



## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Agriculture & Extension and Land Conservation Committee/Solid Waste Committee  
**Date:** Monday, April 10, 2023  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building, 840 Clermont Street

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Krueger.
2. Conduct Roll Call.
3. Please silence all cell phones
4. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AG & EXTENSION AND LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	Status
Ronald Krueger Sr	Chair	Present
Rick Bina	Member	Present
James Schulz	Member	Absent
Doug Curler	Member	Present
Sally Mulhollon	Member	Present
Dave Wilson	FSA Representative/Member	Absent

### Non- Committee Members Present

Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Chris Arrowood	LCD Conservationist	Tierany Rugg	Associate Area Extension Director
Jason Hilger	County Administrator	Abrielle Tiffany	4-H Educator
Beth Meyer	FoodWise Nutrition Educator	Scott Reuss	Ag Educator
Becky Rank	Dep. County Clerk, Recording Sec.	Niles Franc	Ag Research Station

5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of February 13, 2023.** Motion by Curler, second by Mulhollon to approve the previous meeting minutes of February 13, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.** None

### Ag & Extension

7. **Program Updates: FoodWise Program, 4-H Program, Agriculture Program, Office Program Assistant, Agriculture Research Station:** Committee members received a written report in their packets for review. FoodWise Educator Beth Meyer gave the Committee an update on the FoodWise Program. Meyer stated she is finishing up in the local elementary schools and will be a teaching series of lessons at the Antigo Area Food Pantry, Langlade County Boys and Girls Club, Antigo Housing Authority and garden planning and preparation with Adult Day Services.

4-H Educator Abrielle Tiffany updated the Committee on the 4-H Program. Tiffany stated she is working with enrollments and programing. Tiffany stated she participated/led a Winter Family Fun day at the Antigo School Forest, a spice packing workshop for the Antigo Food Pantry, creating counselor trainings for summer youth camp and adult counselors. Tiffany stated 4-H has partnered with Antigo EMS to provide CPR and first aid certification for camp staff. Information only.

Agriculture Educator Scott Reuss updated the Committee on local crops and soils programming efforts. Reuss stated there have been two pesticide Applicator Trainings, one in person and one by Zoom.

Fertilizer Decision-Making workshop was held at the Extension Office. Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training was held by Land Conservation, Dan Marzu (NPM) and Andrea Topper (DATCP) with Reuss assisting. Information only.

Office Program Assistant Stephanie Loderbauer updated the Committee stating she is working with 4-H and Agriculture programming and training sessions. Loderbauer stated she is working with Tiffany on the 4-H summer schedule of events. Information only.

Manager of the Agriculture Research Station Niles Franc updated the Committee on the Research Station activities. Franc stated he is working with Human Resources on the hiring of an Assistant Research Station Manager. organizing 2023 research plots including variety sourcing/seed orders, plot area and treatments. Antigo Field Day will be Thursday, July 6, 2023, open to the public, with a tour of the research plots and presentations by researchers, which is followed by a lunch/refreshment provided by FS. Information only.

8. **March Budget/Expense Summary for Ag & Extension:** Loderbauer will email the Committee a copy of the March Budget. Loderbauer stated the budget is in good shape, working with County Administrator on adjustments to some line items. Information only.
9. **Update on youth in governance programming (4-H):** Tiffany stated she has reached out to local area teachers and have not gotten any response. Tiffany is working with a State Group on involvement and will bring more information to the Committee when available.
10. **Area Extension Director updates:** Associate Area Extension Director Tierany Rugg updated the Committee on activities. Rugg stated the UW System has a new UW Chancellor, Jennifer Mnookin. Rugg stated at the last meeting the Committee participated in a stakeholder questionnaire, Assistant Dean Jason Hausler may contact the Committee to discuss the answers given to the questionnaire. Information only.

Land Conservation

11. **Discuss & Approve 2024 SWRM Grant Application Update:** LCD Conservationist Chris Arrowood presented the Committee with an updated 2024 SEG Innovation Grant Application. Arrowood stated in 2023 Langlade County was awarded \$50,000 for the Innovation Grant. At that time, Land Conservation noted that we didn't have enough staff resources to implement that large of a project with all of the Farmland Preservation Agreement Applications needing large amounts of time to process. Arrowood asked the Committee to approve updated the 2024 SEG Innovation Grant to include the extra funds to cover an FTE that would be dedicated to implementation of projects. The anticipated outcomes of the funding would be to process 25 new Farmland Preservation Agreements, 1,000 acres with SEG; NMP Cost-Share Agreements and 5 new enrollments in Farmland Preservation Program. Motion by Bina, second by Mulhollon to approve the 2024 SWRM Grant Application. All ayes, motion carried.
12. **Discuss & Approve County Conservation Funding Resolution:** Arrowood presented the Committee with a draft Conservation Funding Resolution. Arrowood would like Langlade County Supervisors to support and urge the Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to provide \$18.7 million in stable, base funding for county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the State's core funding goal and in recognition that County LWCD professionals are among the best and most cost-effective solutions we have to improving water quality, achieving clean and safe drinking water, and supporting a viable agricultural industry at the same time. Motion by Curler, second by Mulhollon to approve resolution #10-2023, To Provide \$18.7 million in Stable, Core Funding Support for County Conservation Department Staffing, forwarding onto the full County Board. All ayes, motion carried.
13. **Discuss & Approve Farmland Preservation Resolution:** Arrowood presented the Committee with a draft Resolution to Modernize and Improve the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. Arrowood would like Langlade County Supervisors to support and urge the Wisconsin Legislature to pass legislation to modernize and improve Farmland Preservation Program to increase the allowable tax credits; amend the program eligibility to allow landowners who have Agricultural Conservation Easements the ability to participate in the FPP, if they meet the financial and conservation criteria; establish a new tax credit level

for Agricultural Conservation Easements: increase the frequency of review of the Farmland Preservation Program allowable tax credits to assure they are meeting the basic costs associated with program participation; and expand eligibility of the FPP planning grant funds to support program implementation to be utilized by counties, local municipalities, planning commissions, and tribal governments for their FPP implementation efforts. Motion by Mulhollon, second by Curler to approve Resolution #11-2023 to Modernize and Improve the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program, forwarding onto the full County Board. All ayes, motion carried.

- 14. Discuss & Approve Farmland Preservation Planning Grant Application:** Arrowood presented the Committee with a copy of the Farmland Preservation Planning Grant Application. Arrowood stated Langlade County's existing certified Farmland Preservation Plan was adopted in 2014. Our combined Comprehensive Zoning and Farmland Preservation Plan was adopted in 2019. Due to time constraints, the County did not address the Farmland Preservation Maps at that time. It is Langlade County's goal to have a fully updated and certified Farmland Preservation Plan with any required text and mapping updates by 2024. It is Langlade County's plan that future updates to our combined Comprehensive Zoning and Farmland Preservation Plan will be done simultaneously. Motion by Bina, second by Curler to approve the Farmland Preservation Planning Grant Application. All ayes, motion carried.
- 15. Partner Update:** Arrowood updated the Committee on Timber Land Invasive Species and FLOW AIS/Lumberjack RC&D. Arrowood stated TIP is working on acquiring a grant to write a countywide Invasive Species Management Plan for Langlade County. Arrowood stated he is working with FLOW AIS/Lumberjack RC&D to get financial support for the Shoreland Specialist position. Information only.
- 16. Budget Update:** Arrowood presented the Committee on the Land Conservation Department Budget. Committee reviewed with no concerns.
- 17. Department Update:** Arrowood presented the Committee with a written Land Conservation Department update. Arrowood updated the Committee on the Shoreland Preservation Position. Arrowood stated he is working with County Administrator Hilger, applying for additional grants and working with FLOW AIS/Lumberjack RC&D to get financial support for the Shoreland Specialist position through the 2023 year. Arrowood stated they are also looking and preparing for retirements and turnover in the Land Records Department. Information only.
- 18. Update or Report on Activities/Grants from County Administrator:** County Administrator Hilger stated it has been a busy month, he enjoys working with the Ag & Extension and Land Conservation Departments. Hilger stated the Land Conservation Department maintains a good level of work within the Department, along with working with the applications for grants.
- 19. Next meeting date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.
- 20. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Curler, second by Mulhollon to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:  
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