no brainer projects where you are not adding fill to the floodplain.
- h) Heagle made motion to approve the Floodplain Zone A Conservation Practice No-Rise Checklist with an amendment by Matt Woodrow to add in the effect of 580, scope and length, 2nd by O'Connell

11) ATCP 50 Rule Change Status: Silurian Bedrock & SWRM Programming (Woodrow)

- a) Revisions to ATCP 50 Survey is precursor to a few upcoming stakeholder meetings. Changes in cost sharing, etc. Request everyone who has a stake in this should complete the survey.
- b) Timetable for Silurian Bedrock Study? Helicopter with magnet is hoping to complete in March but they don't have an exact date, likely be a while until the data comes back.
- c) DATCP engineering now fully staffed with the addition of Justin White, SE DATCP Engineer.
- d) ATCP 50 rule change is open; it is a long 30-month process and opened in October. Stakeholder meetings are being held now and eventually will be public comment. To stay informed sign up for GovDelivery emails here:
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ATCP50RuleChanges.aspx

12) SITCOM (AITCOM) Update (O'Connell) Met earlier in week. Hopefully a lot more in-person trainings this summer. Michael Hook presented to this group. Need for AITCOMs to set up training based on area but at the same time not each recreating the wheel.

- 13) Fall Technical Tour Thoughts and Tentative Plans (Dufford) Tentative options for tours discussed. Applefest starts October 7th. Trout Unlimited/DNR workshop on culverts and streams October 4-5. Committee suggests Thursday October 6, 2022 for Technical Tour so people could come up for Applefest or culvert training.
- 14) Cost Sharing when piggy backing with NRCS – maximum cost share (Goepfert) [New Agenda Item] - What is the maximum amount of cost share funding that can be reached if EQIP and SWRM funds are used? Woodrow spoke a little on this but suggested asking Jenni Heaton-Amrhein at DATCP. Some Counties are using maximum cost share rate (generally 70%) regardless of where funds come from but others are piggy backing funds at a rate higher than that but not to exceed 100% cost share. Need some clarification on this. Keep in mind EQIP doesn't require bills but SWRM does so be clear with the landowner from the beginning.
- 15) Manure Storage Private Consultant Issues (Goepfert) [New Agenda Item] - If PE not onsite to oversee construction and not installed properly but PE signs off on what do counties do?
- Hanewall said you need to make sure that it is completed according to Ordinance and if they are not you need to tell them why and where not.
 - Do Counties do specific inspections when PEs doing work? Dane, La Crosse, and Grant said they do specific checks during construction to verify that it meets current NRCS standards for 313. They send an order for correction to the landowners when incorrect. Chippewa Co spot checks and goes to pre-construction meeting.
 - Check Quality Assurance plan to confirm if the engineer didn't sign off on something. That may give you some teeth to say they weren't onsite. Use your photos and documentation to say what is incorrect. PE doesn't have to be onsite for every pour but waterstop requires continuous inspection. Woodrow says if you have documentation of the issue then you don't need to just accept it because the PE signed off on it. Should be batch tickets, steel tags, waterstop project, photos with documentation, etc and all PEs should be submitting.
 - When there is a problem, check with Corp Council and discuss enforcement options with them.
- 16) Feedlot Abandonment and Roof Practices pertaining to standards (Esser) When landowner completes a feedlot abandonment due to compliance issues then how are you cost sharing on this? Do you cost Share based on old lot size?
- Woodrow said he can help Esser on this since its complicated and specific to site. Woodrow provided specific information about when it can be cost shared. There are also specific guidelines about where and when walls can be cost shared. If funded with State Funds should meet 367 Standard.
 - Gilbertson asked about hooped barns and how that works. Woodrow said that there are some hooped barns and it depends on the type as to how you could

cost share. Typical hoop barn would likely not meet the ATCP 50 criteria but this is something to consider while they are revising ATCP 50 so this should be addressed in the revision. Same eligibility regardless of cost share (NOD or SWRM).

17) Adjourn 12:09 pm

Motion to Adjourn by O'Connell 2nd by Esser