



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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### Legislative-Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 16, 2023    **Time:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Virtual (via Zoom)

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83234428678?pwd=TDJMZmJrNWtEUzZCMjJRZWWhSndTd09>

**Phone Dial-in:** 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 832 3442 8678, Access Code: 494058

Board Members			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt R. Calkins (Chair), Columbia Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Tollard (Vice Chair/Sec.), Fond du Lac Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Baneck, Outagamie Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Hanson, Marathon Co.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Wojahn, Vernon Co,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Barrows, Waukesha Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Schlupp, Sauk Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynda Schweikert, Chippewa Co.
<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Haase, Waupaca Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Piaget, Dane Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Frank, Shawano Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Luck, Richland Co.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Abbott, Iowa Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Bultman, Door Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Strand, Bayfield Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Boisvert, Lincoln Co.
Advisors (Non-Voting)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Coreen Fallat, DATCP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katy Smith, DATCP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karl Gesch, DNR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Zerr, UW-Madison Division of Extension
WI Land+Water Staff (Non-Voting)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Krueger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Anderson		

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### ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Calkins.
  - a. Roll call (see table above). Others in attendance: Tom Mandli, Bart Chapman, Sheri Denowski
  - b. Agenda adopted.

- c. Previous meeting minutes approved – July 14, 2023
- 2) Agency Partner Reports
  - a. DNR (Karl Gesch)
    - i. New positions – Nutrient Reduction Strategy (Joe Bonnell); SRF position; climate resilience (Ezra Meyer); green infrastructure (Matt Kalin, Grace Michelson)
    - ii. TRM projects are getting GPR, vs. bond revenue that has been allocated toward the program in the past
    - iii. NE Lakeshore TMDL was submitted to EPA (included a N study)
  - b. Extension (Dan Zerr)
    - i. NRCS stepped in and provided funding to bridge shortfall in Extension positions
  - c. DATCP (Katy Smith)
    - i. ATCP 50 is with the Gov's office; currently doing emergency rulemaking.
    - ii. Susan Mockert is now a unit leader, overseeing SWRM, NOPP, CREP, cover crop insurance program.
    - iii. Bart Chapman has moved into a drainage position, hydrological modeling. Matt Woodrow is supervising all staff in engineering, and backfilling Bart's unit leader responsibilities for engineering.
- 3) Area Local Policy Input
  - a. Lake Michigan Area Concerns Related to Tiling in Fields
    - i. Discussion occurred about the issue of drain tiling in agricultural fields and the apparent increase of tiling across the state, as well as the complications with it. The concept of jurisdictional outlets was discussed, as was the potential opening of ATCP 48 in coming years, which could provide another angle to addressing the issues with tiling.
    - ii. It was agreed that this is a complex issue that would need to be addressed with partners at DNR, DATCP, counties, and perhaps others.
    - iii. A working group was formed to address the issue, with initial membership consisting of Greg Baneck (Outagamie), Amy Piaget (Dane), Matt Hanewall (La Crosse/Tech Comm. Chair), Bart Chapman (DATCP), and Ben Callan (DNR) or a delegate.
- 4) Legislative Updates
  - a. Discussed SB 409/AB 419, SB 468/AB 480, SB 134/AB 133, SB 147/AB 131.
- 5) Next Meeting Date (December 18, 2023)
- 6) Adjourn