

Wisconsin Wetland Study Council (WSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2025 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Teams and in-person

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	<p>WSC Attendees: Tracy Hames (TH) Ben Callan (BC) Stacy Jepson (SJ) Paul Kent (PK) Jeff Kraemer (JK) Jen Schmitz (JS) Tim Andryk Carol Richardson (CR)</p> <p>Other participants: Tom Nedland (TN) Allison Willman (AW) Kara Brooks (KB) Dave Kafura - Wis County For. Assoc (DK) Madison Johansen (MJ)</p> <p>-</p>
Public Comment	
Agenda Approval	Decision: Approved (JK, SJ)
Board Minutes Approval	Decision: Approved (BC, JS)
Reminder	July 16 Field Day in Plover – Agenda to be developed for May meeting. (TH)
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assured Delineator Bill (TN & KB) – moving forward. Rep. Mursau is drafting new language that all interested parties expect will be satisfactory to all.JK asked about timeline. KB confirmed Sept. timeline.
Integrated Watershed Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Share draft with WSC (PK) – Would like draft to be approved by council, and then recommend that DNR incorporate this guidance into training. TA – Recommends that committee ask DNR report out on use of guidance document. PK – agrees that a DNR reporting recommendation be included. BC – agrees that DNR could provide report outs on how the guidance is being used. JK – question about how document will be used by DNR TN – will be a foundational training document for Waterways staff BC – need to think about any internal DNR procedures that need to be developed <p>Council has reviewed and approved the “document” and recommends it use in accordance with the procedures in</p>

	<p>the document, with a report back to the WSC on the use of the document. Approved motion (JS, TA) – passed recommendation</p> <p>Post this document on DNR WSC website.</p>
Act 183/Wetland Exemption Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report/Findings (Richardson and AW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee has met twice since last WSC Recommendations have been proposed AW – Walked through recommendations. Looking for WSC feedback on the recommendations. Would appreciate feedback by xx date. TBD by committee. PK – strongly encourages updated guidance and checklists, and they should have some form of public review. CR – asked about use of checklists – does internal DNR use the same checklists as the public? AW – DNR uses the same checklists TA – would like a little more background on what would be required for the recommendations, not just “explore topic x or y”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has DNR explored any of the recommendations already? If DNR has already explored, why would WSC pursue these items. EG – has DNR looked at some of these in previous budget requests? <p>TH – perhaps these recommendations need to be structured/placed in a specific order. Try some of these first, collect more information on others.</p> <p>PK – wouldn’t Assured Delineators be a good way to save DNR staff time, and pass the expense on to customers, rather than have DNR work on unfunded mandate.</p> <p>TA – Agree with Assured Delineator option – should be a way to ratify/concur with Assured Delineator findings.</p> <p>BC – DNR will investigate items raised during the discussion.</p>
Conservation Practices Discussion	TN – overview provided.
Jurisdiction Topic	<p>TN – overview provided.</p> <p>Discussion – TH – do we want a larger presentation on what is considered navigable. Here are the issues...</p>

	<p>JK – Let’s have DNR provide more information</p> <p>BC – let’s provide examples of how we differentiate between Chap. 30 and Wetland regs. Through examples. Also explain ramifications of the different statutes.</p>
Aquatic Plant Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ presented on APM regulations • JK – asked about how woody plants are regulated by APM program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ – due to regs being over Waters of the State • TH – would like presentation slides put on WSC webpage • JK – recommendation to consider waiver for spot treatment with backpack sprayer
WCFA and DNR Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DK provided overview of WCFA interactions with Waterways Programs
New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider if a chair can be appointed to the WSC.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK, PK 12:00 pm.