

**WISCONSIN LAND+WATER
2022 OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

Please print or type:

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1) Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee.

Melissa and her husband raise Scottish Highland beef and Yak on their 155-acre farm in Southwest Richland County. They bought the farm for retirement but keep busy. Besides the beef and yak, Melissa's husband reclaims wood from old barns to sell and Melissa does stain glass work. When her neighbor decided not to run for county board, Melissa ran and became a county board supervisor in 2018. One of the committees she became a member of is the Land Conservation Committee. At her first Southern Area LCC meeting, Melissa volunteered to be the Southern area representative on the WI Land + Water Board. She is also a part of the Executive Board of WI Land + Water. She has/is serving on several important county committees including the Administrator Hiring Committee, Finance & Personnel Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee.

2) List at least three (3) specific efforts/accomplishments of the nominee which go beyond normal professional service of his/her elected position to the local LCC, area association, WI Land+Water or NACD.

1. She helped in forming the Driftless Area Water study and Richland County Being part of the study. She manned a drop off sited and took samples to the lab in Stevens Point. She has spoken with several groups and on the radio about well water testing.
2. Assisted the County Conservationist in writing a grant for the county forest.
3. Melissa is always looking at ways to make the county more resilient to climate change Her ideas are practical and thought provoking.

3) List any other specific reasons why the nominee should be given this award.

Melissa is very compassionate about conservation and the environment. She is not afraid to fight to make Richland County a better place to live. She puts in the extra effort to research ideas and to talk with others before she develops her opinion. She has been an advocate for the environment, even speaking at the Governor's task force meeting on Water quality.