

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), James Falkowski (County Supervisor) and Bob Ziegelbauer (County Executive) and Brian Maedke (APHIS) were also present. Meeting was also attended by about a dozen concerned citizens of which 5 signed an attendance sheet to speak for Public Comment.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the July 17, 2025 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: Chairman Phipps opened the meeting to allow for public comment. Mishicot Town Chairman Dean Anhalt spoke in favor of keeping a process and policy of local control that expanding farms submit manure or land rental agreements for livestock facility licensing. Steven Orth, Dan Siemers and Tom Rahmlow spoke in opposition to requiring that expanding farms submit 5-year manure agreements, shared concerns of changing ordinances and shared issues they have experienced with livestock facility license permit applications. Chairman Phipps closed the meeting to public comment.

Discussion of Public Comment: David Wetenkamp addressed comments and clarified the differences between livestock facility license applications, WPDES Permits and supported the accountability of requiring 5-yr manure agreements. Ted Hoffman explained his experience with permits, spills/complaints and past farm expansion application information. Ted stated he stands by the last LCC meeting decision to not require 5-yr manure agreements. Ted questioned the differences in land exclusivity statements made by County. County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer clarified contract and agreement language in statements.

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status: A list of current projects being reviewed under Chapter 26 & 28 Ordinances was presented and information on farm animal unit to land ratios was explained.

NWQI Grant Update: SWCD Director shared the department has been awarded a National Water Quality Initiative Grant of \$50,000 from the NRCS to conduct a groundwater assessment and action plan to address rising nitrates in community wells located in the NW area of the county.

LWRMP Revision Review Form: SWCD Director sent an informational packet containing all the meetings action item documents to review prior to the meeting. The revision review form, signed checklist, 2024 annual work plan accomplishments and 2025 annual work plan were reviewed. **Motion** by Ted Hoffman to approve documents and sign the revision review form was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2026-2035 LWRMP Open House: Several weeks prior to the meeting, the SWCD advertised on social media, radio and over several outlets to inform the public about the newly revised 2026-2035 Land & Water Resource Management Plan Open House. This was conducted from 5 p.m. - 8p.m. on August 13, 2025 at 4319 Expo Drive, Room 300. This was done to share the document and gather concerns and comments on the plan from citizens. No public attended.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 10 contracts for cover crop soil health practices totaling \$21,334.50 were reviewed for approval. **Motion** to approve by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FSA/NRCS Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 1 CREP contract and 2 CRP contracts were signed by the SWCD Director in conjunction with Conservation District agreement.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: September 18, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht at 5:30 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp