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Walworth County
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Brian Holt – Chair   Daniel Kilkenny - Vice Chair   Nancy Russell - Supervisor
Sharon Travis – USDA/FSA Representative   Rosemary Badame – Citizen Member

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(Posted in Compliance with Sec. 19.84 Wis. Stats.)

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3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2020 LCC Meeting
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- Comus Lake – VACANT until a replacement can be appointed
- Honey Lake – Sharon Travis – LCC Committee FSA Representative
- Lauderdale Lakes – Supervisor Susan Pruessing
- Potters Lake – Rosemary Badame – LCC Committee Member
- Whitewater-Rice Lakes – Supervisor Jerry Grant
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12. Next meeting date: Monday, September 14, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

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Submitted by: Shannon K. Haydin, Deputy Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department / County Conservationist

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Holt at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Chair Brian Holt, Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny, Supervisor Nancy Russell, Citizen Member Rosemary Badame (arrived at 1:05 p.m.) and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance either in person or by remotely:
County Board members: Supervisor Ryan Simons
County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; and Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin.
Members of the public: Mariette Nowak and Marilee Holst.

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Supervisor Russell, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Supervisor Russell, the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting were approved. Russell made an inquiry and confirmed Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter used the language “Cotter stated he will contact the Marquette County Tribune relative to the conservation poster contest to help generate more interest.” found on Page 4 of the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business
• Lake District Representative Interviews
  - Booth Lake District – Stanley Muzatko
  - Pabst Lake District – Laura Braund
  - Pleasant Lake District – Jan Baker
Cotter distributed the standard interview questions to the committee and gave a brief overview of the three Lake District candidates. He stated the three candidates will then be recommended to the County Board for approval.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Muzatko a series of questions regarding his qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Booth Lake District, and whether he had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit him from serving. Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by FSA Representative Travis, to approve Stanley Muzatko to the Booth Lake District. Motion carried 5-0.

Chair Holt asked Ms. Braund a series of questions regarding her qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Pabst Lake District, and whether she had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit her from serving. Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve Laura Braund to the Pabst Lake District. Motion carried 5-0.

Chair Holt asked Ms. Baker a series of questions regarding her qualifications, experience, desire to serve on the Pleasant Lake District, and whether she had any conflicts of interest that would prohibit her from serving. Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to approve Jan Baker to the Pleasant Lake District. Motion carried 5-0.
- Update on Lesser Celandine and other Invasive Species of Immediate Concern – Whitewater Lake response
  Deputy Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/County Conservationist Shannon Haydin referred to Pages 8-10 of the packet and gave a brief update on Lesser Celandine. Chair Holt requested the Update on Lesser Celandine and other Invasive Species of Immediate Concern be placed on the February 2021 Land Conservation Committee meeting agenda. Supervisor Russell suggested contacting and sharing information regarding the identification and transference of Lesser Celandine and other invasive species with any individual, company, or organization that mows around or near the lakes and to have them report any findings. This should be done prior to the landscaping season.

- Flooding in Walworth County Seepage Lakes
  Haydin gave a brief overview of the various ongoing efforts to deal with/alleviate flooding in the seepage lakes within Walworth County and referred to Pages 11-14 of the packet. It is anticipated the flooding issues across the various landscapes will continue to be a problem. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Holt and Cotter collaboratively suggested putting together some information to be included in one of the Administrator’s Report and Update that will inform the Supervisors of the ongoing flooding and seepage issues. This should also help the Supervisors guide landowners in flooded areas as to their options.

- Southeast Area Land and Water Conservation Association
  Haydin stated the Southeast Area Land and Water Conservation Association is a group of counties that make up Southeast Wisconsin and formed their own conservation association. Elections were held on June 2nd to elect officers prior to the required June 20th date. Haydin referred to Page 15 of the packet, which details the results of the election. Haydin was re-elected as President and Supervisor Brian Holt was elected as Vice President of the 2020 – Southeast Area Executive Board and Appointees. Supervisor Brian Holt was elected as the LCC Alternate and Haydin was elected as the LCD Alternate of the 2020 – WI Land + Water Board Representatives – Southeast Area. Supervisor Russell thanked and congratulated Haydin and Holt for their appointments and stated it is great to have so much representation with both of these organizations.

- Land Conservation Committee Handbook and Trainings from Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
  Haydin gave a brief overview of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association – Land Conservation Committee Handbook 2020-2022 that was included in each of the Committee member’s packets. Haydin announced the June training that was to take place in the Lake Geneva area has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, July 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Vice Chair Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
MEMO

To: Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

From: Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director/County Conservationist

Date: July 13, 2020

Re: County Board Referral from Wood County – Requesting the State Senate to convene in “extraordinary session” to address the 13 “Water Bills” passed in the Assembly earlier this year

The Wood County Board of Supervisors passed this resolution that has been referred to you from the County Board. You may recall, in February of 2019, Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) announced the creation of a 16 member, bipartisan Speaker’s Task Force on Water Quality. The development of this special legislative committee came after Reps. Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) and Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville) made a request to the Speaker in reaction to a preliminary report showing widespread contamination in private wells in southwestern Wisconsin. Information on the Task Force can be found here: https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/STF-WQ/

The Task Force held 13 informational hearings with invited speakers from a variety of backgrounds and interests as they pertain to water quality and agriculture across Wisconsin. The Task Force resulted in a total of 13 “water related” bills as follows:

AB 801- Creating funding for a UW-System freshwater collaborative.
AB 800- Supporting the UW Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science, creating a statewide hydrogeologist position, funding research on Phosphorous Recovery and Reuse, and creating a grant program for private well testing for counties.
AB 799- Creating and funding an office on water policy.
AB 798- Relating to biomanipulation projects to improve water quality of lakes and impoundments and making an appropriation.
AB 797- Prohibiting the sale and use of coal tar-based sealants and high PAH sealant products.
AB 796- Creating a pilot grant program for farmers to reduce nitrate loading, funding research for nitrate loading reduction methods, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, proving an exemption from emergency rules procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.
AB 795- Create a grant program and funding for a water stewardship certification for Wisconsin farms, funding for a grazing coordinator, producer-led watershed protection grants, lake protection grants, soil and water conservation and crop insurance premium rebates for cover crops.
AB 794- Relating to the public notice and comment period for certain groundwater standards.
AB 793- Setting priorities and criteria for the municipal flood control and riparian restoration program and amending administrative rules.
AB 792- Expanding the clean sweep program to include collection of certain firefighting foams and making an appropriation.
AB 791- Relating to the private on-site wastewater treatment system replacement or rehabilitation grant program.
AB 790- Increasing county conservation staffing funding and making an appropriation.
AB 789- Changing the criteria and increasing funding for the well compensation program when a well becomes contaminated and making an appropriation.

Companion Senate Bills passed through committees and were ready to be scheduled for a final vote. The final Senate session was never scheduled due to the current pandemic. In March the Land Conservation Committee passed a resolution supported Senate Bill 723, which is the companion bill to AB 790. I have attached this resolution. The resolution from Wood County once again calls on the Wisconsin State Senate to take up these bills.
Resolution No. 02-04/20
Supporting Budget Priorities to Improve Local Land and Water Resources

Moved/Sponsored by: Land Conservation Committee

WHEREAS, the County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) is the local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin’s natural resource management programs including non-point pollution control, farmland preservation, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection and more; and,

WHEREAS, LWCD professionals work as trusted, technical advisors to support producer-led watershed groups, assist waterfront property owners, help farmers develop and implement nutrient management plans, and respond to natural disasters like floods, and spend years building the trust to be able to successfully do so; and,

WHEREAS, the conservation practices that LWCD professionals help landowners apply to farm fields, forests, and shorelines have numerous water quality benefits, including: preventing soil erosion and promoting soil health, increasing infiltration into groundwater aquifers, protecting drinking water supply, reducing surface runoff and flood severity, and more; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin codifies the counties’ role in coordinating and implementing local conservation standards in Wis. Stats. Chap. 92, and defines a state-supported staffing goal for every LWCD of an average of three positions at 100, 70, and 50 percent support; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has not ensured baseline support of counties by meeting this funding goal since its inception, and current state-funded LWCD staff number 40% fewer than they did 20 years ago; and,

WHEREAS, the return on investment in county LWCDs is high; they amplify the impact of state funding by leveraging federal and private grant dollars into more conservation on the land, and more dollars into local economies; and,

WHEREAS, supporting county LWCDs was the top priority voiced by Wisconsinites at statewide Water Quality Task Force hearings and elsewhere over the past year by farm, conservation, environmental and local government groups alike, including Wisconsin Counties Association, Dairy Business Association, Wisconsin Corn Growers, Wisconsin Farm bureau, and Wisconsin Farmer’s Union; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 723 seeks to provide an increase of $2,960,900 in baseline support to county LWCDs, resulting in more conservation on the landscape, and better protection of water quality; and,

WHEREAS, for 2020, Walworth County requested $207,623 for funding to cover staff using the statutory formula, but received $144,668, creating a difference of $62,955; and,
WHEREAS, additional funding as supported by SB 723 would provide additional resources to put more conservation practices on the ground and leverage federal, state and private funds to support the LWCDs conservation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Wisconsin State Senate to schedule Senate Bill 723 to be heard on the floor of the Senate prior to the closure of the 2019-2020 legislative session, and vote to support the bill, providing necessary state support to counties, recognizing that if we are to improve water quality and achieve clean and safe drinking water and support a viable agricultural industry at the same time, county LWCD professionals are the best and most cost-effective solution we have.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State legislators representing Walworth County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell  
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey  
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: APRIL 23, 2020

Action Required: Majority Vote X  Two-thirds Vote  Other

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

[Signature] Michael Cotter  4/6/2020
Michael Cotter  Date
Corporation Counsel

[Signature] Jessica Conley  4/6/2020
Jessica Conley  Date
Finance Director

[Signature] Mark W. Luberda  4/14/2020
Mark W. Luberda  Date
County Administrator

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

This Resolution/Ordinance was:  Adopted  Roll Call/U.C. Voice

Koes:  Absent:  in April 23, 2020
Policy and Fiscal Note  
Resolution No. 02-04/20

I. Title: Supporting Budget Priorities to Improve Local Land and Water Resources

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: Wisconsin State Statutes set requirements for funding county conservation efforts. Section 92.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes state that funding will be appropriated to cover 100% of a first position, 75% of a second position and 50% of a third position. This funding level has not been appropriated for at least a decade. With more and more attention being paid to the quality of our state’s water, there is an effort to encourage our state legislators to fully appropriate the funds set by statutes to support conservation efforts. Senate Bill 723 is a companion bill to legislation already passed in the Assembly. The Assembly bill was developed following a year of public hearings held around the entire state by the Speaker’s Task Force on Water Quality. These pieces of legislation restore funding for conservation and would provide significant additional funds to the County’s conservation office. Currently, the SB 723 is in jeopardy of failing if it is not scheduled for a vote at this year’s last legislative session.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: If the state allocates funds as prescribed by state statutes, the County could receive an additional $65,000 each year to support conservation efforts.

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:

Committee: Land Conservation Committee      Meeting Date: March 16, 2020

Vote: 5-0

County Board Meeting Date: April 23, 2020

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

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RESOLUTION# R-1-20-6-1

Conservation, Education & Economic Development and Judicial & Legislative Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: The Wood County Board of Supervisors requests the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year.

FISCAL NOTE: No immediate fiscal impact on the County, but long term the proposed legislation will have significant impact on the finances of the County and the health of its citizens.

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of rural drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of roughly 70% of Wisconsinites, and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the state's residents, as a whole, the immensity of this problem, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing the problem by passing (most unanimously) 13 "Water Bills" on February 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020, was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to request the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all 72 Wisconsin counties, members of the Assembly who represent Wood County, all State Senators, the WCA, and the WTA.

[Signatures]
MEMO

To: Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

From: Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director/County Conservationist

Date: July 13, 2020

Re: County Board Referral from Juneau County – Resolution No. 20 – 21 – Supporting a State Senate Special Session on Water Quality

The Juneau County resolution is basically the same as the Wood County resolution.
RESOLUTION No. 20 – 21

INTRODUCED BY: Land & Water Conservation Committee

SYNOPSIS: Supporting a State Senate Special Session on Water Quality

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of groundwater is necessary for the health and well-being of roughly 70% of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants benefits Wisconsin's tourism industry in particular and rural economic development in general; and

WHEREAS, last summer the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the state's population as a whole the immensity of the problem; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly addressed the problem by passing 13 "Water Bills" (most of them unanimously) on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "water bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be sent to all 72 Wisconsin counties, members of the Assembly who represent Juneau County, all State Senators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association.


LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Rodney Seeman, Chairman

Scott Wilborn

Joe Lilly

Chris Xindorf

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Juneau County on June 16, 2020

Terri L. Truplow, Juneau County Clerk
MEMO

To: Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

From: Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director/County Conservationist

Date: July 13, 2020

Re: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Summer County Conservationist Meeting

Two times each year our partner organization, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, brings the County Conservationists from around the state together. Sometimes, Land Conservation Committee members attend, but usually Committee member attendance is sparse. The intent of this gathering is to allow conservation professionals to hear from agency partners and their peers about timely conservation topics.

This year, with the pandemic, the meeting was held remotely. My experience participating in this forum was really positive. Land Conservation Committee Chair Holt attended some of the sessions as well. I have attached the agenda from the two-day meeting and I will share highlights from my attendance. Chair Holt is prepared to share his perspective. I anticipate, unless something dramatic changes, the winter will be a virtual meeting as well. If that is the case, other Committee members may wish to attend.
County Conservation Meeting
Final Agenda

Thursday, July 9, 2020

12:30 – 1:15 pm
Main Room
JOIN SESSION
Meeting ID: 957 3487 3644
Password: 592241

Welcome & Keynote
Matt Krueger, Executive Director, WI Land+Water
Dan Zerr, Natural Resources Educator, UW – Madison Division of Extension

Keynote Address
Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes

1:15 – 1:25 pm
Break

1:25 – 2:15 pm
Breakout Session 1
Attendees may participate in one of the following breakout sessions:

Main Room
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Meeting ID: 957 3487 3644
Password: 592241

Local Strategies for Climate Change
County Land Conservation Departments share local strategies responding to catastrophic events caused by a changing climate.

Katie Abbott, County Conservationist, Iowa Co. Land Conservation Department
Ken Dolata, County Conservationist, Oconto Co. Land Conservation Department
Kurt Calkins, County Conservationist, Columbia Co. Land Conservation Department

Room B
JOIN SESSION
Meeting ID: 968 4158 6434
Password: 778861

Addressing Climate Change with Natural and Working Lands
Forests, farms, and conservation lands play a critical role in absorbing and offsetting the carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions that are the primary cause of climate change. Wisconsin’s Green Fire (WGF) has been working with state agencies and other conservation partners in developing strategies to help understand and advance climate-focused management of Natural and Working lands. Fred Clark, WGF’s Executive Director will outline some of that work, and will forecast emerging market opportunities for carbon and ecosystem services on forests and farms in Wisconsin.

Fred Clark, Executive Director, Wisconsin’s Green Fire

2:15 – 2:20 pm
Break
2:20 – 3:10 pm

Breakout Session 2

Attendees may participate in one of the following breakout sessions:

Main Room

JOIN SESSION
Meeting ID: 957 3487 3644
Password: 592241

**County Conservation Across Wisconsin**

*Racine County shares how they altered their annual Tree Sales event in the middle of a pandemic that changed the way we interact with the public.*

*Dunn County shares experiences working with landowners and operators to reinvigorate the Knights Creek Watershed by implementing conservation practices.*

Chad Sampson, County Conservationist, Racine Co. Land Conservation Department
Tina Barone, Conservation Planner, Dunn Co. Land and Water Conservation Division

Room B

JOIN SESSION
Meeting ID: 968 4158 6434
Password: 778861

**A Retrospective of the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Program**

*The Producer-Led Watershed program provides grants to farmer-led watershed projects to support local, grass-roots efforts to address water quality concerns. Now, in the 5th year of the program, DATCP will share what we’ve learned along the way and how the program will evolve moving forward.*

Rachel Rushmann, Producer-Led Program Manager, Wisconsin DATCP
Dana Christel, Conservation Specialist, Producer-Led Program, Wisconsin DATCP

Room C

JOIN SESSION
Meeting ID: 950 3415 3130
Password: ThRm3

**Closed Session for County Conservationist Discussions with Agency Partners**

*Information will be provided to county conservationists prior to the event.*

3:10 – 3:20 pm

**Break**

3:20 – 4:10 pm

Main Room

JOIN SESSION
Meeting ID: 957 3487 3644
Password: 592241

**Hey, you know what isn’t local? That beer you’re drinking!**

*Marie Raboin is a Conservation Specialist in Dane County and operates Brix Cider with her husband Matt. She’ll share how her two passions come together to create a tasty beverage.*

*Join us during this final session of the day by enjoying happy hour virtually with your colleagues.*

Marie Raboin, Conservation Specialist, Dane Co. Land Conservation/Owner, Brix Cider
Friday, July 10, 2020

8:00 – 8:50 am  
Main Room  
**JOIN SESSION**  
Meeting ID: 953 7092 5019  
Password: 613101  
A Conversation on Racial Equity and Inclusion  
_In this session, we will develop a shared understanding of some common terms related to diversity, equity and inclusion and explore their significance in the work of conservation, acknowledging our very present context of inequities and calls for racial justice._  
ananda mirilli and Jordan Bingham, Directors, nINA Collective

8:50 – 8:55 am  
Break

8:55 – 9:45 am  
Breakout Session 3  
Attendees may participate in one of the following breakout sessions:

Main Room  
**JOIN SESSION**  
Meeting ID: 953 7092 5019  
Password: 613101  
An Update on DNR’s Targeted Performance Standard  
_Wisconsin DNR will share an update on the targeted performance standard in development to reduce nitrate pollution in areas of the state that are susceptible to groundwater contamination to meet groundwater standards._  
Chris Clayton, Agricultural Runoff Section Chief, Wisconsin DNR

Room B  
**JOIN SESSION**  
Meeting ID: 997 5186 2925  
Password: 710336  
Adapting to the Challenges of an All-Hands-On-Deck Crisis  
_A county conservationist shares her “not in the job description” experiences of supporting local food producers amid a global pandemic._  
Amy Piaget, County Conservationist, Dane Co. Land and Water Resources Department

9:45 – 9:50 am  
Break

9:50 – 10:40 am  
Breakout Session 4  
Attendees will participate in one of the following breakout sessions:

Main Room  
**JOIN SESSION**  
Meeting ID: 953 7092 5019  
Password: 613101  
Financial Implications of COVID-19 on Counties  
_Dale Knapp and Kyle Christianson present analysis on how coronavirus is affecting county budgets, and what it means for the upcoming state budget session._  
Dale Knapp, Forward Analytics  
Kyle Christianson, Wisconsin Counties Association

Room B  
**JOIN SESSION**  
Meeting ID: 997 5186 2925  
Password: 710336  
Implementing Water Quality-Based Standards: Challenges and Opportunities  
_So your Basin now has a TMDL plan... now what? Working in a TMDL to meet watershed goals may seem overwhelming, but Outagamie County sees great opportunities. Hear how they integrated the needs of the watershed goals into their local planning._  
Greg Baneck, County Conservationist, Outagamie Co. Land Conservation Department

10:40 – 10:45 am  
Break
10:45 – 11:35 am  Breakout Session 5
Attendees will participate in one of the following breakout sessions:

**Main Room**
JOIN SESSION
Meeting id: 953 7092 5019
Password: 613101

**WICCI – Cutting-Edge Climate Data in Your Own Backyard**
The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) is a multi-disciplinary, science-based statewide effort to assess climate trends and projections, understand impacts, and develop adaptation strategies.

*Sara Walling, Administrator, Agricultural Resource Management Division, WI DATCP*
*Dan Vimont, Director Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research, WICCI Co-Director*

**Room B**
JOIN SESSION
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Password: 710336

**Accessing Well Water Data**
Learn how to navigate tools developed by UW-Stevens Point: Well Water Viewer and the new Nitrate in Wisconsin's Public Water Systems viewer. Kevin Masarik will demonstrate how the tools can lead to a better understanding of water quality and support county planning efforts.

*Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist, UW – Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science and Education*

**Room C**
JOIN SESSION
Meeting id: 949 8933 2303
Password: 978499

**Closed Session for County Conservationist Discussions**
Information will be provided to county conservationists prior to the event.

Calling in? Join us in any of the rooms by calling this phone number. Use the code listed below the room to access the appropriate session.

**Call in here - 1 312 626 6799**
Please use *6 to mute your phone. This allows the zoom coordinator to see your speaker and enable mute if needed.
MEMO

To: Walworth County Land Conservation Committee
From: Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director/County Conservationist
Date: July 13, 2020
Re: Potential Farmer-Led Watershed Protection Group and Grant Application

Over the past few years Senior Conservation Technician Brian Smetana has been working closely with a group of producers in the county to promote soil health, hosting a number of field days and workshops. Along with a handful of local producers that have really stepped up to be leaders for the community, there is finally an opportunity for Walworth County producers to take advantage of a successful grant program offered by the State of Wisconsin.

The grant program started in 2016. Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants are awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The grants go to projects that focus on ways to prevent and reduce runoff from farm fields and that work to increase farmer participation in these voluntary conservation efforts. Each application must come from a group of at least 5 farmers in the same watershed, collaborating with conservation agencies, institutions or nonprofit organizations. The maximum grant award per group will be $40,000, with a total of $750,000 available funding each fiscal year. There are 31 total projects that have been funded since the program's inception.

There are currently two groups that have formed to submit an application for grant funds. The deadline for the grant application is September 21, 2020. At this time, I am requesting that the Land Conservation Committee produce a letter of support for these efforts. You can learn more about the program here: [https://datep.wi.gov/Documents/PLWPG-Roadmap.pdf](https://datep.wi.gov/Documents/PLWPG-Roadmap.pdf)
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To: Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

From: Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director/County Conservationist

Date: July 13, 2020

Re: Wisconsin DNR Surface Water Grant Changes

For 2021, there are a number of changes to the Surface Water Grant program from the DNR. They are finally just getting information out and formal guidance is still in draft form, however, there are a few things we know. For 2021, counties will be given a specific allocation to conduct surface water monitoring and protection programs. The draft (emphasis added) dollar amount for Walworth County is a little bit over $16,000.

I have been talking with our neighboring counties including Dodge, Rock and Jefferson to pool all of our funds together to pay for a full time position to cover the four counties. The grant program highly encourages these partnerships. We also discussed looping in the Rock River Coalition as a partner; they currently are engaged in a number of monitoring efforts throughout the Rock River Basin. Of the counties, Jefferson is best positioned to house a full time employee; they had a monitoring program in their office for many years. However, due to the pandemic, they have freezes on hiring and new positions; a new employee for 2021 is unlikely to be a reality.

That leaves us with a few options to proceed for 2021. Walworth County is not in a good position to take on a part time person with the allocation we anticipate. There may be an opportunity to partner with Kenosha and Racine counties through the SeaGrant program. Another option is to contract with a partner agency such as the Delavan Lake Improvement Association or the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency. The grant program specifically provides for these options. I received the draft guidance from DNR yesterday and I will be reviewing the information with staff to develop a set of recommendations at the meeting on Monday. We need to notify DNR of our intent to apply by September 2nd, and we will want to include the dollars in the 2021 budget.