

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

September 18, 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, Tim Jadowski, Scott Schiesl, Larry Bonde, Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were present.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Bob Ziegelbauer (County Executive) and Tyler Martell (County Board Chairman) were also present. Meeting was also attended by Steve Hoffman and Dean Anhalt.

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

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

Public Comment: Chairman Phipps opened the meeting to allow for public comment. Steve Hoffman gave a brief of his notes and position regarding the 5-year agreement form revision. Mishicot Town Chairman Dean Anhalt voiced concerns of the process, asked who was involved and wanted to see copies of any documents developed. Voiced concerns of farms not always following rules and WDNR response. Chairman Phipps closed the meeting to public comment.

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status: Ted Hoffman gave a brief on his notes and position of the meeting that took place on 9-17-25 to discuss 5-year agreement policy and form language. SWCD Director presented his notes from the 9-17-25 meeting and shared the revised manure agreement form. Chairman Phipps stated he encouraged this type of process and dialog to cooperate on this issue. Larry Bonde thanked Ted Hoffman for reaching out to county administration to engage dialog. Michael Slattery shared the need for processes to meet the farm community, address soil & water resources and his thoughts on the concentration and expansion of farms. Lee Engelbrecht explained his past experiences working with nutrient management on his farm and believed it was beneficial. No action was taken on the revised manure agreement form, but consensus was to share it with the public and concerned parties after review from Corp Council. Action could take place in a future meeting after feedback. Status of current projects being reviewed and that have been approved under Chapter 26 & 28 Ordinances was presented. Currently one farm is in violation of Chapter 28.

SWCD Current & Proposed Budget Discussion: SWCD Director presented current 2025 budget status and proposed 2026 budget draft. Finance Department and Administration are currently processing the department's budget.

Land & Water Conservation Board (LWCB) LCC Attendance: The Manitowoc County 2026-2035 Land & Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) is being presented to the LWCB in Madison on October 7, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. The County Board passed the LWRMP by resolution on 9-16-25. SWCD Director invited and encouraged at least one LCC members to attend. **Action:** Chairman Phipps asked the invite to be sent to the committee members via email so they can review and respond after looking at their schedules.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 8 contracts for cover crop soil health practices, a waste storage system and 4 grass waterways totaling \$50,402.45 were reviewed for approval. **Motion** to approve by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: November 20, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ted Jadowski was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 5:40 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp