

## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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## **Technical Committee Meeting Notes**

Date: August 22, 2023 Time: 9:00am-12:00 pm Location: In-Person Only Portage County Annex Building, 1462 Strongs Ave, Conference Room #2, Stevens Point, WI

**Mission:** Lead WI Land+Water technical assistance activities related to the innovation, evaluation and implementation of conservation practices, standards, services, and the associated programs and policies.

Committee Members			
⊠ Matt Hanewall, Chair	oxtimes Shawn Esser, Vice Chair	⊠ Tina Barone, Sec.	
⊠ Ketty Clow	Ben Dufford	⊠ Paul Fredrich	⊠ Brian Goepfert
⊠ Erik Heagle	⊠ Paul Klose	⊠ Zach Mohr	⊠ Jonathon Lisowe
⊠ Dan O'Connell	🛛 Ken Pozorski	⊠ Brian Smetana	Chad Trudell
Non-Voting Advisors			
☑ Matthew Woodrow – DATCP □ Vacant – DNR		Eric Hurley - NRCS	
WI Land+Water Staff Liaison (non-voting)			
⊠ Kate Brunner			

Invited Guests Elizabeth Usborne, DNR Kristin Teston, WI Land+Water

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## ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE

- I. Call to order: 9:09 am
  - a. Roll Call adopt agenda. Motion to adopt agenda made by Heagle 2<sup>nd</sup> Smetana. Motion passed.

- Approve previous meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Fredrich 2<sup>nd</sup> Esser. Motion passed.
- II. Review and Appoint New DNR Advisor: Liz Usborne (All)
  - a. Usborne introduced herself. Regional Nonpoint Coordinator
  - b. Motion to appoint Usborne as new DNR Advisor by Clow 2<sup>nd</sup> O'Connell
- III. WI Land+ Water News (Brunner) Kelly Myer hired for Isabelle's position
- IV. SOC Update (Brunner)
  - a. 590 starts Thursday and 2 counties represented on committee
  - b. DNR dry pond/dry basin standard
- V. Direct Runoff from Feedlots Companion Document Reference Link Approval (Barone)
  - a. Barone reviewed minor changes made since last meeting
  - b. Motion to Approve by Heagle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clow. Motion passed.
  - c. Brunner will post to WI Land+Water website
  - d. Barone will send out email to listserve when Brunner gets posted
- VI. Hydrologic Restoration General Permit Update (Mohr)
  - a. DNR added NRCS conservation practices
  - b. Should really streamline process to get a permit
  - c. DATCP involved to determine grade stabilization through streams
  - d. Woodrow said they changed term to channel bed stabilization instead of grade stabilization
  - e. Next meeting will hopefully be final one before getting it out there
  - f. Biodegradable Hydraulic oil was initially required but was taken out
- VII. NRCS State Technical Committee 2024 Priority Practice List (Esser)
  - a. Should practices be removed?
  - b. Priority resource concerns concentrated erosion; degraded plant condition; field, sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss; soil quality limitation; wind & water erosion
  - c. 3 practices that were removed are core for many counties
  - d. Some suggestions of things to add 313, 590 but discussions on timing issues
  - e. Committee suggests this list
    - i. Add Grade Stabilization Structure
    - ii. Keep everything proposing to add
    - iii. Keep diversion and critical area planting proposed to be removed (remove diversion if we can only have with 10 practices)
    - iv. Remove field border & filter strip
  - f. Motion to approve this list O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> Esser
- VIII. Summary & Recommendation of the Great Lakes Area Tiling Concerns (Klose)
  - a. Presentation of documentation Hanewall sent in email
  - b. Table until next meeting
- IX. SITCOM (AITCOM) Update (O' Connell)
  - a. Handout with training survey needs report
  - b. Did not have a SITCOM meeting

- X. Finalization of 2023 Technical Tour (Fredrich)
  - a. Date Scheduled for Thursday October 12th
  - b. Needs headcount
  - c. Brunner sent information for what to expect
  - d. Base budget of \$700 but do also charge attendees some to cover expenses
- XI. Break (10:00- 10:15)
- XII. 2024 Annual Conference Breakout Session Brainstorming (10:15-11:30 am) (All)
- XIII. Lunch: Pizza and Soda Provided (11:30-12:00 pm)
- XIV. 2024 Annual Conference Breakout Session Brainstorming (12:00-1:00 pm) (All)
- XV. Adjourn Technical Portion of the Meeting
  - a. Motion by Fredrich
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heagle
  - c. Motion Passed Adjourned 12:52 pm
- XVI. Convene with PIC (1:00-2:00 pm): Further Discuss 2024 Breakout Session & Conference Planning
- XVII. Adjourn Merged Portion of the Meeting
  - a. Motion by McFarlane
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Minks
  - c. Motion Passed Adjourned 1:46 pm

Next Meeting December 15th, 2023