



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Legislative-Administrative Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: July 15, 2024 **Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83234428678?pwd=TDJMZmJrNWtEUzZCMjJRZWWhSndTdz09>

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"/> Lynda Schweikert, Chippewa Co. (Vice Chair/Sec.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Baneck, Outagamie Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Palmquist, Iron Co.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Wojahn, Vernon Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Barrows, Waukesha Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Schlupp, Sauk Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Boisvert, Lincoln Co.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Haase, Waupaca Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Piaget, Dane Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Frank, Shawano Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Strand, Bayfield Co.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Abbott, Iowa Co.			
Advisors (Non-Voting)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katy Smith, DATCP	<input type="checkbox"/> Karl Gesch, DNR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Zerr, UW-Madison Division of Extension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Uvaas, DNR
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) Call To Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Lynda reported at the start of the meeting there were 10 voting members out of 13 present. Quorum achieved

- ii. *In addition to those checked above were David Wetenkamp, Manitowoc County; Chase Cummings, Dunn County; Meg Turville-Heitz; Jefferson County; and Patricia Cicero, Jefferson County*
 - b. Adopt Agenda/Additions
 - i. *Motion by Barrows, seconded by Piaget to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried*
- 2) Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (June 13, 2024 & May 20, 2024)
 - a. *Motion by Piaget, seconded by Frank to approve both sets of minutes with the amendment that the 5/20/2024 minutes spell out the acronym PLWG to Producer Led Watershed Grant. Motion carried*
- 3) Confirm Ben Wojahn, Vernon County as member of Leg/Admin Committee
 - a. *Motion by Barrows, seconded by Schlupp. Motion Carried*
- 4) Approve Revised Committee Guiding Principles
 - a. *Discussed tracked changes*
 - b. *Motion by Frank, seconded by Boisvert to approve the changes to the Guiding Principles, with the knowledge that Anderson will rework the verbiage regarding Area Association Liaisons and send out for review prior to the WI Land + Water (WLW) Board meeting. Motion Carried*
- 5) Confirm Membership and Area Association Liaisons, Land Conservation Committee (LCC) Representatives to Leg/Admin Committee
 - a. *The following people will act as Area Association Liaisons for their area:*
 - i. *Southern – Melissa Schlupp*
 - ii. *Lake Michigan – Scott Frank*
 - iii. *South West – Alan Barrows*
 - iv. *North Central – Tom Boisvert*
 - v. *Western – Ben Wojahn*
 - vi. *West Central – Lynda Schweikert*
 - vii. *North West – Heather Palmquist Land Conservation Dept /Fred Strand LCC*
 - b. *The Liaisons will go back to their areas to recruit LCC members to the Leg/Admin Committee*
 - c. *WLW will send out survey asking members which committees they would like to learn more about.*
 - i. *Committee members will reach out to those interested and discuss further*
- 6) Finalize WI Land+Water 2025-27 Policy Priorities
 - a. *Wake Boats*
 - i. *Keep as written*
 - b. *Well Compensation Grant*
 - i. *Mimic Governors ARPA program*
 - ii. *Focus on eligibility and work with DNR staff on budget amount*
 - c. *Remaining Priorities*
 - i. *Ensure they don't compete with staffing grant*
 - ii. *Lobby for top 4 priorities*
 - iii. *Support remaining priorities on a case by case basis as details arise*
- 7) Agency Reports
 - a. *DATCP – Katy Smith*
 - i. *Preliminary Allocation Plan out by end of July*
 - 1. *Email her if you need preliminary numbers before then*
 - ii. *Applications received for Hydraulic & Hydrologic Engineer*
 - iii. *Looking for approval to hire Agency Liaison, position formerly held by Coreen Fallat*

- b. *UWEX – Dan Zerr*
 - i. *Natural Resource Educator Supervisor position will be split into Forestry and Water positions*
- c. *DNR – Ben Uvaas*
 - i. Lisa Trumble presented on the importance of LWRMP to Ag Nonpoint staff and their role in it.
 - ii. Karl Gesch’s coordinator position is still vacant, so is Terry Kafka’s coverage area. No specifics on recruitment timeframes yet, but we probably won’t be able to refill Terry’s spot for months.
 - iii. Tyler Dix (CAFO Permitting Coordinator) is leaving state service July 19 for a position with EPA in Washington State.
 - iv. Above average precipitation continues to drive complaints about very full manure pits.
- 8) Discuss Next Steps on State Budget Priorities, and Partnership Efforts
 - a. *Krueger discussed work being done with partners to support budget priorities*
 - b. *Looking for suggestions to identify LCC Supervisors with relationships with legislature*
- 9) Suggestions for Annual Conference Breakout Session Topics
 - a. *WLW Committee Recruitment*
 - b. *Importance of Legislative Engagement*
- 10) Discuss Oct. 17-18 County Conservation Meeting
 - a. *American Farmland Trust*
 - b. *National Conservation District Employees Association*
 - c. *Renewable Energy*
 - d. *Tiling Subcommittee*
 - e. *DNR office of Ag & Water Quality*
- 11) Next Meeting Date (Oct. 18, 2024) *in person*
- 12) Adjourn
 - a. *Motion by Schlupp, seconded by Frank. Motion Carried*