



**Walworth County  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Walworth County Government Center  
County Board Room 114  
Elkhorn, WI 53121**

Land Use and Resource  
Management Department

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***Nancy Russell – Chair    Charlene Staples - Vice Chair    Daniel Kilkenny - Supervisor  
William Leedle – USDA/FSA Representative    Rosemary Badame – Citizen Member***

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***(Posted in Compliance with Sec. 19.84 Wis. Stats.)***

***It is possible that a quorum of the County Board or a committee of the County Board could be in attendance.***

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the Agenda Pg. 1
4. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2014 LCC Meeting Pg 2-3
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion/Possible Action –WI Land+Water Annual meeting – Michael Cotter Pg. 4-5
7. Discussion/Possible Action –2015 WI Land+Water Dues – Michael Cotter Pg. 6-8
8. Discussion/Possible Action – Discussion/Possible Action – Farmland Preservation Non Compliance Recipients (Dale Wendorf, Rodney D Wuttke/Lora A Wuttke, Lorraine Schildt Lane Trust) – Brian Smetana
9. Next meeting date: Monday, February 16, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

**Submitted by: Michael P. Cotter, Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department,**

Posted: January 14, 2015

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**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
November 17, 2014 Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114  
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Russell at 2:07 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Chair Nancy Russell, Vice Chair Charlene Staples, Supervisor Dan Kilkenny, Citizen Member Rosemary Badame and USDA/FSA Representative William Leedle. A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance:**

County Staff: Louise Olson, Deputy Director, Land Use and Resource Management (LURM); Fay Amerson, Urban Conservation Specialist; Michael Cotter, Deputy Corporation Counsel/Director of LURM; David Bretl, County Administrator

Members of the public: Merilee Holst, Geneva Lake Conservancy

**On motion by Vice Chair Staples and second by Citizen Member Badame, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals. 5-0**

**On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny and second by Citizen Member Badame, the October 20, 2014 minutes were approved by voice vote.**

**Public Comment** – None.

**New Business**

- Discussion/Possible Action – Resolution authorizing signatory for Walworth County Land Conservation Division

Director of LURM Michael Cotter reported that Louise Olson will retire in January after many years of dedicated service. Cotter expressed his gratitude for all Ms. Olson has done for the County. One of her many duties as County Conservationist was being the authorized signatory for grants and all other associated documents necessary in grant administration on behalf of the County and the Land Use and Resource Management Department. Cotter said the draft resolution in the packet authorizes the Director of LURM and Deputy Director of LURM to sign those documents. In the absence of the Director or Deputy Director, the Chairperson of the Land Conservation Committee would have authority to sign.

**Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion to approve the Resolution supporting a change to the “Authorized Representative” signatory for the Administration of Grant Programs on behalf of the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Staples and carried 5-0.** Chair Russell thanked Ms. Olson and invited her to attend the December County Board of Supervisors meeting, as the Board will be honoring retiring managers and department heads.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Wisconsin Water Star Program – Fay Amerson  
Urban Conservation Specialist Fay Amerson reported that the Water Star program was launched in Wisconsin approximately eight years ago. The program’s purpose is to recognize communities for their outstanding efforts in protecting water resources. Amerson completed the lengthy application process to register the County, which addressed surface waters, ground water, recreation and education. She interviewed officials at the Walworth County Public Works and Public Health Departments, University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service, the Geneva Lakes Environmental Agency and Mukwonago River Partnership to obtain information on their activities to protect and improve water resources. The

documentation of the efforts, programs and actions conducted by each of these entities earned Walworth County the designation of Silver Water Star Community. There are 27 communities in Wisconsin who are Water Star communities, and Dane and Waukesha are the only other counties to receive the designation.

Amerson reported that during the application process she learned that there is much that can be implemented to improve water resources, such as installing culverts allowing fish passage and water conservation fixtures in buildings. The County received a great number of points for our nutrient management and invasive species programs. Amerson said that the designation will assist the County in future grant applications and will help launch education programs. **Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, seconded by Citizen Member Badame, to accept the Silver Water Star Community award. The motion carried 5-0.** The award will be presented at the December County Board meeting, and Chair Russell asked if Ms. Amerson could provide a brief summary to the Board explaining the criteria for the award and the effort put into the application.

**Next Meeting** – Tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014; 2:00 p.m. Mr. Cotter will notify the Committee if there is no need for a December meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion by Vice Chair Staples and second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.**

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Submitted by Becky Bechtel, Administrative Clerk. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.



## Mark your calendars:

### 2015 WI Land+Water Annual Conference

March 9-11, 2015

Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton

Each March, WI Land+Water holds an annual conference to provide valuable networking opportunities, forums to discuss programs, practices, and new ideas with colleagues, a chance to build technical knowledge, and space to be re-inspired by the passion for conservation across the state. The conference provides dozens of valuable, up-to-date professional improvement breakout sessions and training for county staff and supervisors, agency partners, and any conservation professionals across the state. The content of these sessions varies depending on statewide input and current issues, and typically range for agricultural management, wildlife habitat restoration, and urban stormwater practices. The sessions provide Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) and Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for technical staff to maintain current licenses and knowledge of best practices in the field.

## Registration

Online registration for all conference attendees will be available in December 2014. Stay tuned!

## Content

Our annual business meeting is held the last morning of the conference. This meeting includes updates from the WI Land+Water Board of Directors, committee chairs, a forum for discussion, and voting on resolutions or other issues.

Other events occurring at the conference include the following:

- Keynote speakers
- Statewide Youth Conservation Poster & Speaking Contests, with winning speeches presented during the opening luncheon
- Awards banquet with presentations of the WI Land+Water Conservation Award winners
- Area Association meetings
- Social Hour
- Silent Auction to benefit Youth Education programs
- Raffle to benefit LCC & LCD training scholarships

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## Events

**DEC 10**  
WI Land+Water BOD Meeting

**DEC 12**  
Technical Committee Meeting

**JAN 9**  
Northwestern Area Association meeting

**JAN 29**  
Executive Committee Meeting

**FEB 11**  
Legislative/Administrative Committee Meeting

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ABOUT PROGRAMS TRAINING MEMBER RESOURCES

EVENTS CONTACT



WI Land+Water will be offering sponsorship opportunities for the 2015 annual conference to help support its high-quality training efforts and networking opportunities. Sponsor benefits include promotional opportunities, registration discounts, and options for distributing materials. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2015 conference, contact Jim VandenBrook at [jim@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:jim@wisconsinlandwater.org).

## Raffle & Silent Auction

Have a great item to donate? Download the [annual bid sheets](#), [sample thank-you letter](#), and [Why Donate info sheet](#) to get started. Proceeds from the silent auction benefits youth education programs such as the Conservation Awareness Poster and Speaking Contest, Wisconsin Envirothon and two youth conservation camps, Sand Lake Conservation Camp and the Wisconsin Land+Water Youth Conservation Camp.

Raffle tickets are now available! Sales continue until the drawing at the close of the conference, Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Tickets are bundled in packets of 40... 10 packs of 4 tickets. Tickets are \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. If you are still in need of raffle tickets, contact [Patty Benedict](#) and she will try to arrange for someone attending the meeting to get the tickets to you. NOTE: Raffle regulations prohibit mailing raffle tickets, stubs, or money. All raffle proceeds benefit the WI Land+Water Scholarship Program. You need not be present at the conference to win.

## Volunteers

Like most events, this conference could not happen without the support of the numerous staff and volunteers to help run a smooth event. Many volunteer positions are available including session moderators, A/V set up, raffle ticket sellers, and general set up. Contact Kim Warkentin at [kim@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:kim@wisconsinlandwater.org) if you are able to volunteer.

## 2014 Annual Conference

Our 61st annual conference was held March 10-12, 2014 in Appleton. Visit the [2014 Conference](#) page for a list of session descriptions and powerpoints if available.

### PAST CONFERENCE AGENDAS:

- [2014](#)

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Thursday, December 18, 2014

WALWORTH COUNTY LCC  
SUPERVISOR NANCY RUSSELL  
1720 FAIRVIEW DRIVE  
LAKE GENEVA, WI 53115

Dear Supervisor Russell,

Please consider your 2015 membership in the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water). We appreciate your support and will continue to serve and represent you and your department by providing the highest level of service. We have attached an invoice indicating this year's dues for 2015 membership. Keeping our membership of County Land and Water Conservation offices together will be very important in the upcoming biennial budget. Cuts to county land conservation staffing grants are proposed by DATCP and we will need a unified voice to advocate successfully for the restoration of those funds in 2015, just as we did in the last biennial budget.

We at WI Land+Water are proud of our accomplishments in 2014. Here are some of them:

- The restoration of county staff funding in the Governor's budget remains one of the few conservation victories in the 2013-15 Biennial Budget. On average, each Wisconsin county will receive an average of \$12,500 in *additional* staff funding in 2015 due to that restoration of funds. This was the primary mission of WI Land+Water in 2013 and 2014 and we delivered. We will have to do this again in 2015.
- WI Land+Water testified successfully for increased funding for counties from municipal waste treatment facilities to work directly with farmers and other landowners.
- We have reinvigorated the State Interagency Training Committee and counties will continue to see expanded training offerings to improve professional development in 2015.
- The WI Land+Water Outreach Committee coordinated articles in the August 2014 issue of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine featuring county land conservation success stories.
- WI Land+Water testified successfully in opposition to a Senate Bill which would have severely limited local control over the operation of industrial sand mining and reclamation.
- The Standards Oversight Council, which WI Land+Water coordinates, has continued work on many conservation standards but highlights include significant progress on the Nutrient Management Standard (590) and completion of the Pervious Pavement Standard for stormwater management. Both projects are complicated, controversial, but important standards to improve water quality.

2014 saw the establishment of the Great Lakes Committee and the Mississippi River Basin Committee will be formed in 2015. From our budget and legislative successes it is clear that WI Land+Water is stronger and more effective as merged organization. In 2015, it will be even more important to keep our membership together as we lobby for the restoration of county staff funding. With your dues payment you ensure that WI Land+Water can continue get you the resources you need to implement your Land and Water Resource Management plan.

As your advocate on state and federal issues, we are working hard to promote the LCCs and LCDs as the primary local delivery mechanism to bring conservation practices to Wisconsin counties. Thank you, again, for your support. Please feel free to contact us with questions or if there is something we can do to make WI Land+Water a more valuable association to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. VandenBrook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director

# Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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<b>TO:</b>
Walworth County LCC Supervisor Nancy Russell 1720 Fairview Drive Lake Geneva, WI 53115

## Invoice

Please remit total amount due to the letterhead address. If your records differ from ours, please call Kim Warkentin at (608) 441-2677 immediately.

	INVOICE NO.	DATE	TERMS	
	1565	12/18/2014	Due in 2015*	
	Tax ID # 39-1448749			
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
County Dues	2015 WI Land+Water Dues	N/A	N/A	\$2095.95
Envirothon	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include <b>\$50 dues</b> (or more) for Wisconsin Envirothon.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
SOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include <b>\$350 dues</b> (or more) for the Standards Oversight Council.	N/A	N/A	\$ <u>350<sup>00</sup></u>
		<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ <u>2445<sup>95</sup></u>
Make check payable to: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.				
Thank you for your support!				

JCO  
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**\*Pay on or before March 6, 2015 at 10:30am to ensure your county gets a vote at the annual business meeting.**

cc: Louise Olson, County Conservationist  
 Sheril Oldenburg, Administrative Assistant

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