

Wisconsin Wetland Study Council (WSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 10, 2022 | 10:00am – noon | Zoom

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	WSC Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tracy Hames- Dan Helsel- Paul Kent- Tim Andryk- Matt Howard- Karen Gefvert- Stacy Jepson- Carol McCoy Other participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tom Pearce- Jennifer Western Hauser- Josh Brown- Allison Willman- Luke Roffler- Ryan Pappas
Public Comment	No public comments received
Agenda Approval	Decision: Agenda approved
Board Minutes Approval	Decision: Minutes approved with two changes
Reminder – open records and ethics trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Two trainings required for Council members by 11/30</i>
Bill Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council review and support role for bills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Council members to provide technical input and may provide overall support for a bill through approved motions.○ See draft NR 350 approval motion from May 2021 as an example.• ILF Public Access<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proposed language allows for three different scenarios – public access may not be allowed, it may be allowed with restrictions, or it may be allowed fully with no restrictions○ Motion carries that the proposal is in line with the Council recommendation in May 2022○ DNR ILF Program staff agree with the changes.

	<p>Decision: Council members approved motion that the proposed bill language meets Councils' recommendation and Council provides overall support for its passage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assured Delineator Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Several bill drafts have been reviewed in past year by DNR staff and Council members. ○ Discussion of fee adjustments, including a potential emergency rule to set initial delineator application fee. ○ Suggestion to point to USACE delineation manual and joint guidance for growing season definition. ○ Suggestion to include a statement regarding higher education qualification requirements in the delineator application. <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further review of bill language and final draft review at January 5th WSC meeting.
<p>General Permit Efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP1 – wetland fill for res/com/ind development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed update to single and complete project eligibility requirement: note for treatment of subdivisions up to 10,000 sq. ft. that better matches USACE Nationwide Permit 27 requirements ○ Proposed change to stormwater facilities language to allow flexibility for some features that may not impact wetland or have minimal wetland impact ○ Insertion of condition that the permit does not cover proposed impacts under the ordinary high water mark • GP-1 surcharge fee proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fees are currently set at \$200 for impacts up to 0.10 acre and \$300 for impacts from 0.10-0.23 acre. ○ Fees are to be used for wetland restoration and creation per statute ○ GP surcharge wetland restoration program stats: \$224,000 in funding has been used for 11 restoration projects, and these funds have leveraged an additional \$388,000 in match funds, covering 165 acres at \$1,600 per acre ○ DNR proposing to evaluate the GP1 surcharge fee every 5 years when GP1 is reissued. ○ CPI inflation since 2012 for construction and professional services has increased by 42%, new

	<p>fees may be updated according this inflation rate, which would be \$285 and \$425.</p> <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR send draft general permits when ready for Council review, ahead of public notice. Probably in early December.
<p>Integrated Watershed Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are interviewing veteran DNR staff from various water programs to develop guidance for projects that are intended to address water quality but may be facing permitting challenges. Committee will come back with a synthesis to share with the several programs and plans to develop recommendations with Council input. <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional DNR staff interviews
<p>Future business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting, 1/5/23, 9:00 – 11:00 am. Council agreed to set 2023 meetings for first Thurs of odd months, 9:00 – 11:00 am.