



## SOUTHERN AREA LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

**Columbia**      **Green**      **Richland**  
**Dane**          **Iowa**        **Rock**  
**Dodge**        **Jefferson**    **Sauk**  
**Grant**        **Lafayette**

Monday, May 12, 2025  
9:30am-12:30pm  
Dane County-UW Extension  
5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison, WI 53718  
Driftless Conference Room  
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89594212940>  
Meeting ID: 895 9421 2940 Call in #: 1-312-626-6799

### AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call of counties
3. Approval of agenda May 12, 2025
4. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes January 29, 2025
5. Treasurer's report
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Establishing 2026 SAA Dues
7. Discussion on Summer Tour
8. WLW Committee Updates
  - a. Health & Conservation
  - b. Leg/Admin
  - c. Public Outreach
  - d. PIC
  - e. Technical
  - f. Youth Education
9. WLW BOD Updates
10. Agency/Partner updates
11. Local Policy Input
12. Break
13. Introduction of Agriculture & Water Quality Staff
14. NM Updates & Discussion - DATCP Staff
15. Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy - DNR Staff
16. Upcoming Events - Canva Training - May 15th (Madison)
17. Adjourn - Lunch

# Southern Area Land and Water Conservation Association Unapproved Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday January 29, 2025    **Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Columbia County Admin Building, Portage, WI and virtual

Board of Directors					
Columbia		Dane		Dodge	
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Grant		Green		Iowa	
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Jefferson		Lafayette		Richland	
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Rock		Sauk			
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Non-voting Participants					
Jake Dickmann-DNR		Kelli Myers-WLW		Kim Warkentin- WLW	
Alex Elias-DATCP		Bart Chapman- DATCP			

1. **Call meeting to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Schlupp at 9:31am
2. **Roll call of counties:** 16 directors present
3. **Approval of January 29, 2025 agenda:** Lafayette made a motion to approve the agenda. Jefferson seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of October 28, 2024 minutes:** Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes. Columbia seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer’s report:** Chair Schlupp went over recent expenses. Lafayette moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Richland seconded. Motion carried.
6. **WI Land & Water (WLW) Committee Updates**
  - a. *Health & Conservation:* Katie Abbott provided a summary of the last meeting, including information on groundwater standard development, and summary of well compensation ARPA program.

- b. *Leg/Admin*: Melissa Schlupp, Kurt Calkins, and Kelli Meyers presented updates. They are working on budget priorities, toolkit and strategies; a few met with DNR and had a good discussion about challenges brought up during county con meeting related to water regs, water/wetland permits, CAFO, and nonpoint programs; suggested a liaison position so we aren't treated the same as a business development; there may be a joint training in first half of 2025.
  - c. *Public Outreach*: Katie Abbott gave an update, including tools and planning for Canva and AI training
  - d. *Professional Improvement*: Katie read an update provided by Tony Reali related to the conference, including a reminder about raffle ticket sales. After the 2025 conference in Green Bay, the next three conferences will be in Wisconsin Dells.
  - e. *Technical*: Katie read an update provided by Matt Hanewall, including assessment of tiling concerns, DNR permitting, and they are looking for a location for the 2025 Technical Tour (usually mid-October).
  - f. *Youth Education*: Briana Enger and Kim Warkentin provided updates. Over 830 posters were submitted; only Columbia Co had a speaking contest; 7 of 11 counties participate in poster contest. Envirothon registration is open until mid-March; Kim can talk with anyone interested in starting a team. Camp registration will open next week due May 16; info also on website; scholarships may be available. Silent Auction is large fundraiser for youth education. We can start submitting items now. SAA raised over \$2K last year; they ask all Counties to bring at least one thing; refrigeration is available.
7. **WI Land & Water Board of Directors Updates**: Amy Piaget provided updates about the December meeting: they approved WLW budget- over \$1.3 million with grants- lots from climate resiliency program; also have work groups related to strategic plan items, such as DEI and financial policy consolidation.
8. **Agency/Partner updates**:  
*WLW*: Kelli- budget advocacy toolkit will be available soon; three young conservation professionals pop-up events are planned to get more involvement, networking and learning opportunities for newer staff; March 27 in Sauk Co; reach out to Kelli or Michael or look for the registration email; the new SOC manager to start Feb 10
- Jake Dickmann- DNR South Central Region Nonpoint Source Coordinator*. new staff- DNR secretary Karen Hyun; Christina Rauh, southcentral stormwater engineer; and Tony Knipfer, CAFO specialist filling Claire O'Connell vacancy. DNR may rearrange county assignments. Nonpoint/CAFO 5-year plan included training plan and catalog of template enforcement letters to be more consistent.

*Alex Elias-DATCP:* introduced herself- filled Coreen Fallat's position, started in Oct; Tim Anderson is now division administrator; director position will be posted in Feb; Lisa Trumble retired- looking to fill as soon as possible; SE area engineer- interviewed last week; they are interviewing for H&H project engineer. Reach out to Alex with any program questions or if we'd like DATCP topics for a meeting

*Bart Chapman- DATCP drainage program manager:* gave a presentation on drainage districts; 6 of 11 SAA counties have active drainage districts; looking for more county government participation in county drainage boards; went over drainage district organization; drainage board membership, responsibilities, and activities; and specifications needed; DATCP conducting comprehensive review of the districts in the state; 62% of active districts (117) are in SAA area. They will schedule some outreach meetings to impacted counties. Discussion of BMP and permit requirements, and enforcement challenges. Discussion of funding challenges completing remaining drainage district specs/plans.

9. **Local Policy Input:** Katie Abbott and Andrew Baker presented information and background related to H&H policy form. Discussion of DATCP H&H position with hopes of training county staff; discussion of HECRAS models (some are missing/outdated), time needed for H&H, and feasibility of county staff doing this. There is value in submitting the form to elevate the conversation and see if we can get parties to come to agreement on at least some practices (can we get exemptions for some practices?); discussion of floodplain statutes that don't make sense; discussion of needing more examples from other counties. Columbia moved to submit to WLW, second by Dane. Motion carried.
10. **Get to Know Me a "Skittle" game:** members participated in a networking activity
11. **Networking roundtables:** members participated in roundtable discussions. Report out included: Columbia Co. is planning a field day and hand-written NMP class for Amish farmers; how to help staff with similar positions communicate better among counties; and a native plant sale that sold out quickly.
12. **Upcoming Events:** Communications training Feb 24 in Baraboo; registration will ask for examples of communication challenges; Canva training towards end of April (conflicts with tree sales- can it be moved to mid-May?)
13. **Adjourn:** Dane moved to adjourn. Columbia seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:39pm.

**Southern Area Association  
Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Committees**

Columbia County		Green County		Richland County
Dane County		Iowa County		Rock County
Dodge County		Jefferson County		Sauk County
Grant County		Lafayette County		

Checking Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
1/23/2025		balance		<b>\$5,836.46</b>	
1/29/2025	1003	Melissa Schlupp - meeting snacks/lunch	\$139.41	\$5,697.05	Cleared 2/4/25
3/3/2025	797756	Deposit - Dane County Dues	\$145.00	\$5,842.05	
3/3/2025	4795709	Deposit - Jefferson County Dues	\$145.00	\$5,987.05	
3/3/2025	703521	Deposit - Rock County Dues	\$145.00	\$6,132.05	
3/3/2025	139675	Deposit - Green County Dues	\$145.00	\$6,277.05	
3/3/2025	2015168	Deposit - Grant County Dues	\$145.00	\$6,422.05	
3/3/2025	381116	Deposit - Sauk County Dues	\$145.00	\$6,567.05	
3/3/2025	8015	Deposit - Iowa County Dues	\$145.00	\$6,712.05	
3/10/2025	1004	Michelle Howe - speaking contest	\$299.80	\$6,412.25	Cleared 3/17/25
3/10/2025	1005	Meghan Visgar - speaking contest	\$293.00	\$6,119.25	Cleared 3/17/25
3/10/2025	1006	Billie-Jo Brusveen - speaking contest	\$245.00	\$5,874.25	Cleared 3/21/25
3/27/2025	1007	Dane County Treasurer - gift cards	\$480.00	\$5,394.25	
4/7/2025	1681386	Deposit - Dodge County Dues	\$145.00	\$5,539.25	
4/7/2025	43295	Deposit - Richland County Dues	\$145.00	\$5,684.25	
4/7/2025	197892	Deposit - Lafayette County Dues	\$145.00	\$5,829.25	
4/23/2025	2136642	Deposit - Columbia County Dues	\$145.00	\$5,974.25	
<b>4/24/2025</b>		<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$5,974.25</b>	

Savings Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1/23/2025		balance		\$ 1.00

# Development of a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy for the State of Wisconsin

## Why is Wisconsin developing a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy?

In January of 2024, the Interagency Water Quality Workgroup, a team of state, federal, and county partners, began the process of developing a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) for Wisconsin. The purpose of a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy is to coordinate and focus state, federal, and local resources to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus entering the state's rivers, streams, lakes, and groundwater from wastewater treatment plants and runoff from urban and agricultural land. While there are many policies, programs, and regulations in place to address nutrient loss, monitoring trends indicate that much greater reductions are required to achieve water quality objectives.



## How will the NLRS address agricultural sources of nutrients?

While all sources of nutrients will need to be addressed to achieve water quality goals, agricultural sources in particular require local, state, and federal, partners in both the public and private sectors to work with farmers to find practical, effective, and innovative solutions to reduce nutrient loss. Rather than creating new policies, programs, or regulations, the NLRS is an opportunity for local, state, and federal agencies, partner organizations, farmers, and key stakeholder groups to create a shared strategic vision for reducing nutrient loss from agricultural land.

## How can stakeholders engage in development of the NLRS?

The Interagency Water Quality Workgroup will hold a series of listening sessions with farmers and other stakeholders to hear their perspectives on which policies, programs, and projects have been most effective at increasing adoption of practices that reduce nutrient loss and where they see opportunities for greater cooperation among agencies, non-governmental organizations, producer-led watershed groups, and agribusiness to get more conservation practices on the ground. The information gathered during these listening sessions will be presented to the Interagency Water Quality Workgroup to inform the development of Wisconsin's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

## How can I learn more?

Visit the [NLRS webpage](#) for information and updates about the NLRS (access using the QR code at the top of this page). **Subscribe** for email updates on the NLRS (the link to subscribe is on the NLRS homepage). **Have questions or want to set up a listening session?** Contact Joe Bonnell ([joseph.bonnell@wisconsin.gov](mailto:joseph.bonnell@wisconsin.gov)), Nutrient Reduction Strategy Coordinator in the Office of Agriculture and Water Quality at Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



*Partners on the Interagency Water Quality Workgroup*