

Wetland Study Council Meeting
January 21, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 am
Held Online via Zoom

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	WSC Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Andryk - Tracy Hames - Mandy Minks - Carol McCoy - Tom Larson - Matt Howard - Paul Kent - Karen Gefvert - Stacy Jepson Other participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom Pearce - Mike Thompson - James Brodzeller - Jennifer Western Hauser - Toni Herkert - Kara Brooks
Public Comment	No public comments received
Review and approval of Agenda	Decision: Agenda approved
Approval of Board Minutes	Decision: Minutes approved
NR 350 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitation for Economic Impact Analysis comments open until 1/28 • After that, public comment period in March-April
Wetlands Data Dashboard Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashboard mockup presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Design 1 –captures 80% of the 17 metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permits withdrawn an important stat ○ Design 2 – addition of a table showing the outcomes of practicable alternatives analysis ○ Design 3 – addition of pie charts for permits approved v. denied ○ Discussion on best amount of data, possible messaging around permit timelines <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up meeting with DNR IT, fill data in on the mockups for Council review • Discuss pros and cons on one-page v. two-page dashboard
Mitigation Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met on 1/14/21, overview of biennial mitigation report to legislature • NR 350 discussion, Council to weigh in on recommendations

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring barriers for banking and ILF program <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting mitigation bank sponsors to a meeting on 3/4 • DNR recommends the Committee speak to USACE
<p>Wetland Identification and Delineation Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Identification and Wetland Confirmation overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Located in s. 23.321 Wis. Stats. ○ <i>Identification</i> – less than 5 acres, general wetland presence ○ <i>Confirmation</i> – no size threshold, exact boundary confirmation ○ <i>Assured Delineators</i> –35 people, annual application process, annual audits, DNR can confirm delineations with no field visit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Benefits</i> – fills the gap of DNR staff to meet demand, speeds up permit timelines, great technical info for project managers ▪ <i>Challenges</i> – staff time is limited to administer a growing program, lack of statutory authority for compliance ▪ <i>Trend</i> – DNR confirmations declining, assured delineations rising ▪ <i>Tensions</i> – one annual application window, experience needed to apply, DNR limited capacity for training ▪ <i>Needs</i> – statutory authority to operate and expand the program, additional advanced training opportunities <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandy and Stacy to draft a legal proposal for Council to review
<p>Integrated Watershed Management Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of wetland and storm water statutes and rules • NR 103 wetland functional values serve as foundation for DNR site assessment for permit applications • Current stormwater policy – avoidance of using waters of the state for stormwater management • DNR wetland monitoring team studies for water quality function • Effort underway with MN to update the wetland rapid assessment method (WRAM) • Questions: wetlands for flood storage and stormwater management, stormwater ponds for wetland enhancement or situated in wetlands <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further opportunity analysis

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Future Business	Next meeting 3/18/21, 9:00 – 11:00 am
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