

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

September 17, 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 and Gregg Wolf were present. Greg Riederer, Justin Otto and Ted Hoffman were excused.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Brian Maedke (USDA/APHIS) and Dean Anhalt (Mishicot Town Chairman).

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

Minutes: Minutes from the July 16, 2026 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Jill Pope was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program - Brian Maedke: Wildlife Specialist Brian Maedke manages the WDACP program in Manitowoc County. The 2027 WDACP program budget was not finalized at this time and will be available for review and approval at the next scheduled LCC meeting in November. The current 2026 participant list and information on the various program permit options being managed in the county was shared.

Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA) Spring & Fall Business Meetings and State Fall Technical Tour: SWCD Director shared the proposed LMALWCA Fall Business meeting agenda and shared the June 5, 2026 Spring Business & LCC training meeting minutes. Supervisor Pope and SWCD Director will attend the LMALWCA Fall Business meeting October 8th and State Technical Tour hosted by Outagamie County LCD, October 9th.

Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative MOU Extension: The 2-year grant and MOU agreement the LCC approved on September 19, 2024 with the SRSC have expired. The group declared its status and has partnered with Farmers for Sustainable Food for management. The SRSC has asked the LCC & SWCD to consider extending the MOU partnership for cooperation and collaboration efforts to show support with future grants they pursue. **Motion** to accept and extend the updated MOU by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Jill Pope. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD 2027 Proposed Budget Review: Director shared the departments proposed 2027 budget sheets and details that were submitted to the County Executive. Supervisors will be able to review and make suggestions at future county board meetings prior to adoption in November.

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Permit Reviews Status: To date the SWCD has reviewed and/or approved 16 AWO permits and 16 Livestock Facility License applications. Director shared details.

SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Director gave a breakdown of the various cost-share practices included in the agreements list submitted for review and approval. 10 contracts totaling \$41,673.35 in requested cost-share for a grass waterway, cover crops and waste storage closure were presented to the LCC. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to approve the cost-share contracts was seconded by Gregg Wolf. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: November 19, 2026 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Gregg Wolf was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 5:12 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp