



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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### Legislative-Administrative Committee

#### Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2022 Meeting

- Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order by Calkins at 1:05 pm.
- Roll Call
  - Committee Members: Kurt Calkins Chair (Columbia), Scott Frank (Shawano), Brian Haase (Waupaca), Erin Hanson (Door), Monte Osterman (Racine), Amy Piaget (Dane), Lynda Schweikert (Chippewa), Melissa Schlupp (Sauk), Paul Tollard (Fond du Lac), Ben Wojahn (Vernon)
  - WI Land + Water Staff: Matt Krueger
  - Agencies: Coreen Fallat, Jenni Heaton-Amrhein (DATCP) and Mike Gilbertson (DNR)
  - Other attendees: Shawn Pfaff (Contract Lobbyist) for a portion of the meeting
- Adopt Agenda/Additions (5/9/2022)
  - (Wojahn, Haase) to approve the agenda. Motion carried, no negative vote.
- Reconfirm Committee Roles, Leadership, Members, & Recruit New LCC Members
  - Motion Wojahn/Osterman to nominate Calkins as Chair for 2 year term. Motion passed
  - Motion (Wojahn/Haase) to nominate Tollard as vice chair/secretary for 2 year term. Motion passed.
  - LCC member Bob Bultman from Door County to be on committee.
  - Discussion about how the committee needs representation from the Northwestern Area Association; Matt Krueger/Kurt Calkins will reach out via the NW Area listserv to recruit new members.
  - Discussion on committee items that need quorum vs consensus. Leg/Admin Committee is an open committee for anyone to attend and provide input however, only registered committee members will be considered voting members. Items can be discussed and consensus can be derived without quorum, but an item cannot be voted on with quorum. Quorum is defined in the WI Land+Water bylaws as a majority of voting members.
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
  - (2/14/2022). motion Piaget/Wojahn. Motion Passed.
  - (2/25/2022 Special) motion Frank/Piaget. Motion Passed.
  - (3/14/2022 Special) motion Schweikert/Piaget. Motion Passed
- Agency Partner Reports

DATCP – Coreen Fallat. 2021 Annual Report is near completion. Rachel Rushmann will be leaving to go to UWEX. Jennifer – requests for 2023 have been received and for the first time all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> positions will be funded with a little bit left. How should



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3<sup>rd</sup> position be allocated, such go towards positions that work on state programming?  
Or. DATCP Board needs to approve emergency rules to implement the nitrogen optimization and cover crop pilot programs created last legislative session. Rules need to be done in 90 days. About 18% turnover in county conservation staff in the last year.

DNR – Mike Gilbertson gave an update on DNR nonpoint implementation strategy. DNR will be working directly with committee/area association meetings to discuss. DNR will also consider incorporating CAFO specialists into these meetings.

- Review Guiding Principles
  - Discussion about how/whether to incorporate 2021 policy position paper on nutrient management into our guiding principles. Decision was to add a footnote at the bottom of the guiding principles that references back to the WI Land+Water webpage where this (and other) position papers are housed.
  - Discussion about Article V, Section 4 of WI Land+Water bylaws that says “voting rights are restricted to those Members appointed by the BOD, their Alternate or designee.” WI Land+Water staff will look into this provision further and provide an update when information is available.
- Initial Discussion of Legislative and Budget Priorities
  - Shawn Pfaff recommended that this committee firm up budget priorities for the next biennial state budget before July 4 so that he and Matt Krueger can begin advocacy efforts. Due to time constraints, the Leg/Adm committee set another meeting for June 14 at 1pm to continue discussing this topic.
- Leg update-Shawn Pfaff & Monte Osterman  
Farm Bill- June 7<sup>th</sup>. Farm Bill Task Force.
- ATCP 50 Rule Revision Update-DATCP
  - Currently in stake holder engagement section of the process. DATCP hosted 3 stake holder meetings so far to get feedback before beginning to draft revisions to the rule. Coreen Fallat will share when the slides from DATCP’s Cost Share meeting are posted on DATCP’s website. There are a few key areas that DATCP will need to focus on; adding practices and DATCP 01 verification of depth to bedrock technical standard are among the priorities for revisions. In stake holder engagement section. 3 stake holder meetings held so far.
- Conservation Tours with Legislators
  - Shawn Pfaff discussed potential for two-three tours with lawmakers in the fall hosted by WI Land+Water. He recommends 1) somewhere around Lake Winnebago, 2) central part of the state, and in 3) Chippewa Valley area.
- Other Items of Interest
  - None
- Adjourn



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- MOTION (Hanson, Piaget) to adjourn at 3:15 pm.