

Wisconsin Wetland Study Council (WSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 9th, 2023 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Teams and in-person

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	WSC Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tracy Hames- Tim Andryk- Stacy Jepson- Paul Kent- Jennifer Schmitz Other participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tom Nedland- Tom Pearce- Jenny Western Hauser
Public Comment	None
Agenda Approval	Decision: Agenda approved
Board Minutes Approval	Decision: Minutes approved
Council Membership Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Schmitz appointed to represent statewide agricultural interests.• Noted that Matt Howard has resigned from the Council.
Integrated Watershed Committee Pilot Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura Bub of DNR Storm Water Program shared staff experiences working through the Pheasant Branch Creek project in City of Middleton, Dane County.• City provided a 30% to the DNR, which is unusual, and it allowed more holistic project review and up front flexibility.• DNR staff from multiple programs heard about preliminary project design and provided input early on, leading to a better final design.• The wetlands in this project were determined to be artificial, which did streamline the process.•
General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assured Delineator bill<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Made it through the standing committees.• ILF Access bill<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Request out for an Assembly floor vote in the next session.• WSC Annual Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Completed and sent to the Legislature Standing Committees and Governor’s Office.• Wetland General Permit Reissuances

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public hearing later today and public comment period open until 11/22 for reissuances without any major eligibility changes for wetland conservation activities, wetland recreational development, and agricultural water quality improvement activity general permits. ● Hydrologic Restoration General Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft permit ready for public notice and comment. Plan on a public hearing in January and comment period open from late December to early February.
DNR Wetland Exemption Overview Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DNR shared outline of wetland exemption report items, explained content that will be added. ● Committee of Tim, Carol, Allison, and Tom N. will meet and make additions prior to the January meeting.
Open Records and Ethics Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council members took and completed two trainings required for all Wisconsin appointed councils and commissions.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
Future business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting – January 8, 2024 at 10:00 am.