

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2025

Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Ryan Phipps, Lee Engelbrecht, Larry Bonde, Tim Jadowski, Scott Schiesl, Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were present.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Kevin Behnke (Supervisor) and Bob Ziegelbauer were also present. Meeting was also attended by 30-35 concerned citizens of which 25 signed an attendance sheet.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the May 21, 2025 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: Chairman Phipps opened the meeting to allow for public comment. Steve Hoffman, Shawn Eckstein, John Pagel, Alan Arkens, Steven Rahmlow, Steven Orth, Dan Siemers, Kim Bremmer, Drew Otto, Jay Binversie and Kevin Behnke spoke in opposition to requiring that expanding farms submit 5-year manure agreements on land needed for waste management. Jerry Halverson spoke in favor of keeping the requirement that expanding farms submit 5-year manure agreements. Chairman Phipps closed the meeting to public comment.

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status: Soil & Water Director shared a list of current projects being reviewed under Chapter 26 & 28 Ordinances. Since the May 21, 2025 LCC meeting, the department has reviewed 3 livestock facility license applications and 5 animal waste storage permit applications. Additional livestock facility license and permit applications are expected.

Livestock Facility License Application & 5-Year Manure Agreements: The LCC and SWCD Director discussed the 5-year agreement policy and addressed public comments. The SWCD Director advised the LCC to continue to support the established administrative policy of requiring signed 5-year manure agreements for livestock facility license permit applications. After much discussion and providing reasoning to address the agenda item, a **motion** by Larry Bonde to, "Remove 5-year manure agreement requirements from our livestock siting ordinance", was seconded by Ted Hoffman. After discussion and vote Larry Bonde, Lee Engelbrecht, Ryan Phipps, Tim Jadowski, Scott Schiesl and Ted Hoffman voted ayes, Michael Slattery, abstained. **Motion Carried.**

SWCD Budget: Soil & Water Director shared the current status of the SWCD operating budget balances.

Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (SRSC) MOU: The SRSC is advancing its organizational status and function requiring a new MOU be established regarding cooperation with the SWCD. **Motion** to approve the MOU made by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2026 TRM Grant Update: SWCD Director shared application documents in the meeting and correspondence from WDNR that the TRM Grant submitted was accepted and selected for funding pending final approval from the state.

2026-2035 LWRMP Draft: Final draft of the Land & Water Plan was shared with the committee to approve the plan for release to DATCP/DNR and County Board for review. **Motion** by Larry Bonde to, "adopt the plan and remove on page 102 the last bullet on 5-year waste and nutrient management plan and pertinent information in paragraph", was seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution Authorizing Surface Water Protection & Education Grants: SWCD Director presented a resolution for 2 WDNR surface water grants totaling 55k that the department wants to pursue for funding a sediment basin and habitat improvement project on Cedar Lake (50K) and for an education grant (5K) for the mobile learning lab initiative. Motion by Larry Bonde to approve was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bullhead Lake District LCC Member: Request was made from a member of the Bullhead Lake District to ask for participation from the LCC or County Board to serve on the lake districts board. The by-laws of the lake district require a member from the LCC or County Board to be a voting member and attend 5 meetings per year, of which most are 30 minutes long. **Motion** from Larry Bonde to, "advance this to Chairman Martell for consideration of any county board member", was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 20 contracts for various bmp's including: inter-seeding, cover crops, residue management, harvestable buffers, nutrient management, barnyard runoff controls and manure storage totaling \$106,552.50 were reviewed for approval. Motion to approve by Larry Bonde was seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: August 21, 2025 at 4:30p.m. or as amended by Chairman.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde at 6:50 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp