Land and Water Conservationists Meeting
Hotel Mead & Conference Center
451 E. Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids

Draft Event Schedule

Thursday, December 1, 2016

11:30am-1:00pm   Registration Open - Riverside Ballroom

Noon - 12:45pm   Lunch – Atrium

12:45pm-1:00pm   Welcome – Riverside Ballroom
Food, Land and Water: Toward a Sustainable Wisconsin
Jim VandenBrook, An update on WI Land+Water’s long-range initiative

1:00pm-1:30pm   The 2017-19 Biennial Budget – Fighting for LCD Staff Funding
Dan Bahr – Government Affairs Associate, Wisconsin Counties Association
Shawn Pfaff – WI Land+Water Contract Lobbyist
2017-19 Lobbying priorities for WCA and WI Land+Water

1:30pm-2:30pm   Does Watershed Planning Really Work?
Clearing Up the Waters: Clarifying Policy and Catalyzing the Next Phase of
Clean Water Act Programing through an Analysis of the Watershed
Approach to Phosphorus Pollution in Wisconsin
Jamie Konopacky – Harvard Law

BREAK

2:45pm - 3:45pm   The Economics of Grass Fed Beef
Paul Dietmann, Emerging Markets Specialist, Badgerland Financial
Greg Wenzel, Former Head, US Meat Checkoff
How this land and water friendly practice makes money too.

3:45pm – 4:00pm   NRCS updates Jimmy Bramblett, USDA-NRCS State Conservationist

4:00pm - 4:30 pm   Removing Legacy Phosphorus in a Yahara Basin watershed
Dane County is piloting a “muck” removal project to reduce a significant
source of phosphorus to Lake Mendota
Amy Callis – Dane County Conservationist

Adjourn and hotel check-in

5:00pm-6:00pm   Social Hour – (Atrium)

Dinner on your own.
(Friday’s agenda below)
Friday, December 2, 2016

7:00am-8:00am  Breakfast
Atrium

8:00am – 9:00am  **Annual Workplan Process Review** – *Riverside Ballroom*
Lisa Trumble & Coreen Fallat, DATCP, Kurt Calkins, Columbia Co., Jim VandenBrook – *Workplan modifications for 2017*

9:00am – 9:45am  **Status of State Administrative Rule Revisions: From 50 to 151**
Sara Walling, ATCP 50; Chris Clayton, ATCP 51 - DATCP
Mary Anne Lowndes, Corinne Johnson, DNR

9:45 - 10:00am  **Implications of farm designation as “new” or “existing” regarding cost-share eligibility**
Mary Anne Lowndes, DNR

10:00am  **BREAK**

10:15am – 11:30am  **Threats, Impacts, and Citizen Action on Lac Courte Oreilles**
Jim Coors, Communications Director, Courte Oreilles Lakes Association
*Hear about a unique “2-story” lake ecosystem, threats to its function, fish die-offs, and an amazing partnership with growers to reduce nutrient runoff*

11:30am - Noon  **County Presentation (TBD)**

Noon -12:45pm  **Adjourn to Lunch**
Atrium