



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2025
TIME: 4:45 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: November 21, 2024 – Discussion & Action
4. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (2024 Claims) – Discussion & Action
5. SWCD Budget – Discussion
6. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
7. Land & Water Board Candidates & Election – Discussion
8. 2026-2035 LWRMP Local Advisory Committee 01/13/25 – Discussion
9. NWQI Grant & Assessment Plan Resolution Update – Discussion & Action
10. NE TMDL Pilot Project Update – Discussion & Action
11. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association 01/10/25 Meeting – Discussion
12. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Poster Contest Vote – Discussion & Action
13. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
14. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews & Permits – Discussion
15. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
16. Adjournment

Date: January 7, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Vice Chairman, Lee Engelbrecht called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD) and Brian Maedke (USDA-APHIS)

Agenda: Motion to approve the January 16, 2025 agenda made by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 21, 2024 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program: Brian Maedke was present and presented the notes and materials for the 2024 claims. Mr. Maedke shared claims documents from 2023 and 2024 for comparison and explained the various landowners who received damage payments, what species they were for and what actions they took to help reduce the wildlife populations affecting their crops. Payments for claims in 2023 were \$20,369.04 and \$16,531.10 in 2024. Claims and participants vary year-to-year but, are comparable to other years tracked from 2010-2024. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to "accept and approve the Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program 2024 Claims as presented," was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Budget: Soil & Water Director discussed year end 2024 operating budget for the department and status of the education budget line item. The 2024 budget is in the process of final adjustments by the finance department and when final 2024 numbers are available the document will be shared at the next LCC meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Land & Water Conservation Board Candidates & Election: Election materials and documents were provided to the LCC members for the LWCB and election speeches were watched and discussed by the LCC members during the November 21, 2024 LCC Meeting. Votes were approved for (3) LWCB candidates. Soil & Water Director shared that the (3) candidates elected to the LWCB were; Monte Osterman (Racine Co.), Rebecca Clarke (Sheboygan Co.) and Mike Hofberger (Calumet Co.).

2026-2035 LWRMP Local Advisory Committee (LAC): Minutes from the 01/13/2025 LAC meeting were shared and discussed. Christina Anderson, Associate Director & Jenny Pethan, Climate Specialist from the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA), presented to the group the general scope, topics and issues counties will face in the future regarding weather change and how other counties have been addressing infrastructure and practices in land & water plans to remain viable and be eligible for providing citizens and businesses funding opportunities surrounding efforts in the future. Eric Oppermann, resource conservationist from the SWCD, gave a brief presentation on PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) in Manitowoc County. Presentation included describing PFAS, its sources and general health effects. Information was shared on current sites in Manitowoc County where PFAS have been detected and some results on community wells tested. Briefings from conservation advocacy representatives included; Manitowoc County Lakes Association (Jerry Corfman), Manitowoc County Fish & Game (Roger Vanderlogt), Friends of the Manitowoc River (Laurie Paulin), Glacierland RC&D (Valerie O'Connor), Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (Amy Lentz), Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (Michael Slattery), and UW-Sea Grant (Titus Seilheimer). Next LAC meeting will be in February of 2025.

NWQI Grant & Assessment Plan Resolution: Soil & Water Director updated the LCC members that the draft National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) grant documents have been signed and submitted to the NRCS for review and approval. The LCC was thanked for supporting the grant process and presenting resolution No. 2024/2025-66 authorizing the NWQI grant to the County Board that was approved on November 17, 2024.

NE TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Pilot Project: The WDNR approached the SWCD in 2023 about a potential pilot project developed for the NE Lakeshore TMDL. The pilot was approved by EPA and WDNR and will provide up to 135K in cost-share funds over the next 3-4 years for sub-basins S51 & S52 located in Manitowoc County. Participants will be contracted to do practices for at least 3 years and then progress will be monitored with water quality monitoring and satellite imagery technology to determine watershed improvements in soil disturbance and vegetative cover. Landowners and farm operators will be encouraged with cost-share incentives to sign-up and stack multiple bmp's on the acres enrolled.

Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA): The LMALWCA held its winter meeting on 01/10/25 at the Brown County STEM building located on the UW-GB Campus in Green Bay. David Wetenkamp, SWCD director and Michael Slattery, LCC member attended the meeting. Representatives from USGS and Brown County Land & Water Conservation Department gave presentations on edge-of-field monitoring station data and on the new technology involving Phosphorus Removal Structures (PRS) recently installed at 2 locations in Brown County. USGS edge-of-field monitoring data is showing mixed results on soil erosion and phosphorus runoff concentrations from farm fields with various cropping practices. PRS system data will be shared when available. Discussions on structure types, filter media, media disposal, costs and longevity of the systems were topics. Michael Slattery brought up concerns with PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and Neonicotinoids (insecticidal seed coatings) used in agriculture that are showing up in soils, food, animal tissues and groundwater. Marinette County LCC member shared information and actions they have been dealing with regarding PFAS. Manitowoc County SWCD was chosen to receive the 2025 LMALWCA Conservation Award of \$200.

Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Poster Contest: This is an annual statewide conservation and educational effort to engage school teachers and students with conservation minded art projects. This instills the conservation message with students through effective visual creativity. The contest starts with schools participating in each county and ends at the national level. The students theme this year was "Home is where the Habitat is". The SWCD received about 25 posters from various schools and age groups. The top 3 posters from each age group were presented to the LCC and they voted and chose the top poster from each age group to be forwarded to the Area Contest. Supervisor Tim Jadowski, who is an area art teacher, shared his appreciation for this contest and hopes more students can be engaged next year.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: No Contracts were presented.

Livestock Facility License & AWO Reviews & Permits: Soil & Water Director shared an updated list of the 16 livestock facility license and 10 animal waste ordinance applications and permits that were reviewed and/or approved in 2024.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Tim Jadowski at 5:32 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025
TIME: 4:45 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: January 16, 2025 – Discussion & Action
4. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program 2025 Budget Amendment – Discussion & Action
5. SWCD Budget – Discussion
6. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
7. 2026-2035 LWRMP Local Advisory Committee 02/25/25 – Discussion
8. LAC Meeting Tile Task Force – Discussion & Action
9. NWQI Grant & Assessment Plan Resolution Update – Discussion
10. NE TMDL Pilot Project Update – Discussion & Action
11. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association 01/24/25 Meeting – Discussion
12. Resolution Authorizing Support of Increased Conservation Staffing Grant – Discussion & Action
13. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Conference – Discussion
14. Between the Lakes (BTL) Demo Farm Network Expansion – Discussion & Action
15. **SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action**
16. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
17. Adjournment

Date: March 11, 2025

Amended March 14, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Vice Chairman, Lee Engelbrecht called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD)

Agenda: Motion to approve the March 20, 2025 agenda made by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Larry Bonde.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 16, 2025 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Michael Slattery. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program: Manitowoc County is participating in the Deer Donation Program and now has processors willing to take and process wild game for donation. Due to new processor participation, a budget adjustment is needed to amend the 2025 budget from \$25,710.52 to \$28,710.52. Larry Bonde shared that this is a good program and allows hunters to donate excess deer taken to reduce high deer populations and help others with healthy food and opportunity to enjoy wild game. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to approve the Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program Budget Amendment 1, was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Budget: Soil & Water Director shared the final 2024 operating budget for the department and status of the current 2025 budget. Michael Slattery asked for clarification on the status of DATCP staffing grant numbers, of which was addressed. No budget issues currently exist for last year or for current budget at this time.

Public Comment: None.

2026-2035 LWRMP Local Advisory Committee (LAC): Minutes from the 02/25/25 LAC meeting were shared. Drafts will be shared with the LCC and LAC before forwarding to the state for review. Final draft will be presented to the Land & Water Conservation Board October 7, 2025 and if approved, presented to the County Board for final approvals by end of 2025. Next Local Advisory Committee meeting will be held in June to review drafts of plan.

NWQI Grant & Assessment Plan Resolution: Soil & Water Director updated the LCC members that the draft National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) grant submitted to the NRCS is on hold due to staffing changes and funding appropriations being frozen at the federal level. The SWCD is continuing its efforts working with DNR staff to target community well recharge areas with bmp's to improve water quality in the NW area of the county.

NE TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Pilot Project: The pilot was approved by EPA and WDNR and will provide up to 135K in cost-share funds over the next 3-4 years for sub-basins S51 & S52 located in Manitowoc County. The project is still in-progress and Stantec has been hired by WDNR to conduct basin modeling.

Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA): SWCD Director attended a Lake Michigan Area County Conservationist meeting in Green Bay on 02/24/25. Agenda was informal and county conservationists discussed various projects and issues of each respective county. Discussions on the NE Area TMDL process, current federal funding issues, emerging contaminants in groundwater, time management, tile drainage and

current efforts to promote the Governor's 2026-2027 budget increases for county staffing grants were discussed. It was agreed this was a beneficial collaboration and will be continued 2-3 times a year or as needed.

Resolution Authorizing Support of Increased Conservation Grant: As promoted by Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association and many counties, an initiative to engage legislators is underway to encourage the state finance committee and legislators to consider approving the budget increases for county conservation staff as proposed in the Governor's 2026-2027 Budget. County conservation staffing is a shared cost as assigned by state mandates and county ordinances of which at least 3 staff are shared with funding through DATCP and County levy. Baseline staffing is much appreciated, but has lagged for the last 20 years and has not been maintained to meet requirements by the state. Manitowoc County SWCD has asked the LCC to consider approving a resolution to submit to the County Board to bolster support for increased state staffing dollars. **Motion** by Michael Slattery to forward, "Resolution authorizing support of increased county conservation base staffing grant," per corporation counsel and submit to the County Board for consideration, was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Conference: An annual professional improvement conference was attended by Michael Slattery and 4 county staff between March 5-7 in Green Bay at the KI Convention Center. This conference allows staff to attend breakout sessions designed for improving skills, knowledge, networking and attaining continuing education credits. It exposes staff to other county input, private sector technology, sharing success and also brings new ideas for projects, funding options and solutions to help our citizens and agricultural producers improve our soil and water resources.

Between the Lakes Demo Farm Network Expansion: Currently the SWCD participates with NRCS, Calumet, Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties in a farm demonstration network including 7 farm operators. Libertyland Farms is Manitowoc County's cooperator. The network has funds to expand and add new farm participants with a 25% match of funds from the county. Several options exist for selecting farm members and we have one farm interested in being a member to promote agriculture, healthy soil, clean water, and demonstrate this in a long-term agreement to hold educational outreach events, advocate for a better environment and teach sustainability. SWCD Director shared costs and commitment goals. Michael Slattery explained the benefits and reasoning of having proactive land stewards be supported to advance methods and education with land management. Larry Bonde shared that given budgetary considerations he has concerns of this ask at the county level. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to approve adding a farm participant to the BTL Network to include 2 participants and the associated cost of \$7666.00 annually to the SWCD budget as approved through the 2026 budget process, was seconded by Michael Slattery. Upon vote the motion passed 4 ayes and 1 no, supervisor Bonde voted no. **Motion carried**

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Contract MDV25-02 for \$20,222.15 was presented to the LCC for a barnyard runoff control project using Multi-Discharge Variance Program (MDV) funds. Project location and components being installed were discussed. Landowners will be required to pay 30% of project costs. Funds being allocated are not County levy funds, but funds distributed to the county to install practices that reduce non-point sources of runoff and phosphorus in meeting NR 151 standards. **Motion** by Larry Bonde to approve contract MDV25-02 was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: April 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Tim Jadowski at 5:51 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, April 17, 2025
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5. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews & Permits – Discussion
6. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
7. Adjournment

Date: April 8, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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 and Scott Schiesl were present. Larry Bonde, Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were excused.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD) and Kevin Behnke

Agenda: Motion to approve the April 17, 2025 agenda made by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the March 20, 2025 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 5 contracts totaling \$62,429.93 were presented to the LCC for a grass waterway system, 8.9 acres of harvestable buffers and 1900 lin.ft. of streambank protection control using a combination of Surface Water Grant and Multi-Discharge Variance Program (MDV) funds. Project location and components being installed were discussed. Landowner will be required to pay 30% of waterway project costs. Funds being allocated are not county levy funds. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to approve contracts was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews & Permits: Soil & Water Director shared a list of the 6 current projects being reviewed under Chapter 26 & 28 Ordinances. The LCC was addressed by Supervisor Behnke that he has a client concerned with the process of requiring 5-year manure agreements for livestock facility license expansions. Director will present information on this process and what other counties are doing at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: May 15, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Tim Jadowski at 4:42 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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6. 2026 TRM Grant – Discussion & Action
7. 2026-2035 LWRMP & Local Advisory Committee Update – Discussion
8. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
9. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status – Discussion
10. Livestock Facility License Application & 5-Year Manure Agreements – Discussion & Action
11. Next Meeting Date and Time – Discussion & Action
12. Adjournment

Date: May 7, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025

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LCC Vice Chairman, Lee Engelbrecht called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Lee Engelbrecht, Scott Schiesl and Ted Hoffman were present. Larry Bonde, Michael Slattery, Tim Jadowski and Ryan Phipps were not present.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp, Tara Wachowski, Cheyenne Behnke, Eric Oppermann, Joe Henson, JeriLynn Zutz (SWCD), Supervisor Kevin Behnke and County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer.

Agenda: Due to not having quorum, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Engelbrecht.

Soil & Water Director introduced the Soil & Water Conservation staff to the LCC members and would like in future meetings to have staff attend and share information about themselves, projects and roles in the department.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: June 19, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. or as agreed upon by LCC.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2025
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7. 2026-2035 LWRMP & Local Advisory Committee Update – Discussion
8. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
9. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status – Discussion
10. Livestock Facility License Application & 5-Year Manure Agreements – Discussion & Action
11. Resolution Authorizing WDNR NE TMDL Pilot Grant – Discussion & Action
12. Next Meeting Date and Time – Discussion & Action
13. Adjournment

Date: May 19, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025

Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp, (SWCD).

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the April 17, 2025 & May 15, 2025 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Larry Bonde was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Budget: Soil & Water Director shared the current status of the SWCD account balances. Michael Slattery asked for clarification on status of the NOD Grant reimbursement date and process, which was explained. SWCD Director ensured LCC the SWCD budget for the past 3 years has been in line and not overbudget. Chairman Phipps asked if there are any foreseeable budgetary issues or needs in the department at this time, of which the director shared no problems or requests at this time, except for new grants and resolutions being presented which bring funds into the county.

Public Comment: None.

2026 TRM Grant: SWCD Director shared application documents in the meeting packet and on screen showing a drainage and large gully problem a landowner has been working on for years to help find solutions. Working with the DATCP Engineer, WDNR Non-Point Coordinator and landowner a solution for funding the project was pursued through the WDNR Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Grant Program. The grant if received will operate like all other cost-share programs and the landowner will agree to pay for 30% of the project costs, the remaining 70% of costs will be covered by the grant if awarded and accepted by the county board. Project cost is estimated to be 100k. **Motion** to approve grant process and project if awarded by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Michael Slattery. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2026-2035 LWRMP & LAC Update: Drafts of Chapters 1-3 of the Land & Water Plan were shared with the committee to review and make comments on at the next scheduled meeting. LCC members commented and appreciated all the work that has been done by staff to get to this point. Chapter 4 & 5 will be done soon to review. Schedule for final approval by the end of 2025 was discussed.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 3 contracts for inter-seeding totaling \$12,000 and 4 contracts for grass waterways totaling \$50,553.28 were reviewed for approval. Michael Slattery and Ryan Phipps requested additional information on quantities to be included in future contract summary documents. **Motion** by Larry Bonde to approve contracts was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews & Permits: Soil & Water Director shared a list of current projects being reviewed under Chapter 26 & 28 Ordinances. Since the April 17, 2025 LCC meeting, the department has reviewed 4 livestock facility license applications and approved 2. The department has reviewed 7 animal waste ordinance permits and has approved 5.

Livestock Facility Licensing, Chapter 28 & 5-Year Manure Agreements: In previous meetings, Supervisor Behnke attended and shared concerns from a concerned citizen regarding the policy of requiring signed 5-year manure agreements with ATCP 51 application documents for large farm expansions. This requirement has been an operational policy since Chapter 28, Livestock Facility Licensing was adopted by Manitowoc County in 2007. Department director shared current ordinance, application and language in ATCP 51 that allows regulatory authorities to request documents to substantiate and monitor land base, waste management and nutrient management with local standards and interests. This process ensures the farm has adequate land available for waste utilization and all landowners are contacted and made aware of the expansion needs of the farm, which is vital for a sustainable farm operation. The director shared that just one large farm can produce the equivalent waste of a city like Manitowoc or larger and posed, would its citizens approve of a new municipal waste system based on a one- or two-year operating agreement?

Michael Slattery stated that farm expansions require a lot of capital investment and should be backed with a long-term plan and have the obligation and resources to ensure this is obtained. SWCD director shared manure storage ordinances from 2 other counties that have incorporated manure agreement language into their ordinances. Several towns in the state have or are in the process of adopting ordinances that require 5-year manure agreements with farm expansions, showing other authorities are incorporating agreements.

Supervisor Phipps was asked to relay the perspective that the current requirement makes renters and landowners reluctant to agree to long-term manure agreements preventing the farms from expanding. The perspective shared was to either reduce agreements to 1-3 years, remove the requirement and/or pass policy to more strictly enforce and monitor farms not keeping an adequate land base or nmp plan with penalties of strict forfeitures. Most members agreed this method may work but, would be very difficult to administer with current staff and lead to possible issues.

Ted Hoffman shared his perspective from an agronomy standpoint in conjunction with WPDES permit requirement knowledge and that 5-year agreements may be hard to obtain. Ted stated he is in favor of agreements only on land not in existing rental contracts and for less time. He recommends a policy should be developed to ensure the applicants clearly understand the requirements and so staff administering Chapter 28 can manage it effectively.

Larry Bonde explained that he worked with the previous administration who developed this application process and believes it has been working well. Larry Bonde and Ted Hoffman shared discussion on 2-year agreements and differences between rental agreements and manure agreements. The SWCD Director explained the current signed 5-year agreement worksheets are not legal contracts, but could be depending on how the farm and renters negotiate. The signed agreement is an in-person discussion and process with each landowner on land not owned by the farm about the long-term relationship needed for the farms management of waste.

Scott Schiesl asked, what are the main purposes of the agreements? The director shared that they can be used to monitor adequate land base and use in the county, are applicable to a typical crop rotation, substantiates the WPDES Permit 5-Year nutrient management plan and follows Appendix B of ATCP 51 requirements, ensures all renters and landowners are informed of the long-term needs for farm vitality, is allowed under ACTP 51 & 93 statutes, is reasonable and scientifically needed to protect soil and water resources, instills confidence in the process for community interests and has been administered by the department and complied with in license applications since 2007.

Lee Engelbrecht discussed his past experience with working with nutrient management on his land and the need to have good plans to follow for all seasons, including winter for long term management.

After much discussion, Chairman Phipps called for a decision. Ted Hoffman shared the need for policy and less time on the agreement requirement.

Michael Slattery agreed the need for a policy, but more information and expertise would be advised if changing language or ordinances at this time while stressing the need for environmental oversight.

Chairman Phipps encouraged the LCC to adopt a statement or agreement of policy rather than change conditions that may affect what past applicants have complied with in submittals. Director presented maps and numbers of the current 25 CAFO's and 29 Livestock Facility Licenses in the County including current and future projections on the mass-balance of land, crops and manure production in the county.

After lengthy discussion, a motion by Scott Schiesl was made to keep with current precedent. Chairman Phipps clarified the need to clean up the motion to a policy statement to add language and was discussed to read, **Motion** by Scott Schiesl, "to keep with current precedent requiring 5-year manure agreements to monitor and

substantiate land base with nutrient management for balancing the growth and viability of agriculture in conjunction with protecting groundwater, natural resources and community interests.” Motion was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution Authorizing WDNR NE TMDL Pilot Grant: In 2024 the LCC reviewed and approved the process to pursue and apply for a pilot project grant developed with WDNR and EPA for conservation practices in 2 sub-basin watersheds in the county. The grant was applied for and \$135,510 was awarded for this project. The draft resolution being reviewed by Corporation Council and Administration was presented to the LCC for review and comment. **Motion** to approve by Ted Hoffman, “to accept the draft resolution and forward to county board for consideration,” was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: July 17, 2025 at 4:45p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 6:45 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
***AMENDED* MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2025
TIME: 4:45 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: May 21, 2025 – Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
5. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status – Discussion
6. *Livestock Facility License Application & 5-Year Manure Agreements - Discussion & Action*
7. SWCD Budget – Discussion
8. Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative MOU – Discussion & Action
9. 2026 TRM Grant Update – Discussion
10. 2026-2035 LWRMP Draft – Discussion & Action
11. Resolution Authorizing Surface Water Protection & Education Grants – Discussion & Action
12. Bullhead Lake District LCC Member – Discussion & Action
13. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
14. Next Meeting Date and Time – Discussion & Action
15. Adjournment

Date: July 9, 2025

Amended: July 14, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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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



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda - Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: July 17, 2025 - Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) - Discussion & Action
5. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program - Discussion
6. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status - Discussion
7. NWQI Grant Update - Discussion
8. LWRMP Revision Review Form - Discussion & Action
9. 2026-2035 LWRMP Open House - Discussion
10. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion & Action
11. FSA/NRCS Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion
12. Next Meeting Date and Time - Discussion & Action
13. Adjournment

Date: August 12, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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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



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2025
TIME: 4:45 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda - Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: August 21, 2025 - Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) - Discussion & Action
5. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status - Discussion
6. SWCD Current & Proposed 2026 Budget - Discussion
7. Land & Water Conservation Board LCC Attendance - Discussion & Action
8. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion & Action
9. Next Meeting Date and Time - Discussion & Action
10. Adjournment

Date: September 10, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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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



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025
TIME: 4:45 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda - Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: September 18, 2025 - Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) - Discussion & Action
5. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program – Discussion & Action
6. Updated 5-Year Manure Agreement Form Approval & Policy – Discussion & Action
7. Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status – Discussion
8. Glacierland RC&D LOS for Surface Water Grant – Discussion & Action
9. SWCD Current Budget - Discussion
10. LMALWCA Fall Tour & Poster Contest - Discussion
11. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion & Action
12. Next Meeting Date and Time - Discussion & Action
13. Adjournment

Date: November 11, 2025

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

November 20, 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, Scott Schiesl, Larry Bonde, and Ted Hoffman were present. Michael Slattery and Tim Jadowski were excused.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Bob Ziegelbauer (County Executive), Tyler Martell (County Board Chairman) and Brian Maedke (USDA/APHIS) were present. Meeting was also attended by Steve Orth, Matt Salm and Dan Siemers.

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

Minutes: Minutes from the September 18, 2025 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: Chairman Phipps opened the meeting to allow for public comment. Steve Orth thanked the LCC for efforts and shared suggested revisions to the 5-yr manure agreement form. Dan Siemers agreed with suggested revisions to the form, but shared his disagreement of the 5-yr manure agreement process as not needed at the county level. Matt Salm shared Fitz-Pine Dairy was issued a citation for violating County Ordinances Chapter 26 & 28. Mr. Salm stated the farm followed all rules and submitted everything needed for a feed pad expansion and waste transfer system, and that the county stalled the project approvals. Chairman Phipps closed the meeting to public comment.

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program: Brian Maedke (USDA/APHIS) provided copies and explained the documents for the proposed 2026 WDACP Budget, 2025 Crop Prices and 2026 Deer Donation Program participation. **Motion** to approve the proposed 2026 WDACP budget for \$26,472.27 by Larry Bonde was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.** **Motion** to approve the proposed 2025 average crop prices for wildlife damage claims prior to December 1, 2025 by Larry Bonde was seconded by Ted Hoffman. **Motion carried unanimously.** **Motion** to approve participation in 2026 deer donation program by Larry Bonde was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Updated 5-Year Manure Agreement Form Approval & Policy: (Discussion on public comment and manure agreements are as follows) Ted Hoffman questioned the definition of feed leachate as animal waste in current ordinances, and that the farm that was cited did not notify and submit information on the project to the county. The SWCD Director shared that feed storage leachate is defined as animal waste in Chapter 26 and waste transfer systems carrying leachate require an approved permit prior to construction. Feed storage structures are livestock structures per Chapter 28 and ATP 51, requiring written approval prior to construction. Ted Hoffman believed the 5-yr agreement form changes suggested by Steve Orth should be considered. Larry Bonde stated he disagrees with the form and process as not needed. Scott Schiesl shared he disagreed with the County Executive's veto of the LCC's vote to remove the 5-yr agreement process and this issue should have been resolved. Ryan Phipps stated he would like to see and possibly facilitate a meeting in future with more participation attended by farmers to discuss the 5-yr agreement form and process. SWCD Director stated he received communications from several farmers and citizens sharing positions seeing merit in the current process and also some in disagreement with the process. The SWCD Director shared the updated 5-yr agreement form prior to the LCC meeting with the County Board, the Local Advisory Committee and emailed most of the farmers and citizens who had attended previous meetings. SWCD Director stressed the ability to have local oversight, community input and renter agreements with long-term manure

management as being an essential proactive waste management strategy as farms continue to expand. After discussion and limited attendance to this meeting, **Motion** by Larry Bonde to, “table the 5-yr agreement form decision” was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Reviews Status: SWCD Director gave a brief update on the status of 10 current permits, applications and approvals.

Glacierland RC&D LOS for Surface Water Grant: SWCD Director previous to the LCC meeting shared a request and background materials from Glacierland RC&D for the LCC and SWCD Director to consider supporting a Surface Water Education Grant with a letter-of-support to the WDNR. The LOS has no levy impact to the county and is additionally supportive of the existing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) activities in the county. A draft LOS was shared with the LCC to consider. **Motion** to approve the Glacierland RC&D Surface Water Education LOS by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Current & Proposed Budget Discussion: SWCD Director presented current 2025 budget status and thanked the county board for passing the 2026 budget and proposed activities and funds for conservation initiatives including the Between-the-Lakes Demo Farms new producer, office media upgrades and mobile learning lab project.

Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA) Fall Tour: Lee Engelbrecht and Cheyenne Behnke attended the fall tour being hosted by Kewaunee County. Lee Engelbrecht shared the tour highlights of a farm using the new Rain 360 waste application system and gave tour details of a farm expansion project incorporating a rotary parlor system. Also, the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association’s Poster & Speaking contest has started and any schools and teachers willing to participate can contact our office for details. This is a great opportunity to instill conservation thoughts, ethic and farm friendly activities in our schools.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 11 contracts for cover crop soil health practices, reduced tillage and 3 grass waterways totaling \$33,234.84 were reviewed for approval. **Motion** to approve by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: January 15, 2026 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 6:11 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp