County Conservationists Meeting
Hotel Mead & Conference Center
451 E. Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids

Agenda

Thursday, December 6, 2018

11:30 am – 1 pm  Registration open, Riverside Ballroom

Noon – 12:45 pm  Lunch, Main Atrium

12:45 – 1 pm  Welcome, Riverside Ballroom
Matt Krueger, WI Land+Water

1 – 2:30 pm  Protecting Groundwater at the County Level
What’s in the toolbox for local protection of groundwater resources? LCD staff from Grant/Iowa/Lafayette, Manitowoc, Pepin, and Rock counties will briefly present different local approaches to groundwater protection, followed by questions, answers, and a panel discussion with all presenters.

2:30 – 2:45 pm  Break

2:45 – 3:45 pm  After the floods—what was the damage, and what can we learn?
Catastrophic flood events in summer 2018 devastated counties around the state. LCD staff from Bayfield and Vernon counties will report on the aftermath of the floods: what was damaged, what wasn’t damaged, and what can be learned, going forward?

3:45 – 5:00 pm  County Updates – Speed Round!
Marquette – Wood counties will have 1 MINUTE to briefly mention the most interesting project, issue, or event going on in their county.

5:00 pm  Adjourn to social hour, dinner on your own

Friday, December 7

7 – 8 am  Breakfast, Main Atrium

8 – 8:45 am  Sunsetting the Transient, Non-Community Public Water System Nitrate Standard
Beth Finzer, Wisconsin DNR
Friday, December 7 (continued)

8:45 – 9:15 am  Discussion with Natural Resources Conservation Service Staff
    Josh Odekirk & Eric Hurley, NRCS
    • Introduction to new State Resource Conservationist
    • Update on Ecological Sciences Job Approval Authority
    • Reviewing the effectiveness of conservation practices, county input

9:15 – 10:00 am  Discussion with Wisconsin DATCP Staff
    • Introduction to new Land and Water Resources Bureau Director
    • Verification of Features technical standard update
    • Update on the SWRM tracking tool

10:00 – 10:15 am  Break

10:15 – 11:15 am  NR 151 County Survey Results – Feedback and Discussion
    John Exo, UW-Extension & Mike Gilbertson, Wisconsin DNR

11:15 am – noon  Post-Election Policy Updates
    Matt Krueger, WI Land+Water & Shawn Pfaff, Pfaff Public Affairs

Noon  Adjourn

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