



Wisconsin's State Inter-Agency Training Committee

SITCOM's Mission: To maintain and strengthen a statewide team of well-trained conservation professionals that carry on Wisconsin's rich history of conserving soil and water resources through a coordinated and efficient partnership.

Meeting Agenda (DRAFT)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 / 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions (members listed on pg.2)
2. Looking Back:
 - a. Approve December 13, 2022 Minutes
 - i. Approved fixing one typo
 - b. Wisconsin Land+Water Conference, March 1-3, 2023
 - i. The Faces of Conservation session was appreciated.
 - ii. Technical Roundtables got great feedback.
 - c. 2022-23 Task Force Subcommittee Work Review
 - i. Operational Guidance Development and Approval
 1. Initiated the Task Force Model
 - ii. Needs Assessment Development and Rollout
 1. Great team effort both with SITCOM members and those outside of it.
 2. The team met twice and then it was reviewed by others.
3. Looking Forward:
 - a. 2023 SITCOM Training Needs Assessment Task Force and Initial Feedback
 1. NRCS has been slow in the process to send it out, but it is in the right hands currently and should be sent out soon, hopefully.
 - ii. *What did we learn from the process?* [Tech Showcase: Kahoot]
 1. Kahoot
 - a. Stream, shoreline, and wetlands is the most needed category, including regionally. Farmstead, and cropland is second
 - b. Ecological literacy was the most common topic in community engagement, education, and enforcement
 - c. Team-building and conflict management was a priority for DNR staff with leadership skills
 - d. **Lack of Availability is the most common barrier to participation. Discuss at the next meeting.**
 2. More involvement leads to more buy-in
 3. Format update was appreciated
 4. Some topics are tricky and difficult to differentiate
 - iii. *What data do we need the most, and how should we present the data to partners?*
 1. Intend to have AITCOM-Specific, Agency-Specific, and Program-Specific reports.
 - a. Specific request for AITCOMs; provide all of the data but also the top three; highlight the differences from statewide as well

- b. Have a statewide report
 - b. Future Challenges and Opportunities
 - i. Whispers of increased funding opportunities
 - 1. May be the cooperative agreements with NRCS
 - ii. 2023 County Con Meeting (Summer)
 - 1. Plan to share assessment data and task force ideas
 - iii. 2024 Wisconsin Land+Water Conference
 - 1. Late summer, is when the planning committees start
4. SITCOM Development:
 - a. 2023 Task Force Subcommittee Ideas
 - i. Review SITCOM member expectations from updated Operational Guidance
 - ii. Preview subcommittee ideas based on 2022 feedback and member suggestions
 - 1. Getting young people involved is important – bring some of them to come to meetings as well
 - a. Ask them to come, and show the advantages for networking
 - b. Encourage also the people who have been there a few years, maybe somewhere around 5 years
 - 2. Conservation Partnership Training that highlights opportunities that people have gotten involved with and ways to do it
 - a. Creating a strategy to help network and introduce people to others
 - 3. AITCOM and branding might go together, or branding might be integrated into them all
 - a. UW Extension has a marketing group that is available within the Natural Resources Institute
 - b. **WI Land+Water follow up with Kevin about these connections**
 - iii. Interest and availability for priority Task Force Subcommittees [Tech Showcase: Padlet]
 - 1. Bringing in new people and supporting them and mentorship program were the top priorities
 - 2. AITCOM guidance and training resources were second
 - 3. **Revisit with more input**
 - b. Voting Item: SITCOM Statewide Workplan Format Revision**
 - i. Review goals and objectives of the statewide workplan
 - ii. Compare previous workplan format and proposed format
 - 1. Try to make it highlight coordination and what we work on.
 - iii. Vote to approve new format for statewide workplan
 - 1. Passed
5. Member Updates:
 - a. AITCOM Updates
 - i. Northeast: No updates
 - ii. North: Rescheduled training in 2023, plenty of good reviews. Have an April meeting coming up.
 - iii. Northeast: Tech meeting this Thursday. Will try to have another meeting of the group in the Spring.
 - b. 2023 Workplan Updates
 - i. Steve Becker noted an internal survey that was completed several engineering trainings intended and helping with AITCOMs. Ethics training will be happening. O'Shea will be hosting a roof references. A National Engineering Handbook series training. Beth Peterson to work with Adam Abel on a Livestock Grazing Training. NRCS and Kevin Erb on a Farmstead CNMP blended course, and a gulley erosion course.

1. Engineering Ethics
 2. Guide to NRCS Engineering References
 3. Livestock Pipeline & Watering Facilities
 - a. Steve – “I am going to work with Adam Abel on a grazing training for this Spring/Summer and this may take care of this, but I am not sure.”
 4. Structural Design, Review of Roof Structures
 - ii. Kevin Erb seconded those as well. And then coordinating with Isabelle soon for Ag 101. And the [North American Manure Expo](#) August 9-10 at Arlington Ag Station. Try not to overlap trainings.
 - c. Other Training Updates
 - i. WIWiC Conference April 28
 - ii. Carbon Farm Planning Training
 - d. Training Evaluations and Highlights
 - i. Have been well received and will be useful for work for all of the trainings in the past few months.
6. Future Plans:
- a. Next Meeting: June 15, 2023, 9:00-11:00 am
 - b. Future Meeting: September 12, 2023, 9:00-11:00 am

SITCOM Members and Representatives

- AITCOM-#1-Northern/Park Falls - **Stacy Dehne**
- AITCOM-#2-NW/Altoona - **Pete Wurzer**
- AITCOM-#3-NE/Appleton - **Drew Zelle**
- AITCOM-#4-SW/Richland Center - Kelli Neitzel (missing)
- AITCOM-#5-SE/Juneau – Ryan Glassmaker (missing)
- Dept. Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection - **Matt Woodrow, Coreen Fallat**
- Dept. of Natural Resources - Karl Gesch (missing), **Nate Walker**
- Natural Resources Conservation Service - **Steve Becker** (arrived at 10:00), **Pamela Fiorito**, Mike Stanek (comembers)
- Professional Improvement Committee (PIC) - Tony Reali
- Technical Committee (TC) - **Dan O’Connell**
- UW-Madison College of Ag and Life Sciences - Mimi Broeske and Jamie Patton (comembers) (missing)
- UW-Madison Division of Ext. - **Kevin Erb** (arrived at 10:05), Jenna Mertz
- WI Land+Water - **Michael Hook, Isabelle Paulsen**, Chris Schlutt (missing)
- Member at large, professional engineering practitioner - **Emily Micolichek**