

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026
Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Larry Bonde called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Larry Bonde, Scott Schiesl, Jill Pope, Greg Riederer and Gregg Wolf were present.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp, Tara Wachowski, Cheyenne Behnke, Eric Oppermann, Joe Henson, JeriLynn Zutz (SWCD), Jayna Hintz, Katrina Piontek, Angie Ulness, Cath Tease, Laura Apfelbeck and Jace Purdy (UW-Extension), Ted Hoffman, Lee Engelbrecht and Tom Rahmlow.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Jill Pope. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the March 19, 2026 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Greg Riederer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2026-2028 LCC Officer Nominations & Elections: Chairman Bonde called for nominations and volunteers for LCC Officers. Greg Riederer volunteered for Vice Chair, with no other nominations. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to accept self-nomination of Greg Riederer for Vice Chair was seconded by Jill Pope. **Motion carried unanimously.** Chairman Bonde called for nomination or volunteer for 2nd Vice Chair. Jill Pope volunteered for 2nd Vice Chair, with no other nominations. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to accept self-nomination of Jill Pope for 2nd Vice Chair was seconded by Greg Riederer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2026-2028 LMALWCA – SWCD & LCC Representative Appointments: SWCD Director shared information to the LCC on the position's duties, activities and meetings to be attended. Chairman Bonde called for nominations and volunteers for a LMALWCA Representative. Jill Pope volunteered for LMALWCA LCC Representative, with no other nominations. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to accept self-nomination of Jill Pope was seconded by Greg Riederer. **Motion carried unanimously.** Chairman Bonde called for nomination or volunteer for LMALWCA SWCD Representative. David Wetenkamp volunteered for position, with no other nominations. **Motion** by Jill Pope to accept self-nomination for SWCD Representative was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Cedar Springs Dairy Livestock Facility License Setbacks Public Hearing: Chairman Bonde called the public hearing open in accordance with State Statute Chapter 68 and Manitowoc County Chapter 28, as requested from Cedar Springs Dairy to consider a variance to property line setbacks required in ATCP 51 and Chapter 28 - Livestock Facility Licensing (LFL). SWCD Director described background information and shared LFL application denial letter, county code and municipal code to the LCC. Mr. Tom Rahmlow provided a letter and testimony describing reasoning for errors in the past property line discrepancies for the as-built location of the concrete feed pad area and waste collection tank. Maps showing updated professional survey done by TNT and drawings of structures from Outland Design were placed in the record. Previous GIS map data and survey information from 2015 was determined to be incorrect leading to encroachment on property line setbacks. After discussion and clarification from Chairman Bonde, **Motion** by Greg Riederer to approve a variance setback from 200' to 165' for the feed pad concrete structure and from 350' to 197' for the concrete waste collection tank was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

UW-Extension Department Staff Introductions & Activities: Jayna Hintz gave a brief power point presentation and overview of UW-Extensions (UW-Ext) programs, activities and impact in Manitowoc County. The 6 UW-Ext staff introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their positions, duties and activities in the community. This was done to help educate and familiarize the new LCC members with the departments staff and their goals as will be overseen with the Extension, Education & Agricultural Committee (EEAC).

SWCD Department Staff Introductions & Activities: SWCD Director shared information to the LCC on the department's website, links to LCC resources, area conservation associations, rules, conservation terms, trainings and typical agenda items prior to the meeting. The general programs and resources the department provides was shared. The 6 SWCD staff introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their positions, duties and activities in the department. This was done to help educate and familiarize the new LCC members with the departments staff. More detail and information will be shared in future meetings with each staff member giving a short presentation on their position, data and activities in the county to the LCC.

SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: A brief discussion on the various cost-share programs the SWCD uses was shared. The current procedure is to share the cost-share agreements to the LCC for approval at scheduled meetings to allow for oversight of financials. 3 contracts totaling \$14,415.35 consisting of nutrient management, grass waterways and a harvestable buffer was presented to the LCC. **Motion** by Greg Riederer to approve the cost-share contracts was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion Carried, one abstained.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: June 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Jill Pope was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 5:45 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp