



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Great Lakes Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021	
Start Time: 12:30 p.m.	Approximate End Time: 1:00 p.m.
Conference Phone:	(712) 451-0752
Conf ID:	238578
<p>Committee Members: 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.; Chris Arrowood, Langlade Co.; Tyler Betry, Sheboygan County</p>	
<p>In Attendance: Greg Coulthurst, Ashley Vande Voort, Steve Keith, Scott Frank, Heather Palmquist, Ken Dolata, Donalea Dinsmore, Penny Pohle, Sarah Topp</p>	
<p>Non-Voting Advisors: Donalea Dinsmore, Office of Great Waters; Mike Friis & Todd Breiby, DOA WI Coastal Management; Zach Zopp, DATCP</p>	
<p>WI Land+Water Staff: Penny Pohle, Conservation Training & Membership Services Manager (Treasurer)</p>	
<p>Absent Committee Members: Davina Bonness, Andy Holschbach, Tyler Betry, Mary Jo Gingras, Paul Sebo, Chris Arrowood</p>	
<p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI Land+Water Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if available. • More volunteers are welcome to participate. If interested, please join in-person or via the conference call option. • Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair. 	
<p>Next Meeting Time: TBD</p>	

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Greg Coulthurst called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** See above.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ken Dolata and seconded by Heather Palmquist to approve handling the Mini Grants before the Approval of Minutes. Committee was unanimous in favor of this change.
4. **Mini Grants:**

Marinette – Sara Topp, Marinette County Conservationist, presented the grant application for a total of \$732.91. As an alternative opportunity to their annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp this year, they are planning to put together a minimum of 50 “Conservation Camp at Home” kits that students within Marinette and Menominee counties can pick up on a first come, first serve basis to have a semi-structured camp experience safely at home or in a local, public outdoor space. Motion by Ken Dolata and seconded by Heather Palmquist to approve their grant application for the full amount of \$732.91. Marinette County is not a dues paying member. Agreed to not deduct the \$50 dues from their request. They are discussing paying their dues at an upcoming county meeting. The committee unanimously approved the grant request in the amount of \$732.91.
5. **Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2021:** Motion by Steve Keith and seconded by Scott Frank to approve the February 1, 2021, meeting minutes. Committee was unanimous in vote.
6. **Reports**
 - a. **Advisors**

Donalea Dinsmore (Office of Great Waters): Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program (GLSNRP) applications are due this week. So far she is only aware of one project from Wisconsin. As part of the Winnebago Waterways outreach to county decision-makers, Winnebago County is providing funding for a dedicated watershed

specialist for implementing practices in the Rat River sub-watershed. Winnebago County or the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance would be the best people to talk about the details of how they accomplished that.

Zach Zopp (DATCP): Zach was unable to attend but provided a written report which included an introduction of the three new staff that have been hired for the Soil and Watershed Management Section. Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) for Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan revisions will be asked about addressing climate change resiliency. Donalea mentioned that Ashland County put climate change in their plans required by DATCP, and it has meant that a lot of projects have come their way, particularly as they address mitigating the damages from a couple years of extreme floods. The Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) petition period is open. Virtual Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) trainings are available to all CREP counties.

- b. Treasurers:** Penny Pohle reported that 17 counties have paid their \$50 dues for the Great Lakes Committee. That is the same number as last year and totals \$850.
 - c. Recycling plastics initiative:** Discussed possible ideas on what the GLC can do to bring awareness to the need to recycle plastics. Sarah was involved in a project with the AmeriCorps in Michigan where counties had reusable dishware kits. Steve said that Milwaukee County has an ordinance that county vending machines cannot use plastic bottles. Scott mentioned that a lady from the Marathon County recycling program spoke on Public Radio.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Meet in July and possibly host a webinar. Steve mentioned that Wisconsin Salt Wise could possibly do a presentation on the impact of chloride on surface water and groundwater.
 - 8. Adjourn:** Motion by Scott and seconded by Ashley to adjourn at 1:21 p.m. Committee was unanimous to adjourn.