



**Land Conservation Commission  
AGENDA**

**September 16, 2024**

1:00 P.M.

Ag Resource Center, Room-103 & 104  
227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

**Join by Phone:**

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*A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item*

**For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Chad Berge at [chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov](mailto:chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of August 12, 2024, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-3**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update (Discussion) **Page 4**
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements (Discussion/Action) **Pages 5-9**
8. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) Program 2025 funding (Discussion/Action) **Page 10**
9. SEG Funding Transfer (Discussion/Action)
10. LCC Tour Update (Discussion)
11. 2024 Conservation Awards (Discussion/Action) **Pages 11-13**
12. State Land and Water Conservation Board Elections (Discussion) **Page 14**
13. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
  - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
  - b. USDA-APHIS Wildlife Damage Program
  - c. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program (Discussion/Action)
  - d. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
  - e. USDA-NRCS / FSA
  - f. DNR
  - g. UW-Extension
  - h. Beaver Creek Reserve
14. Future Agenda items
15. Set date for next meeting
16. Adjourn

Prepared by: Holly Weigand

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## MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION •

**Date:** Monday, August 12, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** *Ag Resource Center, Room 103 & 104 – 227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, Altoona, WI 54720*

Members Present: Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka, Jim Stensen, Glory Adams, Joe Knight, Loralee Clark, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent: Robin Leary

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Tim Wucherer, Holly Weigand (LCD), Rod Eslinger (P&D)

Others Present: Liz Osborne (DNR)

### Call to order by Chair

Vice Chair Schraufnagel called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 7 members in attendance.

### Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Vice Chair Schraufnagel confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

### Public Comment Period

None.

### Review/Approval of July 8, 2024, meeting minutes

Motion by DeLuka to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0

### Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The July expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

### Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements

Steven Peterson – Nutrient Management (2023 NMFE) – \$400.00

Marcella Jordan – Well Abandonment (County Cost Share) – \$400.00

Huntsinger Farms Inc. – Streambank Protection (MDV) - \$1,957.74

Motion by Strauch to approve the Nutrient Management and Well Abandonment cost-share agreements as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0-0

Motion by Adams to approve the Streambank Protection cost-share agreement adding the MDV funding.

Motion carried, 7-0-0

### LCD Program Review

Chad Berge continued the program overview of the Land Conservation Division website.

### LCC Tour Planning

The committee discussed potential locations to visit on the tour.

### 2024 Conservation Awards

The committee discussed multiple potential recipients.

**Environmental Engineer Recruitment Update**

Rod Eslinger gave a brief update that the position is not currently posted, and hiring is paused.

**State Land and Water Conservation Board Elections**

Chad Berge gave a brief overview and urged the committee to read the information provided and watch a video on their website. Ideally looking for 1-2 representatives from each County.

**Town of Clear Creek Farmland Preservation Program Participants Notice of Noncompliance**

There are 41 participants that will be affected due to the Town of Clear Creek opting out of county zoning. The entire Town of Clear Creek is no longer eligible to claim the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit.

Motion by Strauch to acknowledge all FPP participants with land located within the Town of Clear Creek will receive a Notice of Noncompliance due to the Town electing to not opt into County Zoning. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**Committee, Staff and Agency Updates**

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a. **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:**  
Update of plan since the current plan expires 2027.
- b. **USDA-APHIS Wildlife Damage Program:**  
No new updates
- c. **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:**  
No new updates
- d. **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:**  
No new updates
- e. **USDA-NRCS / FSA:**  
No new updates
- f. **DNR-Forestry:**  
No new updates
- g. **UW-Extension:**  
The UniverCity meeting will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 2:00pm.
- h. **Beaver Creek Reserve**  
Butterfly House will be closing the Sunday of Labor Day.

**Future Agenda Items**

Conservation Awards, Conservation Tour, and Tim Wucherer – No-Till Drill.

**Set date for next meeting**

The next LCC meeting was set for September 16, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

**Adjourn**

Vice Chair Schraufnagel adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk

## Land Conservation Division

### 2024 Bills and Deposits

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

## August

### Invoices

Vendor	Description	Account #	Amount
RTK Mobile - Pcard	GPS Data (July)	100-15-56920-226-000	\$ 30.00
Lindstrom Equipment - Pcard	No-Till Drill Repair	207-15-56930-370-720	\$ 49.81
All Season Tire - Pcard	Oil Change	100-15-56920-241-000	\$ 126.17
Allyn Gunderson	2024 NMFE	207-15-56924-200-708	\$ 800.00
Voyager	July Fuel	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 179.79
Bowe Trucking	BD-23-02	207-15-56924-200-706	\$ 11,116.00
Bowe Trucking	BD-23-02	207-15-56924-390-703	\$ 794.00
RTK Mobile - Pcard	GPS Data (August)	100-15-56920-226-000	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 13,125.77</b>

### Deposits

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited
Mose Miller	EC-24-19	8/1/2024	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
Simon Borntreger	EC-24-20	8/16/2024	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
Dept of Administration - DATCP	Tree Sale License Overpayment	8/16/2024	100-15-56922-829-701	\$ 70.00
Menard Inc	SW-21-04 extension	8/28/2024	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 2,862.26
Menard Inc	SW-23-03 extension	8/28/2024	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 3,539.85
Bears Grass Dairy Inc	EC-24-22	8/29/2024	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 7,342.11</b>	



**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Land Conservation Division  
 Attn: Well Abandonment  
 721 Oxford Avenue Suite 3344  
 Eau Claire, WI 54703

**WELL ABANDONMENT  
 COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

LCD CSA #: WA - 24-04  
 DATE RECEIVED: 08/26/2024

OWNER INFORMATION			
Name: <u>Darren Vetsch</u>	Phone Number: <u>715-271-5014</u>		
Mailing Address: <u>S 7680 Hillview Road</u>			
City: <u>Eau Claire</u>	State: <u>WI</u>	Zip: <u>54701</u>	
E-mail Address: <u>darrenvetsch@centurytel.net</u>			

MUNICIPALITY					
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Brunswick	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Drammen	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln
<input type="checkbox"/> Otter Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Seymour	<input type="checkbox"/> Union	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson

WELL INFORMATION	
Type of Well: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drilled	<input type="checkbox"/> Dug <input type="checkbox"/> Driven
Dimensions of Well: Diameter <u>100'</u> x <u>6"</u> Depth	
Closure Plans: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chipped Bentonite	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Grout <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Bags of Material: <u>46</u>	Cost: \$ <u>350</u> X 50% = \$ <u>175</u> Eau Claire County Cost Share Amount (Reimbursement will be 50% of the abandonment up to \$400)

AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING	
As a Cost Share recipient, I agree to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Properly abandon the well, in accordance with specifications and provisions of the Natural Resources Chapter of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.</li> <li>Provide evidence of abandonment, including the completed DNR <u>Form 3300-5B</u>, "Well/Drill Hole/Borehole Abandonment" and <u>receipts</u> for materials and labor.</li> </ol>	
Signature of Applicant: <u>Darren W Vetsch</u>	Date: <u>8-20-24</u>

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPROVAL	
The County Agrees to Cost Share the Well Abandonment once receipts and proper certification have been received:	
Land Conservation Commission Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
LCC Member Signature: _____	Date: _____



**WELL ABANDONMENT  
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

LCD CSA #: WA - 24-04

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Total Project Cost	\$ <u>350.00</u>
Cost Share Rate	50%
Eligible Cost Share Amount up to \$400	\$ <u>175.00</u>
**Form 3300-5B and receipts are attached	
The applicant has met all program requirements and is eligible to receive the cost share pay from Eau Claire County in the amount shown above:	
Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____	

OIUM WELL DRILLING  
License #8217

N50021 MISSELL ROAD  
PO BOX 96  
STRUM, WI 54770

*Paid on VISA  
# 4179  
8-19-24*

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/9/2024	7018

<b>Bill To</b>
DARREN VETSCH S 7680 HILLVIEW ROAD EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701

Terms	Due Date	Project
Net 30	9/8/2024	7695 HICKORY RD...

Qty	Description	Rate	Amount
	<b>**RE: REPLACEMENT WATER WELL &amp; PRESSURE SYSTEM AT 7695 HICKORY RD, TOWN OF WASHINGTON, EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, EAU CLAIRE WI</b>		
100	100' 6" DRILLING	25.00	2,500.00
100	100' ASTM A53B.280 USA STEEL CASING (THREADED & COUPLED)	42.00	4,200.00
1	6" x 3' 10 SLOT JOHNSON STAINLESS STEEL USA SCREEN	725.00	725.00
4	4 BAGS OF BENTONITE	17.00	68.00
1	6" DRIVE SHOE (HARDENED)	155.00	155.00
1	SANITIZE/SAMPLE/REPORT	175.00	175.00
1	TRAVEL/SET-UP/FUEL	425.00	425.00
1	TEST PUMP & DEVELOP	125.00	125.00
1	VERMIN PROOF CODE APPROVED WELL CAP	80.00	80.00
1	STATE DNR PERMIT	70.00	70.00
1	EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PERMIT	85.00	85.00
1	WELL ABANDONMENT & REPORT FILED WITH DNR	350.00	350.00
1	1/2 HP PRESSURE SYSTEM COMPLETE WITH 5 YEAR WARRANTY All systems include: Starite 230V 2W submersible pump - piping- pitless adapter - pressure switch - gauge - valves - sample faucet - boiler drain (all brass stainless or plastic underground) Miscellaneous fittings - equipment - labor	2,900.00	2,900.00
	EXCAVATING	650.00	650.00
	SERVICE WORK 6-27-24 - LABOR & TEMPORARY WATER	400.00	400.00
	EAU CLAIRE SALES TAX	5.50%	0.00

Thank you for your business. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice via cash, check, or credit card.	<b>Total</b>	\$12,908.00
ACCOUNTS PAST 30 DAYS CHARGED 1.5% INTEREST PER MONTH	<b>Payments/Credits</b>	\$0.00
	<b>Balance Due</b>	\$12,908.00

Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	Web Site
715-287-3525	715-695-3885	oiumwell51@gmail.com	

# Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

**Well / Drillhole / Borehole Filling & Sealing**

Form 3300-005

Notice: Completion of this report is required by chs. 160, 281, 283, 289, 291-293, 295 and 299, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 141 Wis. Adm. Code. In accordance with chs. 281, 289, 291-293, 295 and 299, Wis. Stats., failure to file this form may result in a forfeiture of between \$10-25,000, or imprisonment for up to one year, depending on the program and conduct involved. Personally identifiable information on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

**Date of Filling & Sealing: 07/03/2024**

**Rec #: 183246**

Verification. Check only if well filling & sealing was done previously and you are just verifying that work.: No

**1. Well Location Information**

<b>County:</b> Eau Claire		<b>WI Unique Well #:</b>		<b>DNR Hicap Well #:</b>	
<b>Latitude: (DD.DDDDD°)</b> 44.71275 °N		<b>Longitude: (DD.DDDDD°)</b> 91.38041 °W		<b>GPS Method Code:</b> GPS008	
<b>Gov't Lot #:</b>	<b>Qtr/Qtr:</b> SE	<b>Quarter:</b> SW	<b>Section #:</b> 20	<b>Township #:</b> 26 North	<b>Range #:</b> 8 West
<b>Well Street Address:</b> 7695 HICKORY RD				<b>Subdivision Name:</b>	
<b>Well City/Village/Town:</b> Town of WASHINGTON		<b>Well Zip Code:</b>	<b>Lot #:</b>	<b>Does a new well replace this well?</b> Yes	
<b>Reason for Filling &amp; Sealing:</b> PUMP STUCK				<b>WI Unique Well # of Replacement Well:</b> ABV720	

**2. Facility / Owner Information**

<b>Facility Name:</b>		<b>FID #:</b>	<b>License/Permit/Monitoring #:</b>		
<b>Original Well Owner:</b>		<b>Service Category:</b>			
<b>Present Well Owner:</b> DARREN VETSCH		<b>Mailing Address of Present Owner:</b> S7680 HILLVIEW RD			
		<b>City:</b> EAU CLAIRE	<b>State:</b> WI	<b>Zip Code:</b> 54701	

**3. Well / Drillhole / Borehole Information**

<b>Well Type:</b> Water Well	<b>Original Construction Date:</b> (mm/dd/yyyy)	<b>Construction Type:</b> Drilled
<b>Formation Type:</b>	<b>Total Well Depth From Ground Surface (ft.):</b> 60.00	<b>(specify Other):</b>
<b>Casing Diameter (in.):</b> 4.00	<b>Lower Drillhole Diameter (in.):</b>	<b>Casing Depth (ft.):</b>
<b>Was well annular space grouted?</b>	<b>If yes, to what depth (ft.):</b>	<b>Depth to Water (ft.):</b>

**4. Pump, Liner, Screen, Casing & Sealing Material**

<b>Pump and piping removed?</b>	Yes	<b>Liner(s) removed? If no liner mark as N/A</b>	N/A	<b>If no, was liner perforated?</b>	N/A
<b>Screen removed?</b>	Yes	<b>Well casing (or loop if geothermal) left in place?</b>	Yes	<b>Was casing cut off below surface?</b>	Yes
<b>Did sealing material rise to surface?</b>	Yes	<b>Did material settle after 24 hours?</b>	No	<b>If yes, was hole retopped?</b>	N/A
<b>If bentonite chips/pellets were used, were they hydrated from a known water source?</b>					Yes
<b>Method of Placing Sealing Material:</b> Screened & Poured (Bentonite Chips)		<b>(Explain Other):</b>			
<b>Well Sealing Materials:</b> Bentonite Chips		<b>Product Name and Manufacturer:</b>			
<b>Other Drillholes:</b>					

**5. Material Used to Fill Well / Drillhole**

<b>Material:</b>	<b>From (ft.):</b>	<b>To (ft.):</b>	<b># and Units of Sealant:</b>	<b>Mix Ratio or Mud Weight:</b>
BENTONITE CHIPS	Surface	60.00	6 SACKS	



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**6. Comments**

PUMP WAS STUCK AND UNABLE TO BE REMOVED. THE PIPE & WIRE WERE REMOVED.

**7. Supervision of Work**

<b>Name of Person or Firm Doing Filling &amp; Sealing:</b> OIUM, KELLY WELL DRILLING INC		<b>License #:</b> 8217	<b>Phone:</b> 715-287-3525
N50021 MISSELL ROAD STRUM WI 54770			<b>Email Address:</b> OIUMWELL51@GMAIL.COM

**8. DNR Use Only**

<b>Signed On:</b> 07/09/2024	<b>Submitted By:</b> drilling2016	<b>Received On:</b> 07/09/2024	<b>Approved On:</b>
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101 S. Webster Street . PO Box 7921 . Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921 .



# Memo

To: Land Conservation Commission

From: Chad Berge – Land Conservation Commission

Date: September 16, 2024

Subject: 2025 Estimated Multi-Discharger Variance Funding

Below you will find a table compiled by the WI Department of Natural Resources listing the estimated MDV funding projections. The LCD recommends applying for all the 2025 funds, \$8,528.66.

	A	B	C	H	AC	AL	BL	BP	DO	D
	HUC8	HUC 8 Name	County Name	Percent of HUC8	Thorp Wastewater	Mondovi Wastewater	Osseo Wastewater	Fountain City Wastewater	Column1	
17	7040003	Buffalo-Whitewater	Eau Claire	5.6%	\$ -	\$ 568.15	\$ 224.89	\$ 209.34	\$ 1,002.38	
164	7050005	Lower Chippewa	Eau Claire	9.1%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
172	7050006	Eau Claire	Eau Claire	47.1%	\$ 7,526.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,526.28	
178					\$ 7,526.28	\$ 568.15	\$ 224.89	\$ 209.34	\$ 8,528.66	
179										
180										



**Eau Claire County  
Conservation Award Nomination**

**Conservation Award:**

Conservation Farmer      Water Quality Leadership      Forestry/Habitat      Special Recognition

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide a brief biographical description of the nominee(s). Include their conservation accomplishments, community involvement, commitment to conservation and other relevant information.
2. Describe the nominee’s projects and approaches to land and resource management. Include the impact on conservation and/or management of natural resources.
3. List any other specific factors why the nominee should be given this award. Include any other activities, capabilities, innovative techniques, or outreach efforts where they have demonstrated leadership.

**Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission "Award Recipients"**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Conservation Farmer</b>	<b>Forestry/Habitat** Award</b>	<b>Special Recognition</b>	<b>Water Quality</b>
1982	Howard Johnson	---	---	---
1983	Dale Noel	---	---	---
1984	Eldor and Allan Henning	---	---	---
1985	Steve Haldeman	---	---	---
1986	---	---	---	Forde Farm
1987	---	---	---	Wes and Greg Restad
1988	Mueller Hilltop Farms	---	---	Tom & Kristie Cousin
1989	Dale Noel Family	---	---	Schwoch Farms
1990	Seguin Valley View Acres	---	---	Everette and Jim Stenson
1991	Joe & Marian Smith	---	---	Arlen & June Johnson
1992	Russ Krenz Family	---	---	Wallace & Myrtle Smith
1993	Iner Stenson Jr. and Family	---	---	Richard & Donna Cleasby
1994	Marv & Dionea Sell	---	---	Harley & Pam Hutchingson
1995	Ken & Roselyn Dowiasch	---	---	Ken Vance
1996	Gabler Farms	---	---	Dennis & Tami Schacht Family Farm
1997	Mike and Roland Fischer	---	---	Kindercrest Farm
1998	Ron & Donna Steinke and Family	---	---	Geske Farms
1999	Jim & Bonnie Jackson	---	---	Jim & Barb Nicolet
2000	Dutter Farms	---	---	Jerry Stenson
2001	Merv & Gloria Lemmon	---	---	Ristau Farm
2002	Zimmerman Farms	---	---	Skyglo Farms
2003	Bischoff Family Farm	Mark & Barb Goings	---	Robert and Ron Perry
2004	Bill and Joel Matz	Thomas, Bradley, Peter Grewe	John Paddock, John Luechrson, John Tinker and Joe Smith	Todd Stanek
2005	Don and Matt Krenz	Bill Nielsen and Sarah Burgess	Marlo Orth	Larson Dairy
2006	Jim Volbrecht	Marlo Orth	WRR Enivronmental Service	Evergreen Organic Dairy (Andy & Bonny Glodowski)
2007	Greg & Jennifer Stanek	Forrest & Jill Schoen	Bob Bosold, WAXX Radio	Wier Farms-- Armond & Kay Wier
2008	Greg Erickson	---	Mahlon Peterson	Chad Doberstein
2009	Ricky Strauch	Richard Myren	Rod Zika	Bears Grass Dairy
2010	Fedie Farms	Randy Risler	Greg Erickson	Castle Rock Organic Diary

**Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission "Award Recipients"**

Year	Conservation Farmer	Forestry/Habitat** Award	Special Recognition	Water Quality
2011	Dan & Pamela Boettcher and Matt & Rebekah Fendry	---	Marlo Orth	Marlo Orth, Fred Poss and Rod Zika
2012	Jim and Ben Books	---	Gary Osborne and Mahlon Peterson	Bush Brothers & Co.
2013	the Anderson Family	---	---	Mayo Clinic Health Systems
2014	James Hampton	---	John Staszczuk and Mike Torud	Rod Zika
2015	Scott & Angela Graff	---	Bears Grass Diary and Dave Carlson	Steve Maciosek
2016	Vic & Mary Price	---	Fred Poss	Dan Zerr
2017	Steve & Leslie Strey	---	Bruce Willett	Mark Zuber
2018	Dan & Dawn Von Haden	Robert Paddock	Christine Yellowthunder and Patrick "Buzz" Sorge	Chris Straight
2019	---	---	---	---
2020	Doug Graff		Doug Burrows and Mark Hagedorn	Mike Lea-Lake Eau Claire Lake Prot. District Lori Bechtel-Lake Eau Claire Association
2021	Derrick & Miranda & Doug Nelson		Bill & Pat Henke	Robin Walsh
2022	Gordon Waller		Greg Leonard & Wildlands School	Michele Skinner
2023	Larry Heath	Karen & Marty Voss		Joe Kirst
2024				

\*\* LCC decided to change the Forestry Award to Forestry/Habitat in 2022. First award for this category will be in 2023

## Chad Berge

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**From:** Matt Krueger <matt@wisconsinlandwater.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:00 AM  
**To:** lcd-staff@wisconsinlandwater.org; lcc-supervisors@wisconsinlandwater.org  
**Cc:** staff; bod@wisconsinlandwater.org  
**Subject:** State Land and Water Conservation Board Elections

**WARNING!! This email originated outside Eau Claire County. Do not click any links or attachments unless you know the sender.**

Greetings Conservationists,

As discussed at some of your area association meetings this summer, WI Land+Water is conducting state Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) elections this fall, as opposed to March (this is happening mainly due to the timelines of our LWCB elections not aligning well with the actual term they serve). Next month, you will see the 2024 Election Policy (once approved by the board) that will explain the steps, but I wanted to provide some info ahead of that so LCC members considering running for a LWCB seat can plan accordingly, likewise area coordinators.

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- WI Land+Water's member counties will elect three LWCB reps to serve a two-year term that begins January 2025.
- Each area association is encouraged to nominate a candidate to the LWCB. The candidate's name and a one-page biography will be due to Kelli Myers ([kelli@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:kelli@wisconsinlandwater.org)) by noon on Monday, September 30, 2024. Area associations should consider meeting ahead of this to nominate a candidate (or modifying a summer tour to accommodate a brief business session to nominate a candidate).
- Candidates will be contacted the week of September 30 to schedule a Zoom meeting that will occur the week of October 7, where WI Land+Water staff will assist candidates in recording their [up to five minute] address to membership stating their qualifications for the LWCB. Candidates will be provided questions to answer in their address prior to the week of October 7.
- Information on voting (one vote per county) will be shared during the October 17-18, 2024 County Conservation Meeting in Stevens Point, and more broadly with our LCC and LCD listservs.
- Ballots and key information, including how and where to view the candidates' recordings, will be sent to each County Conservationist (or appropriate staff as previously determined) the week of October 21. An email will also be sent to the LCC and LCD listservs so all WI Land+Water members can view the recordings at their convenience. Voting will end at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 29, 2024.
- Winning LWCB candidates will be announced in December.

If you are interested in learning more about the LWCB, and the key role WI Land+Water LCC reps play on it, [click here for an informative, ten-minute video from LWCB Chair Mark Cupp](#).