



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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County Conservation Meeting FINAL Agenda

Thursday, December 16, 2021

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| 12:30 – 12:45 pm | Welcome, and Association Updates
<i>Matt Krueger, Executive Director, WI Land+Water</i> |
| 12:45 – 1:25 pm | How County Conservation Can Partner with UW-Madison Division of Extension's Agriculture Water Quality Program
<i>John Exo and Amber Radatz, Outreach Program Managers, UW-Madison Division of Extension</i> |
| 1:25 – 1:50 pm | Objectives, Structure, and Partnership Opportunities with the Dept. of Natural Resources Office of Agriculture and Water Quality
<i>Jeffrey Voltz, Policy and Program Analyst, Dept. of Natural Resources</i> |
| 1:50 – 2:00 pm | Break |
| 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Breaking Down Conservation Funding Opportunities in Recent Federal Bill Packages

Overview and Build Back Better Act (BBBA)
<i>Jeremy Peters, Exec. Director, National Assn. of Conservation Districts</i>

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Opportunities
<i>Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, Wisconsin Counties Association</i>

County Examples of ARPA Funding Preparation
<i>Paul Daigle, County Conservationist, Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning</i>

Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)
<i>Angela Biggs, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service</i> |

4:00 – 5:00 pm

County Con Speed Round – Part 1

Each county conservationist will be given 2 MINUTES to highlight the most relevant or particularly interesting project, issue, or event going on in their county. What do we absolutely need to know about what's going on in your county? Consider using a web link to share in the chat box if useful. We will proceed alphabetically as far as we can, with the time allotted.

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

8:30 – 9:30 am

Conservation Innovation Showcase

Susan Mockert, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Laura Paletta, Manitowoc County – Harvestable Buffers
Eric Wojchik, Polk County – Well testing program
Chris Arrowood, Langlade County – AEA incentives

The Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection made available SEG cost-share funding to explore innovative projects. Learn from three counties utilizing this funding opportunity.

9:30 – 10:00 am

ATCP 50 Administrative Rule Revision, and Establishing Wetlands as an Agricultural Management Practice in Wisconsin

Coreen Fallat, Agency Liaison, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

With the ATCP 50 rule revision process launching, there is an opportunity to include new agricultural management practices. Also learn about an EPA-funded effort to evaluate hydrologic restoration opportunities to inform and improve ATCP 50 update effort.

10:00 – 10:10 am

Break

10:10 – 10:30 am

NR 151 Susceptible Soils Targeted Performance Standard

Chris Clayton, Agricultural Runoff Section Chief, Dept. of Natural Resources

Learn about the rule process, what happens next, and how we can work within current regulation and utilize tools created by the DNR and Technical Advisory Committee to protect drinking water.

10:30 – 11:00 am

Legislative-Administrative Committee Updates

Kurt Calkins, Director, Columbia County Land & Water Conservation and Planning & Zoning Dept.

In 2020, the Leg-Admin Committee proposed a new policy-making process to better align local issues with state lobbying efforts. Learn about the process and proposed bylaw changes to enact this new effort as well as issues Leg-Admin will take on in 2022.

11:00 am – noon

County Con Speed Round: Part 2

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