

Wisconsin Wetland Study Council (WSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 11, 2025 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Teams and in-person

Agenda Topic	Notes/Follow-up
Call to Order	<p>WSC Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jeff Kraemer (JK)- Tim Andryk (TA)- Tracy Hames (TH)- Jennifer Schmitz (JS) <p>Other participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tom Pearce (TP)- Allissa Reynolds (AR)- Jennifer Western Hauser (JWH)-
Public Comment	None
Agenda Approval	Decision: Approved (TA, JK)
Board Minutes Approval	Decision: No minutes to approve due to July field visit
Update	<p>Committee Member Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative for Real Estate and Development Interests• Representative for Municipal Interests
Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethics training due November• Schedule with next meeting 11/13
Debrief of Field Tour (Hames)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive experience, repeat next year, possibly related to Conservation Projects Committee (TH, JK, TA, JS)• Good way to introduce concept of repurposing space through time (JS)• Wetlands as solutions example (TH)
Legislative Update	<p>Assured Delineator Bill (TP, JK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update from TP• Upcoming education requirement discussion (JK)
Integrated Watershed Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final document posted to WSC website (TH)• Periodic updates to be provided (TH)

Act 183 Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA- Report sent to committee for review. JK comments will be discussed 9/26. and brought to Nov. WSC meeting
Conservation Practices on agricultural lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA- Committee is examining conservation practices on hydric soils (wetlands, floodplains, and some waterway) • JK/TA- Making steady progress. Committee tackling lots of issues, which will take time. • JK- Will need to determine level of council involvement for long-term. • TA- The role of council is to provide recommendations to the DNR. • TA- The committee shared a draft matrix of topics with conservation partners in mid-September. Getting good input and using this feedback as guide to prioritize the topics. The matrix and feedback will be discussed at the next committee meeting Sept 26. • JK- Committee is working on a decision matrix to help decide when DNR staff should do field visits. (Priority #3) • JK- Will also look at jurisdictional features as matrix feature • JK/TA- asked DNR for legal interpretation for Ag practice exemptions (pending) • JK- Travis Schroeder offered to join a future committee meeting and talk about permitting for conservation projects. • Floodplain legislation discussed in July
Jurisdiction Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP- DNR had a short presentation at May meeting; Council requested more detailed presentation re: how DNR determines navigability (Ch. 30) for small water bodies. DNR will provide update at next meeting, 11/13
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing season will end soon, get wetland IDs in before Nov.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK, TA (10:31)