



# NORTH CENTRAL AREA

## Land and Water Conservation Association

Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, Wood

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Meeting Date: 6-12-2020

Meeting Location: WebEx online, hosted by Marathon Co

In attendance: Molly McKay-Langlade Co, Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co, Steve Kircher-Forest Co, Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co, Scott Goodwin-Florence, Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, Jared Mader-Marathon Co, Jana Suriana-Marathon Co, Amanda Kasperek-Lincoln Co, Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water, Bob Mott-Oneida Co, Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co, Terry Kafka-WDNR, Tyrone Larson-NRCS

Counties present: Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas

Counties not present: Wood

1. Call meeting to order at 10:05am
  - a. Molly McKay-Langlade Co stated that Dave Solin-Langlade Co was no longer on County Board so as the Vice-chair she would run the meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions of those in attendance
3. Approval of minutes from March 4, 2020
  - a. No corrections are needed
    - a. **Motion to approve March 4, 2020 minutes made by Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co, seconded by Molly McKay-Langlade Co**
    - b. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
4. Treasurer's Report- Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
  - a. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co stated the budget that was attached to the email is the most current budget. Everything looks to be in good shape. The CD comes to term in September and at the time she will fill in the CD interest amount in the spreadsheet.
5. Approve 2021 Budget
  - a. Bob Mott-Oneida Co asked about the winter meeting amount, Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co explained it was the revenue that varied. Paul Daigle-Marathon Co stated it was the host County's responsibility to stay within the budget.
  - b. No edits are needed
    - a. **Motion to approve 2021 Budget made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, seconded by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co**
    - b. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
6. Election of North Central Area Officers
  - a. President
    - a. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co nominated Bob Mott-Oneida Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times

- c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Mott-Oneida Co as President of North Central Area made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co**
          - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
  - b. Vice-President
    - a. Bob Mott-Oneida Co nominated Molly McKay-Langlade Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
    - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Molly McKay-Langlade Co as Vice-President of North Central Area made by Bob Mott-Oneida Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co**
      - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
  - c. Treasurer
    - a. Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co nominated Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Mott-Oneida Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
    - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co as Treasurer of North Central Area made by Bob Mott-Oneida Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co**
      - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
  - d. Secretary
    - a. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co nominated Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
    - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tracy Arnold-Portage Co as Secretary of North Central Area made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Mott-Oneida Co**
      - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
7. Election of Representatives to WI Land+Water Board of Directors
  - a. LCC Representative to WI Land+Water Board
    - a. Paul Daigle-Marathon Co nominated Bob Mott-Oneida Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
    - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Mott-Oneida Co as the LCD Representative for North Central Area to WI Land+Water Board made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co**
      - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
  - b. LCC Alternate Representative to WI Land+Water Board
    - a. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co nominated Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
    - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co as the LCC Alternate Representative of North Central Area to WI Land+Water Board made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co**
      - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
  - c. LCD Representative to WI Land+Water Board
    - a. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co nominated Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Daigle-

Marathon Co

- b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
  - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co the LCD Representative of North Central Area to WI Land+Water Board made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co**
    - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
  - d. LCD Alternate Representative to WI Land+Water Board
    - a. Bob Mott-Oneida Co nominated Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co
    - b. No other nominations, asked 3 times
    - c. **Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Paul Daigle-Marathon Co as the LCD Alternative Representative of North Central Area of North Central Area to WI Land+Water Board made by Bob Mott-Oneida Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co**
      - 1. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
8. Youth Education Update-Tracy Arnold-Portage Co
- a. Poster and Speaking went well, North Central was well represented. 2021 Poster theme is “Healthy Forest, Healthy Communities”. WI Envirothon had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. All funds raised for the 2020 event will be divided evenly between teams for the 2021 event. Conservation Camps had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Brad Matson scholarships are available to next camp season, promote this as it’s a great way to get kids to camp. Thank you for gathering items for the silent auction that represent our Area. Thank to you those that bought tickets for the Canada trip. Our own Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co won. Any ways to improve the core education programs, please let any of the Youth Education Committee members know.
  - b. Cassidy Neilitz-Forest Co would like to be added to the Poster and Speaking subcommittee.
9. County Updates
- a. Forest - Steve Kircher-Forest Co
    - a. Working on shoreland restoration projects
    - b. If counties have excess funds, they have projects ready
  - b. Florence - Scott Goodwin-Florence
    - a. Working on shoreland restoration projects
    - b. Culvert installation projects
  - c. Lincoln - Amanda Kasperek-Lincoln Co
    - a. Amanda took over for Mitch McCarthy and is learning the ropes
    - b. Working on shoreland restoration projects
    - c. Pollinator project is going well
  - d. Langlade - Molly McKay-Langlade Co
    - a. Working on shoreland projects
    - b. Culvert projects
    - c. County budget looking tight, no travel and looking at furloughs
  - e. Marathon - Paul Daigle-Marathon Co
    - a. Two new staff during COVID, has been challenging but they are making it work. Staff split between office and home. WI Land+Water trainings online have been very helpful.

- b. AWO updating ordinance, lots of work has gone into it
    - c. Working with MDV funds to meet TMDL levels
    - d. Looking for short term staffing grants
  - f. Oneida - Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co
    - a. Cost-sharing is keeping them very busy
    - b. River and Lake grants also keeping them busy
    - c. Huge planting project with lots of dollars focused on native plants, this will be a two-year project
  - g. Portage - Tracy Arnold-Portage Co
    - a. Lots of groundwater flooding throughout the County
    - b. Attending lake district/association meetings to build a success shoreland program
    - c. Working with nonmetallic mining permit holders to build a successful and effective program
  - h. Vilas - Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
    - a. Starting the budget process
    - b. Thinking about a manure storage ordinance
    - c. Currently have two LTE, that are helping tackle the summer workload.
  - i. Wood-none
10. 2020 Summer Tour
- a. Molly McKay-Langlade Co stated that Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co had talked to her regarding the cancelling of the summer tour due to facilities being closed to visitors due to COVID-19.
  - b. Discussion on weather to postpone to September and see where we are at. Hard to plan as you need a couple months to pull together the planning. Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water stated that West Central is trying to hold a virtual tour. Paul Daigle-Marathon Co stated they can't travel outside the County regardless, so thinking virtual or postpone it.
    - a. Bob Mott-Oneida Co made motion move the 2020 Summer Tour to 2021 still hosted by Wood County, seconded by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co. The rotation will be moved back a year.
    - b. Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.
11. Land&Water Conservation Board Report-none
12. Agency Report
- a. WI Land+Water-Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water
    - a. Created a North Central listserve, discussion regarding keeping Representatives on this list or not
    - b. New employee training July 14-16 will be online, can join for any topic and encourage everyone to jump in to learn more about what we do
    - c. LCC training will be out next week, requesting that we play the 5-minute videos at our committee meetings, there will be handbooks available but also online
    - d. New website for WI Land+Water and the North Central Area has a website linked to the main WI Land+Water website.
  - b. DATCP-none
  - c. NACD-none
  - d. UWEX-none
  - e. DNR- Terry Kafka-WDNR

- a. Thanks to everyone who applied for a 2021 TRM grant
- b. DNR is asking for assistance by conducting a test run of the BITS program
- c. NR 151 Nitrate rule feedback is very important, still plenty of time to comment
- d. WDNR hope to get back to field soon, thanks to everyone that helped cover things
- f. FSA-none
- g. NRCS- Tyrone Larson-NRCS
  - a. Thank you for all the help with COVID-19 coverage
  - b. Most everyone is working from home, 1 person in the office daily and that rotates
  - c. Working on reopening offices with a multiphase approach in conjunction with FSA
  - d. Staff is still available and able to work in the field with social distancing
  - e. EQIP 1<sup>st</sup> round of funding dispersed and working on getting projects started, 2<sup>nd</sup> round deadline to apply is June 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Discussed the Honey bee EQIP Signup as a way to get some pollinator and grazing dollars in the NorthCentral area
  - g. CNMP Training currently in the middle of 3 webinars, need these plans to be eligible for funds through EQIP for manure storage/handling.

13. Other business

- a. Molly McKay-Langlade Co asked that we all update the google spreadsheet she sent around for LCD and LCC, once we know appointments.
- b. Discussion regarding acknowledgment for Dave Solin-Langlade Co and all the work he has done with conservation. Discussed a plaque and a pollinator planting of some sort. Molly McKay-Langlade Co will get in touch with Jeremy Solin, along with working with Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co and Tracy Arnold-Portage Co for pollinator plugs and seeds. Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water asked to be kept in the loop also.
  - a. **Motion made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co to order a plaque for \$200 and develop a pollinator planting plan for acknowledgment of the work Dave Solin-Langlade Co has done, seconded by Bob Mott-Oneida Co.**
  - b. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**

14. Adjourn at noon

- a. **Motion to adjourn made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, seconded by Bob Mott-Oneida Co**
- b. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**

Next meetings:

2020 Summer Tour & Meeting-Wood County host (POSTPONED TO 2021)  
2020 Fall Check-in

Host County			
2020	LANGLADE-COMPLETE	MARATHON-COMPLETE	WOOD-POSTPONED TO 2021
2021	FOREST (switched in 2020)	LINCOLN (switched in 2020)	WOOD
2022	LINCOLN	ONEIDA	FLORENCE
2023	MARATHON	PORTAGE	FOREST
2024	ONEIDA	VILAS	LANGLADE
2025	PORTAGE	WOOD	LINCOLN
2026	VILAS	FLORENCE	MARATHON
2027	WOOD	FOREST	ONEIDA
2028	FLORENCE	LANGLADE	PORTAGE
2029	FOREST	LINCOLN	VILAS
2030	LANGLADE	MARATHON	WOOD
2031	REPEAT ORDER ALPHABETICAL	REPEAT ORDER ALPHABETICAL	REPEAT ORDER ALPHABETICAL

Minutes submitted by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, NCLWCA Secretary 2020, \*All handouts from the meeting are attached