



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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### Legislative-Administrative Committee Agenda Special Meeting

#### Minutes

**Date:** November 27, 2023    **Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Melissa Schlupp, Sauk Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynda Schweikert, Chippewa 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 type="checkbox"/> Melissa Luck, Richland Co.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Abbott, Iowa Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Bultman, Door Co.	<input checked="" 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) Call to order

*Calkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.*

a. Roll call

*Listed above*

*Others present: Chad Casper (Winnebago), Mike Huth (Lincoln), Michele Sadauskas (Onieda), Chase Cummings (Dunn), Shane Wucherpfennig (Wood)*

b. Adopt agenda/additions

*Barrows moved and Boisvert seconded to adopt the agenda. MC*

2) Review & Provide Input On Proposed Legislation (See Legislative & Budget Update).

- Farmland Preservation – passed legislature, ready to be signed by the governor (dropped the inflationary increase and implementation funding)
- Transition to Grass Pilot Program – proposed \$500,000 available for \$40,000 grants to producers to transition to managed grazing, includes a 0.5 FTE for DATCP, WLWCA is in support
- Wakesurfing/Wakeboarding – brings wakesurfing/wakeboarding under aquaplaning definition to include similar requirements to current rules for aquaplaning, wakes cause erosion issues on shore and resuspension of sediments from the lake bottoms, allows local ordinances to be less strict but not more strict
  - AIS concerns – no mention
  - Local control concerns – limits local control
  - 500 ft from shoreline and 30 ft depth – more restrictive recommendations
  - “we’ve got rules”
  - Who is the intended enforcement mechanism? DNR? Local?
  - Concerns about different rules for different local municipalities should less stringent requirements be allowed
  - Concerns about already established regulations/ordinances
- *Appreciate the attempt to address resource concerns associated with wakesurfing/wakeboarding but register in opposition of the bill due to the limits on local control and sets a ceiling that does not have a science-based mechanism – Frank moved and Boisvert seconded the motion. MC*
- Solar and Wind Energy on Prime Farmland – prohibit PSC from approving projects for prime ag lands, limited sponsor, anything in a FPP plan that is greater than 35% would not get approval
  - Concerns about loss of farmland
  - Where does it apply – federal prime classifications, FPP classifications
  - A1 zoning does not necessarily mean it is prime agricultural land
  - What about the smaller scale solar projects that do not go through PSC?
  - If they are not allowed to be placed on farmland, where are they going to go? Wetlands, woodlands, prairies?
  - Broad restriction
  - Need for citing rules and guidelines
  - Not a bill yet – keep an eye on it and bring back for further discussion
- Creating online Carbon Calculator – administered by DATCP, amended to say that DATCP can contract with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to administer the program, support at legislative level, continue to stay neutral, redundant bill in that NRCS is using COMET for EQIP funding, reach out and learn more and remain neutral

- FPP Eligibility Requirements for Solar – cannot claim FPP tax credit for solar beyond incidental solar, timeline to provide information by the end of 2023 (believe it is a drafting error) – remain neutral unless the date does not change to 2024 and then oppose
- Grants for PFAS Testing, Disposal, etc – likely no action by the assembly until the new year but keep on the radar, other environmental groups oppose due to limitations on DNRs abilities to test – remain neutral – come back and revisit
- Forward on Climate Package – bunch of draft bills from the Dems – a lot relevant to conservation, likely won't get hearings or have Rep support – climate resilience positions in county offices – no action at this time or position

3) Other Topics

- Appointing an Ag Representative to Committees: How are other counties approaching the appointment? Effective with the new committees with April 2024 elections, various interpretations of the rule – can an elected official also play the farm representation role? Check with your county clerk who knows the rules

4) Next Meeting Date (December 18, 2023)

*Future topics: Office of Ag and Water Quality with DNR – Jeffery Voltz*

5) Adjourn

*Frank motioned and Barrows seconded to adjourn the meeting. MC Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.*