

SOUTHERN AREA ASSOCIATION
Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association

Southern Area Counties:

Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Richland, Rock & Sauk

President: Luke McGuire, Lafayette County
Vice President: Kurt Calkins, Columbia County
Secretary/Treasurer: Tess Wallner, Green County
Area Coordinator: Todd Jenson, Green County

August SAA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 31, 2022
Lafayette County

1. Meeting called to order by Kurt Calkins
2. Roll Call of Counties: Columbia- 1 staff; Dane- 1 staff; Dodge- 2 staff 3 LCC; Grant- 0; Green- 2 staff 2 LCC; Iowa- 0; Jefferson- 0; Lafayette- 2 staff; Richland- 0; Rock- 1 staff; Sauk- 1 staff. Others: Kristin and Isabelle of WI Land & Water
3. Approval of Agenda: motion by Lafayette/ 2nd by Dodge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. May Minutes: motion by Green/ 2nd by Dane to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
5. Treasurers Report: motion by Dodge/ 2nd by Lafayette to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.
6. Liability Insurance:
 - Todd Jenson compiled list of responses each county received from their insurance providers and based on the varying answers, the group agreed to reach out to Matt Krueger and discuss this topic again at October meeting
7. Agency Updates:
 - Isabelle is the new hire for WI Land & Water leading membership services, a newsletter will be sent out next week, the December County Conservationist meeting will be replaced by something different
 - Legislative-Administrative Committee will be meeting September 8th to discuss Chapter 92 with FSA member on the LCC
8. County Roundtable
 - Columbia: solar farms are developing and county is working at creating regulatory framework, DATCP allowed FPP tax credit to apply with cover crops
 - Dane: received contribution agreement with NRCS for \$1 million over next 5 years for demo farms
 - Dodge: had public hearing for county Land & Water plan, noticing more construction pushed to fall than spring
 - Green: also seeing more construction in the fall, working on grant applications for producer led watershed groups, hosting/assisting upcoming land judging for county, state, and southwest area

- Lafayette: updated manure storage ordinance, also seeing more fall construction, hosting southwest area land judging, budgeting for new staff hire, moving office to be near courthouse
 - Rock: no updates
 - Sauk: county farm master plan approved, one producer led group starting their own transect survey within their watershed
9. Motion by Green/ 2nd by Lafayette to adjourn. Next meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2022 in person at Dane County