

Iron County Land & Water Conservation/Recycling Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2025
5:00 pm
Forestry & Hwy Board Room

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Haeger @ 5:00 pm.

Role Call – Present: Roy Haeger, William Thomas, Pat Hanson, Paul Mullard, Rayona Suelflow, Lori Prenderville, Heather Palmquist

Absent: Karl Krall, Dale Wehmas (Citizen Rep)

2. Verify the meeting was properly posted. – It was.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Committee Reorganization – Palmquist explained that Chairman Youngs approached her to combine the Recycling and LCC meetings as one committee. Lori Prenderville and Palmquist met to make sure the agenda would fit the needs of both programs. There is some question on per diems that needs to be flushed out, so as of now, Mullard and Hanson will fill out Recycling per diems, and all LCC members will fill out LCC per diems. There was question on whether the committee needs to restructure with chair/vice chair to have one. Palmquist will get clarification from Chairman Youngs, but for this meeting, Chair Hanson will conduct the recycle portion of the meeting, and Chair Haeger will conduct the LCC portion of the meeting. All members will be taking action on both programs, as this is one committee overseeing both programs.

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5. Approve Recycling Bills and Financial Report – Committee had the financial report in their packets. Prenderville asked if there was any questions. **Motion to approve the recycling bills and financial report made by: Haeger/Mullard; MC.**

6. Approve Recycling April 16 Minutes- Motion to approve Recycling April 16 minutes made by Mullard/Haeger; MC.

7. Electronics Collection – July 12- Prenderville created a poster which was included in the committee packets. She explained this is a FREE collection for electronics with a location in Hurley and one in Mercer. She encouraged committee to help spread the word.

8. WM Update - None

9. Attendant Update – None

LWCD

- 10. Minutes** – LCC minutes were included in meeting packets. **Motion to approve the LCC meeting minutes made by Thomas/Hanson; MC.**
- 11. Conservation Specialist** – Palmquist introduced Rayona Suelflow, Conservation Specialist. Suelflow started at the end of February. Suelflow went over her staff report to the committee, explaining what she has been working on.
- 12. Ag Tech Position** – Palmquist provided an update on AG Tech position held by Matt Bolen. Bolen took a different position, so the position is currently vacant. Ashland County has posted the position and will be rehiring soon.
- 13. DATCP Contract Approval** – Palmquist shared the 2025-2029 DATCP contract with the committee. This contract is between Iron County and DATCP and is the agreement for funding. The contract is done every 5 years. **Motion to approve and sign the DATCP Contract made by Hanson/Thomas; MC.**
- 14. State Budget Advocacy** – Palmquist provided a presentation on the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget efforts being made by WI Land+Water Conservation Association. She explained how the funding from the state has not kept up with the need. Palmquist presented the committee with a resolution being passed by many counties to show the support of county boards to fund Land Conservation Staff. **Motion to forward the resolution, Support For Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.2 Million made by Thomas/Hanson; MC.**
- 15. 2024 Accomplishment Report** – Palmquist passed out the 2024 LWCD Accomplishment report to the committee and went through the report highlighting programming for the year. **Motion to forward the 2024 LWCD Accomplishment report to the county board made by Thomas/Mullard; MC.**
- 16. Approve LWCD Bills** – Palmquist handed out the April printouts for committee to review, approve, and sign. She also had the detailed LWCD Excel Spreadsheet up on the screen for detailed information. Discussion was had. **Motion to approve the LWCD bills made by: Thomas/Hanson; MC.**
- 17. Next meeting date** – TBD.
- 18. Adjourn-** Haeger **adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.**