

**MINUTES**  
**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**June 6, 2023**  
571 Cty Rd A, Green Lake, WI

**Item #1      Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of April 4, 2023 LWCB meeting minutes.**

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**Call to Order**

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met in person at 571 Cty Rd A, Green Lake, WI 54941 on **June 6, 2023**. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.84. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Cupp at **9:30 a.m.** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

**Members and Advisors Present**

**Members:** Mark Cupp, Bobbie Webster, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Ron Grasshoff, Rebecca Clarke, Thomas Mandli, Andrew Buttles, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, and Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

**Advisors:** Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water).

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

McGraw motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

Osterman motioned to approve the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved minutes shall be posted as the official meeting record for publication on the LWCB website.

**Item #2      Public Appearances**

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No public appearance cards were submitted.

**Item #3      Presentation of the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research & Educational Needs Survey Report and Recommendation for Approval**

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Ron Grasshoff and Zach Zopp, DATCP presented the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research and Educational Needs Survey Report, available within the [June 6, 2023 meeting packet](#). The LWCB Advisory Committee on Research determined to take a broad approach in crafting recommendations to

both the UW-System, as required under s. 92.04(2)(g), Wis. Stats., and stakeholders based on how the survey data was collected.

McGraw recommended that recommendation number one of the draft report be revised to update the word “effective” be replaced with “effect of” or similar verbiage.

### **Motion**

McGraw motioned to adopt the 2023 LWCB Survey Report as the final report pertaining to the 2023 survey of soil and water conservation research and educational needs with noted correction, seconded by Buttles. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Item #4      Presentation of Recommendations to Conclude the 2023 LWCB Survey for the Board's Consideration & Approval**

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Ron Grasshoff and Zach Zopp, DATCP presented LWCB Advisory Committee on Research (Committee) recommendations to assist the LWCB with its duty to annually advise the University of Wisconsin-System on needed research and educational programs relating to soil and water conservation.

The Board discussed: adopting the Committee recommendation to distribute the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research and Educational Needs Survey Report to the University of Wisconsin System, Governor, DATCP Secretary, DNR Secretary, Chairs and members of Senate/Assembly committees on Natural Resources and on Agriculture, and stakeholders contacted through the 2023 LWCB Survey; that Mark Cupp, Board Chair should prepare a cover letter to accompany distribution of the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research and Educational Needs Survey Report; Anderson recommended delaying any attempts to craft a press release to broadly distribute the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research and Educational Needs Survey Report until there is a UW-Extension advisor on the board; appointing members Grasshoff, Osterman and Webster to a working group to plan a special hybrid meeting of the LWCB for the purpose of discussing the 2023 LWCB Survey Report with stakeholders.

McGraw motioned to (1) adopt the Committee recommendation to distribute the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research and Educational Needs Survey Report to the University of Wisconsin System, Governor, DATCP Secretary, DNR Secretary, Chairs and members of Senate/Assembly committees on Natural Resources and on Agriculture, and stakeholders contacted through the 2023 LWCB Survey (2) that Mark Cupp, Board Chair should prepare a cover letter to accompany distribution of the 2023 Soil & Water Conservation Research and Educational Needs Survey Report and (3) appoint members Grasshoff, Osterman and Webster to a working group to plan a special hybrid meeting of the LWCB for the purpose of discussing the 2023 LWCB Survey Report with stakeholders. Second by Schoen. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Item #5      Recommendation for approval of five-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Kewaunee County**

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Davina Bonness, County Conservationist, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County’s five-year LWRM plan review.

The County provided written answers to the Board’s standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB’s website: [lwcb.wi.gov](http://lwcb.wi.gov)).

### **Motion**

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Mandli motioned to recommend approval of Kewaunee County’s five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Item #6 Recommendation for approval of five-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Green Lake County**

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Todd Morris, County Conservationist, and Robert Schweder, Land Conservation Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County’s five-year LWRM plan review.

The County provided written answers to the Board’s standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB’s website: [lwcb.wi.gov](http://lwcb.wi.gov)).

**Motion**

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Buttles motioned to recommend approval of Green Lake County’s five-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Item #7 Agency Reports**

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Written agency reports are available within the [June 6, 2023 meeting packet](#).

**Item #8 Planning for the August 2023 LWCB meeting**

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The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting:

- Five-year review of Juneau, Polk counties
- The Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report
- Presentation of 2024 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
- Board Education Item- State Interagency Training Committee - Opportunities and Challenges  
Michael Hook, WI Land + Water

**Item #9 Adjourn**

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**Motion**

Osterman motioned to adjourn, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. At 12:00 p.m., the LWCB departed the Green Lake County courthouse to visit a creek restoration, grade stabilization structure, and a NOPP site. The tour concluded at 3:15 pm.

*These meeting minutes were approved at the August 1, 2023 meeting of the LWCB.*