



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Legislative-Administrative Committee Minutes

Date: May 20, 2024 **Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83234428678?pwd=TDJMZmJrNWtEUzZCMjJRZWWhISndTdZ09>

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 type="checkbox"/> Ben Wojahn, Vernon Co,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Barrows, Waukesha Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Schlupp, Sauk Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Luck, Richland 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"/> Tom Boisvert, Lincoln Co.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Abbott, Iowa Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Bultman, Door Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Strand, Bayfield Co.	
Advisors (Non-Voting)			
<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	<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. *Checked Above*
 - b. Adopt Agenda/Additions

- i. *Barrows moved, Haase seconded to adopt the agenda. MC*
- 2) **Reconfirm Committee Roles, Members, Election of Leadership, and Recruitment of New LCC Members**
 - a. *Reconfirm Committee Roles – Members will read guiding principles for next meeting discussion*
 - b. *Members - Calkins will reach out to members not present today to see if they wish to stay on the committee*
 - c. *Election of Leadership*
 - i. *Haase nominated Kurt Calkins for Chair of Leg/Admin Committee, Barrows seconded. Calkins accepted the nomination, MC*
 - ii. *Calkins nominated Lynda Schweikert for Vice Chair/Secretary, Piaget seconded. Schweikert accepted the nomination, MC*
 - d. *Recruitment of New LCC Members*
 - i. *Krueger will discuss at area trainings*
- 3) **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2024**
 - a. *Piaget motioned, Abbott seconded to approve the minutes, MC*
- 4) **Agency and Partner Updates**
 - a. *Karl Gesch, DNR stated the staff for the new Agriculture and Water Quality Department are himself and Stacey Steinke. Their goal is to develop trust with the agricultural community and work with policy development*
 - b. *Ben Uvaas, DNR is working on manure spills from aging infrastructure*
 - c. *Katy Smith, DATCP Anticipating ATCP 50 to go live June or July 1st. They are looking into backfilling the position formerly held by Coreen Fallat*
 - d. *Dan Zerr, UWEXT mentioned that supplemental funds from NRCS is being used to fund his position and that the scope of his work hasn't changed*
- 5) **Discussion of Policy Priorities**
 - a. *Matt presented the following topics to prioritize*
 - i. **PLWG**
 - ii. **Well Compensation Program**
 - iii. *Grazing*
 - iv. *Seg Innovation grants*
 - v. **Pay for Performance**
 - vi. **Wake Boats**
 - vii. *Restore Extension funding*
 - viii. **The items bolded above were discussed in length*
 - b. *Matt asked what the \$ amount for county conservation staffing grants should be asked for in the next budget process*
 - i. *Consensus was the 2025 SWRM Application requested total from counties - \$20,227,514, rounded to \$20.2 Mil for purposes of our ask.*
 - ii. *Also discussed the importance of raising the \$8.9 Mil base allocation*
- 6) **Organization of Rapid Response Team To React To Legislation**
 - a. *Decided a Rapid Response Team is not necessary at this time*
 - b. *Instead will schedule monthly meetings based on legislative windows*
 - i. *If time does not allow, special meetings may be scheduled that don't require votes but to get feeling of committee*
- 7) **Development of List of Subject Matter Experts**
 - a. *Gathering ideas on broad subject matter totals*
 - b. *Looking at Database options*

- 8) Update on Subcommittee on Tiling Concerns
 - a. *Goals*
 - i. *Summarize Concerns*
 - ii. *Summarize what documentation exists*
 - iii. *Identify gaps in data/permitting*
 - iv. *Identifying who needs to know this information*
- 9) Area Local Policy Input
 - a. *Committee members should bring up process at area association meetings*
- 10) Fall County Conservationist Meeting
 - a. *October 17-18*
 - b. *In person Leg/Admin Committee meeting immediately following*
- 11) Next Meeting Date (July 15, 2024)
- 12) Adjourn
 - a. *Barrows motioned, Frank seconded to adjourn until July 15, 2024. MC*