

Wisconsin Wetland Study Council (WSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 8, 2026 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Teams and in-person

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order (10:01)	WSC Attendees: - Tracy Hames (TH) - Jeff Kraemer (JK) - Tim Andryk (TA) - Stacy Jepson (SJ) - Jane Landretti (JL) - Ben Callan, DNR (BC) - Carol Richardson (CR) Other participants: - Tom Nedland (TN) - Allissa Reynolds (AR) - Kara Brooks (KB) - Allison Willman (AW)
Public Comment	None
Agenda Approval	Decision: Approved (JL, JK)
Board Minutes Approval	Decision: Approved (JL, JK)
Wetland Data Dashboard Update	• TN- Will have an update for Jan- Dec 2025 soon and will share link before the March meeting.
Legislative Update	• Assured Delineator Bill (TN and KB) • Bill introduced in House and Senate, with co-sponsors identified. • Upcoming committee meeting soon • TH-Reminder that council doesn't testify, but individuals/ orgs may.
Federal Rulemaking	• Comments submitted by DNR for proposed WOTUS rule • JK- Requested DNR to share comments with WSC • WWA comments also available on their blog
Act 183 Committee Update	• Survey (AW) - before recommendations are finalized, exemption applicants will be surveyed. • Survey will be anonymous to applicants from database from past several years • JL to suggest a consistency question • Survey to be sent by Feb 6, results possible by March • Implementation Report Follow-up discussion (JL/ JK) • JL/JK: Concern about consistency should be reflected in report

	• Committee to look at examples detailing consistency concern • Committee to consider formal Committee scope statement
Conservation Committee	• 12/5 committee meeting discussed Conservation permit challenges and Ag Exemption Legal opinion. • 1/16 meeting will discuss remaining priorities and solicit stakeholder support update Progress Report, Finalize Matrix. • Will bring a final Progress report to the Council by end of Feb for review and discussion at the March meeting.
Navigability Jurisdiction Presentation Follow-up	TN follow-up discussion after the November presentation. • TH/JK: Specific situations where navigability isn't clear. I.e. never had navigable channel historically then was ditched, or ag parcel with ditch that comes out of ag shouldn't have stream history. • BC: Dept staff receive guidance on making decisions in field; guidance to help staff be consistent in <i>how</i> they make navigability determinations understanding situations vary • TH/JK: May present some projects/situations for further discussion at future meeting
July Field Trip Ideas	• Several possible site visit locations discussed. • TH: will develop a summary for consideration at next meeting • Currently scheduled for usual July meeting date.
New Business	None
Adjournment (11:29)	Motion by TA, JK second