

Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Date: August 18, 2022 Time: 10:00am-2:00 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 evaluation and implementation of conservation practices, standards and services.

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| **Committee Members** | | | | | |
| Matt Hanewall, Chair | 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 | | Mike Gilbertson – DNR | | Eric Hurley - NRCS | |
| **WI Land+Water Staff Liaison *(non-voting)*** | | | | | |
| Kate Brunner |  | |  | |  |

**Guests: Chad Trudell, Oconto County and Jonathon Lisowe, Calumet County; WI Land +Water Staff: Michael Hook, Kristin Teston, Christina Anderson; DATCP: Drew Zelle**

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**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE**

1. Call to order: 10:01 am
   1. Roll Call - adopt agenda Motion to adopt agenda made by Fredrich 2nd-Heagle. Motion passed.
   2. Approve previous meeting minutes Motion to approve minutes by O’Connell, 2nd Clow. Motion passed.
2. Vote on Addition of New Committee Members: Jonathon Lisowe, Calumet Co & Chad Trudell, Oconto Co (All)
   1. Motion by Heagle to formally bring Lisowe onto the Committee. 2nd by Barone. Motion passed.
   2. Motion by Klose to formally bring Trudell onto the Committee. 2nd by O’Connell. Motion passed.
3. WI Land + Water News and Update on Revised Guiding Principles (Brunner)
   1. Board has decided to change rules to allow Committees to approve changes to guiding principles
   2. Kate will publish the changes made at the previous meeting
   3. No official in person winter County Conservation meeting this year and traditionally we have had our December meeting at the same time so we will have to make new plans for December 15th Meeting
4. SOC Update (Brunner)
   1. 328 standard being worked on
      1. Need reviewers – Dane already on the team, Kevin Klingberg from Chippewa County (possibly), Brent Peterson from Fox Valley Farms, Ken in Marathon County may also have coworker interested.
      2. Hanewall will request Mike Stanek present at next meeting about proposed changes and a browsing version be provided to the Committee prior to the next meeting
   2. 380 windbreaks likely out for public review in December
   3. 627, 632 and 634 NRCS standard modification just posted responses to public comments on SOC website
5. Wetlands & Hydrologic Restoration Chapter 30 General Permit Technical Advisory Committee Representative? (Anderson)
   1. New Ch 30 permit being worked on by Nate Walker DNR
   2. Looking for a person to be mediator between DNR and Counties (via Technical Committee). Will also be asked to review some documents from DNR and be on Technical Advisory Committee which probably will start in October – Zach Mohr volunteered to fill this position.
6. Direct Runoff from Feedlots Companion Document Subcommittee Update (Barone)
   1. Ideas for addressing this?
      1. Tiered System
      2. Flow Chart
      3. Offer Annual or Bi-annual field training at the area level possibly including the DNR rep
      4. Keep in mind enforcement and support in background
   2. Subcommittee will get the companion document close and then bring to the Committee for review
7. NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting Update (Heagle)
   1. Jeff Hastings retired and Sarah Strassman has taken over
   2. 75 current active grant agreements including community gardens and hoop houses
   3. GLRI – using funds for wetlands
   4. Subcommittees reported. Source water dedicated 80% to drinking water
   5. Heagle and Esser can’t attend next meeting. Kate will attend.
8. SITCOM (AITCOM) Update (O’ Connell)
   1. Focused on basic stuff for newer employees
   2. Opportunities to cover gaps, support of facilitate
9. Finalization of 2022 Fall Technical Tour (Dufford)
   1. Dufford could not attend today but Hanewall said that the tour is planned and a tentative agenda will likely be sent out next week
   2. Date is October 6th
10. 2023 Annual Conference Breakout Ideas (11:00 AM)
    1. Discussion and brain storming ideas for sessions
    2. Discussion and brain storming ideas for roundtables
    3. Kristin Teston taking notes separately
11. Working Break/Lunch (11:45 – 12:30 PM)
    1. Continued discussion about session ideas
    2. Roundtable ideas
       1. When good projects go bad
       2. Animal Waste Storage 101 (and Barnyards)
       3. Concrete 101 & Documentation
       4. NRCS Spreadsheets and 410s and 2 stage ditches and EJAA
12. Adjourn Technical Portion of the Meeting
    1. Motion to adjourn by Pozorski
    2. 2nd Esser
    3. Adjourned 12:43 pm
13. PIC/Technical Committee Membership Introductions (12:~~30~~45 PM)
14. Merge with PIC (12:~~4550~~ PM): Further Discuss 2023 Breakout Sessions & Conference Planning
    1. Priority Topics PIC
    2. Priority Topics Tech Committee
    3. Discussion of Session Topics
15. Adjourn Merged Portion of the Meeting Motion to Adjourn the joint meeting by Holt 2nd by Minks. Meeting Adjourned 1:15 pm.

Next Meeting December 15, 2022 – this is tentative because of change in County Conservationist meeting. May consider alternate days, or formats.