



# Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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## Great Lakes Committee

### Business & Budget Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020	
Start Time: 1pm	Approximate End Time: 2:00 P.M.
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Conference Phone:</b>	(712) 451-0752
<b>Conf ID:</b>	238578
<p><b>Committee Members:</b> Greg Coulthurst, Door Co. (Chair); Ashley Vande Voort, Douglas Co.; (Vice-Chair); Davina Bonness, Kewaunee Co. (Secretary); Steve Keith, Milwaukee Co.; Scott Frank, Shawano Co.; Andy Holschbach, Ozaukee Co.; Heather Palmquist, Iron Co.; Ken Dolata, Oconto Co.; VACANT, Winnebago Co.; MaryJo Gingras, Ashland Co.; Paul Sebo, Washington Co.; VACANT, Langlade Co.; Tyler Betry, Sheboygan County</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Advisors:</b> Donalea Dinsmore, Office of Great Waters; Mike Friis &amp; Todd Brieby, DOA WI Coastal Management; Vacant, DATCP</p>	<p><b>In Attendance:</b> Greg Coulthurst, Ashley Vande Voort, Davina Bonness, Scott Frank, Ken Dolata, MaryJo Gingras, Tyler Betry, Donalea Dinsmore, Todd Brieby, Penny Pohle, Andy Holschbach, Mary George (for Scott Shawano Cty); Monty Osterman (BOD Chair, NACD rep)</p>
<p><b>WI Land+Water Staff:</b> Penny Pohle, Conservation Training &amp; Membership Services Manager (Treasurer)</p>	<p><b>Absent Committee Members:</b> Paul Sebo, Heather Palmquist, Steve Keith</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI Land+Water Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if available.</li> <li>• More volunteers are welcome to participate. If interested, please join in-person or via the conference call option.</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 Time:</b> TBD</p>	

- Call to order** by Greg Coulthurst at 1:03 pm
- Roll Call – Above**
- Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by MaryJo Gingras and seconded by Tyler Betry. Committee was unanimous in vote.
- Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2020:** Motion to approve the June 18, 2020 meeting minutes was made by MaryJo Gingras and seconded by Tyler Betry. Committee was unanimous in vote.
- Reports:**

**Advisors –**

  - Donalea Dinsmore, Office of Great Waters provided an update on the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grants (Great Lakes Commission – Funding through Farm Bill). It was a very successful this year with 3 projects awarded – 1 for Northland; 1 in Outagamie; 1 in Mequon at approximately 200K+ each.
  - Todd Brieby, DOA WI Coastal Management is (1) working with NOAA and Coastal organizations regarding habitat assessment project. Phase 1 – completed in Spring 2020 – to assess plans and data needs; habitat restoration needs in Great Lakes. Phase 2 – look for available funding for priority areas, including WI. Develop habitat assessment maps along Bay shore in Green Bay; data needs; engineering designs, implementation of habitat projects. (2) Have an upcoming Beach working group webinar on October, (Tuesday) 27<sup>th</sup> for WI Coastal beaches. (3) Grant deadline of Nov 2 for Coastal Management Grant applications. Approximately \$1.5 million / year awarded to Great Lake Coastal Counties.

**Treasures/Budget:** Penny reported \$11,628.88 (Current balance); Dues – \$850.00 collected. Fond du Lac (yes) and Brown County (no); 17 counties total paid dues; mini grants for Sheboygan, Douglas, and Oconto paid in full.

**Mini Grant Applications:**

- **Sheboygan** - Tyler gave an update that their grant was completed to assist the Great Lakes elementary group to purchase stream bank table demo table kit. Haven't been able to use this yet due to COVID.
- **Douglas** –Rain barrel workshop to build your own barrel was a great success. Due to COVID, the workshop was held outside with 15 people who worked with their own materials. A full report was sent out to the Great Lakes committee last week.
- **Oconto** –Ken provided an update on purchasing an interactive educational water runoff model with their current grant application. Not going into the classrooms yet because of COVID, but they are eagerly waiting to use it.
- **Shawano** – Mary George asked for an extension through 2021 since schools are closing down and they still want to do this project.
  - Motion to extend Shawano's grant into 2021 was made by Ashley Vande Voort and seconded by Ken Dolata. Mary George did not vote; committee was unanimous in vote.

**County Updates:**

- **Door** – dredging Dunes starting this year, the same lakes GLC toured in 2018. ~\$1.1 million project.
- **Ozaukee** – inter-seeding of cover crops on a demonstration site; going very well
- **Sheboygan** -- hiring a full time AIS position
- **Ashland** – flood mitigation projects, devoted 25% of their LWRMP to climate change and climate science data due to increased rain events; using FEMA funds and well as Green Infrastructure grants

**6. Annual Meeting & Tour discussion:** discussion was held on Ashley Vande Voort's email handout regarding providing money to counties for mileage/hotel to increase attendance at the Annual Meetings (see below table and options). Overwhelmingly, counties tend not to attend due to time constraints and not necessarily budget restraints; however, consensus was to have Ashley develop an Annual Meeting Scholarship Application (vote on next meeting) so counties who are confined by their budgets can apply for this scholarship.

Suggested options for reimbursement (must travel at least 100 miles to qualify for reimbursement:

1. Fund for mileage (\$50 for 100 miles)
2. Cover one night in a hotel (\$82/trip)

Committee discussed funding #1 and #2.

Option <sup>1</sup>	Lake Michigan Tour	Superior Tour	Five Year Annual Average <sup>2</sup>
Mileage reimbursement	\$3,100 <sup>3</sup>	\$4,800 <sup>4</sup>	<b>\$3,440</b>
Pay state rate for one night in a hotel at \$82/county	\$2,378	\$2,624	<b>\$2,427</b>
Select a flat rate for each >100 mile travelling county. Example- \$125/county	\$3,625	\$4,000	<b>\$3,700</b>

7. **Committee Membership:** Winnebago – Chad Casper (Greg will reach out), Langlade County Con position is still open as well as the DATCP advisor representative.
8. **Next Meeting Date:** TBD Donalea offered to check on possibly having Jim Luke present on the Army Corps assistance.

Monte Osterman, WI Land+Water BOD Chair and NACD representative, attended the meeting and offered support. He commended the group on the very important work they are doing. NACD has some small grants to check out.

**9. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 1:51 was made by Ashley Vande Voort and seconded by Davina Bonness. Committee was unanimous in vote.