

Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Committee Agenda
“Working Together to Protect and Enhance the Environment”

Jefferson County Courthouse ~ 311 S Center Ave, County Board Room - C2063 ~ Jefferson, WI 53549

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 8:30am

Microsoft Teams Meeting:

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Committee Members: Meg Turville-Heitz (Chair), Matt Foelker (Vice-Chair) (UW), Margaret Burlingham (PACE), Walt Christensen, Elizabeth Hafften (UW), Scott Schultz (Ag), and Gary Skalitzky

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Approval of the May 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
7. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report
8. Discussion on Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
9. Discussion on Departmental Updates
10. Discussion on Southern Area Association Meeting
11. Discussion on Manure Complaint Report
12. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders and Rock River Regenerative Graziers
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications and Baseline Documentation
16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report
17. Discussion Items for the Next Agenda
 - Next Scheduled Meeting July 15, 2026 at 8:30am in Room C2063
18. Adjournment

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodation for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at (920) 674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land and Water Conservation Committee Minutes

May 20, 2026

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Patricia Cicero at 8:30am. Margaret Burlingham (PACE), Walt Christensen, Matt Foelker (UW), Elizabeth Hafften (UW) (@8:35), Scott Schultz (Ag), Gary Skalitzky, and Meg Turville-Heitz were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; and Zach Thayer, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

- Others in Attendance: Anita Martin; via Teams: James Kuckkan, Watertown Daily Times; Sue Marx; Michael.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of the Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Introductions:

Cicero introduced herself to the Committee, then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

6. Election of Officers - Chair and Vice-Chair:

Chairperson: Foelker nominated Turville-Heitz to serve as Chairperson, Turville-Heitz accepted. No other nominations for Chairperson were made. Turville-Heitz was elected Chairperson 5/0.

Vice-Chairperson: Christensen nominated Foelker to serve as Vice-Chairperson, Foelker accepted. No other nominations for Vice-Chairperson were made. Foelker was elected Vice-Chairperson 5/0.

7. Approval of the March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Burlingham made a motion to approve the March 18, 2026 meeting minutes as written, Schultz seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

8. Public Comment:

Anita Martin gave public comment on the March 18, 2026 meeting minutes.

9. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report.
- Land and Water Conservation Committee Training.

10. Discussion on Land and Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) and Department Overview:

Cicero gave an LWCC and LWCD overview on: Land and Water Conservation Department and Committee Authority, Duties, and Personnel; Jefferson County Land and Water Resources Management Plan; LWCD Annual Report; LWCC Member Resources; and answered committee questions.

11. Discussion on Committee Representation on the Southern Area Association:

Turville-Heitz discussed the Southern Area Association and the importance of representation. Turville-Heitz offered to continue being Jefferson County's LWCC representative and Christensen volunteered to be the alternate.

12. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Thayer discussed NRCS programs: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The deadline for new signups, including designs, is 9/15/2026.

13. Discussion on Departmental Updates:
LWCD staff completed collecting water samples of wells near the avian influenza composting site in collaboration with the Health Department. Cicero and Joe Strupp met with UW Extension and Economic Development staff to discuss having an information gathering session on the economic development needs of agriculture businesses in Jefferson County. Colton Hutchinson and Dave Hoffman met with a new group working on Whitewater Creek and offered their expertise. Hutchinson conducted stream monitoring training with the Rock River Coalition. LWCD and Zoning held a Shoreland Contractors Workshop to educate contractors on local, State, and County shoreland laws and best practices in shoreland areas. Hutchinson attended the annual lakes and rivers conference. Cicero and Maureen McBroom gave a presentation on the Watertown Waterways Improvement Program (WWIP). Cicero and McBroom gave a WWIP presentation to Rock River Stormwater Group. Hoffman and DATCP staff conducted Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) monitoring. Hutchinson and Hoffman attended a wetlands and waterways workshop. Sam Peterson attended the Wisconsin Grazing Academy and gained knowledge about grazing systems and practices. Cicero attended Strategic Plan Implementation team meetings: Highly Regarded Quality of Life and Transformative Government. Hutchinson conducted a curly leaf pondweed survey on Rock Lake. Cicero and Strupp conducted a site visit where the landowner experienced erosion from a significant storm to offer expert advice.
14. Discussion on Avian Influenza Updates:
LWCD staff helped the Health Department with well-water sampling at private wells near the compost site.
15. Discussion on 2025-2026 Annual Tree and Shrub Sale:
5,290 trees and shrubs were sold and 1 bundle was donated to the Parks Department.
16. Discussion on Fourth Grade Farm Tour:
The Fourth Grade Farm Tour was hosted by Kutz Dairy. LWCC members Burlingham, Christensen, Schultz, and Turville-Heitz attended along with Dave Hoffman and Colton Hutchison from LWCD. The attendees put on the "Apple as the Earth" demonstration and presented the groundwater flow model. With the help of two Jefferson Future Farmers of America (FFA) students, everything went very well. Christensen asked Cicero to send a letter on behalf of the LWCC to the Jefferson FFA teacher complementing the two students that worked at the LWCD booth. The kids were excellent and we'd love to have them help again next year.
17. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders (JCSB) and Rock River Regenerative Graziers (R3G): Cicero informed the committee about the JCSB field day in Milford "Planting Green" May 28, 2026. Schultz informed the committee about a grazing workshop May 29, 2026 with Joel Salatin at Brattset Family Farm, and "Breakfast with the Birds" a guided bird watching and breakfast event hosted at Brattset Family Farm May 30, 2026. Schultz spoke about the possibility of a grazing workshop once a month due to interest in the current workshops.
18. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Daniel and Gwynn Novak Trust, Barbara Porter-Quam Trust
Foelker made a motion to accept the notices, Skalitzky seconded. Motion passed 7/0.
19. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:
There were no cancellations.
20. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications and Baseline Documentation: Cicero informed the committee that Rollefson's lawyer contacted NRCS legal counsel regarding the easement and deed. They have yet to hear back. NRCS canceled the Rollefson easement application.

21. Review of the Monthly Financial Report:

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

22. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Meeting Schedule and Items for the Next Agenda:

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meetings will remain on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30am in room C2063 unless otherwise noticed. Possible agenda items include: grazing workshop update, groundwater flow model demonstration.

- Next Scheduled Meeting: June 17, 2026 at 8:30am in Room C2063

23. Adjournment:

Burlingham made a motion to adjourn at 9:45am, Hafften seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

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Nutrient Management Updates

- SnapPlus V3 Summer Webinar Series: Join the UW SnapPlus team, UW-Extension, and DATCP Nutrient Management staff to learn about SnapPlus V3. The first 45 minutes of each webinar will be a demonstration within the program, and the remaining time will allow for one-on-one discussions with developers. More information can be found here: [SnapPlus Version 3: Webinar Training Series – Crops and Soils](#).

Each webinar will run from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 2: V3 features for Silurian bedrock plans
 - June 16: Annual updates
 - July 21: Winter manure applications
 - August 18: Grazing
- July 21 webinar – Incorporating Off Farm Waste into Nutrient Management Plans. We will host this webinar in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and UW-Extension. For more information, visit the [webinar registration page](#). Or, you can view the flyer on [DATCP's website](#).
 - 2026 Nutrient Management Regional Meetings have been scheduled. Five meetings will be held throughout the state. More information can be found on [DATCP's Nutrient Management Trainings webpage](#). The first meeting will be held on August 19 from 1-2:30 p.m. in Jefferson, WI.

Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans

- The next meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Board will be on June 2. Waushara and Waupaca counties will be presenting their five-year Land and Water Management Plan reviews. In addition, Brad Herrick, UW-Madison Lakeshore Nature Preserve Director, will have an educational presentation on jumping worms. You can register to attend the meeting virtually through the meeting agenda available on [DATCP's website](#).

Farmland Preservation (FP) Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs)

- The 2026 Agricultural Enterprise Area petition cycle is now open. Petitions will be accepted until Friday, July 31, 2026. Application materials for new and modifications to existing AEAs are available on DATCP's [Petitioning for Agricultural Enterprise Area \(AEA\) Designation webpage](#). If you are interested in petitioning for an AEA during the 2026 cycle, please email DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov to discuss your petition proposal and to schedule your petitioner interview.
 - All petitions must complete a recorded interview with a local champion and land conservation department personnel before the end of June.
 - A draft petition must be submitted to the Farmland Preservation Program for preliminary feedback

by July 1, 2026.

- Farmland Preservation Agreement applications (new and re-enrollments) that are submitted to the department by Thursday, October 1, 2026 will be prioritized for processing for 2026 tax credit eligibility. Landowners who are interested in applying for a farmland preservation agreement are encouraged to apply as early as possible. We will continue to process agreements throughout the end of the year, but agreements submitted to us after October 1 may not be processed (drafted and sent to the landowner for signature) before the end of the taxable year.

As you work with landowners this field season, encourage them to apply early so they can claim the tax credit for 2026. Completed agreement applications should be submitted to DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov.

- The Farmland Preservation Agreement application has been updated. The new application now includes an section to indicate that the application is to re-enroll lands under an expiring agreement. The new form is available on [DATCP's website](#). All agreement applications submitted after January 1, 2026, must use the new agreement form. Any applicants who submit agreement applications on the old form after this date will be asked to resubmit using current form.

Conservation Engineering

- *Delayed but still coming: DATCP Engineering Services Survey AND Strategic Planning Survey.* The first survey will be all about gathering feedback on how we are meeting county staff needs and where we can make improvements. Anyone who interacts with DATCP engineering staff (or supervises those who do) is welcome to fill out this survey. The second survey is for long-term planning of our sections' activities and services, and we ask that this one be filled out once per county. We want to take your thoughts into consideration so please take some time for each survey when you receive them this month.
- New GPS Surveying Guidance: county staff should have received an email from their DATCP Area Engineering contact last month about new GPS survey guidance. Make sure staff are following the guidance to help avoid issue with construction and other surveying moving forward. Reach out to your DATCP Engineering contact if you have questions.
- Engineering Reserve Funds Update: DATCP reviewed 13 applications for the Engineering Reserve Funds and was able to fund six of the requests. The award emails recently went out, and once they are accepted, notification to all applicants will be sent. Thank you to all the applicants and submittal of the projects. It was a difficult decision for the review team!

DATCP Drainage Program

- April was a wet month. While none of the recorded rainfall totals exceeded the 25-year/24-hour around the state, drainage boards are encouraged to inspect their drainage systems to identify any concerns.
- The Wisconsin Association of County Drainage Boards (WACDB), in cooperation with DATCP, will be scheduling a series of educational outreach meetings in the coming months. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss or would like to be included on the WACDB contact list, please contact Richard Gumz, WACDB Chair, at richard@gumzfarmsllc.com; or Nancy Christensen, WACDB Administrative Assistant, at christnjc@hotmail.com.
- Please note that Wisconsin law requires that the board file a separate report, for the preceding fiscal year, on each drainage district under the board's jurisdiction. The report(s) must be filed with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; the town board or town zoning committee; the city council, plan commission, or plan committee; and the county zoning administrator, in which district territory is located. Unless the board selects a different fiscal year and notifies DATCP of the selection, the board's fiscal year begins on September 1 and ends the following year on August 31. If you have any questions please contact Bart Chapman, State Drainage Program Manager, at barton.chapman@wisconsin.gov or (608) 216-6433.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- DATCP will not have a CREP Intern this summer to assist with CREP easement monitoring, so we are depending on counties to help out. We will be sending out further information and encourage you to contact us with questions.

Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) Program

- The AIS program published [AIS 4707](#) for the Foundry Ridge Lateral Pipeline Project in Walworth County.
- You can find more information about the AIS program at agimpact.wi.gov. You can also contact DATCPAgImpactStatements@wi.gov with questions regarding any active AIS statement or the AIS program.

Soil Health Program

- **Soil Health Community of Practice:** DATCP is planning to launch a Soil Health Community of Practice later this summer! Contact Randy Zogbaum at randall.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov if you have any feedback to share and/or would be interested in participating.
- **Soil Health Field Days/Training:** Randy Zogbaum can provide or help develop training at any length or format for the summer field season. Below are three suggested learning objectives for soil health trainings. Email Randy at randall.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov if you'd like to discuss soil health.
 - **Learning objective 1** is to discuss what soil health is (and isn't) by defining some basic vocabulary and concepts.
 - **Learning objective 2** is to demonstrate how to assess and monitor changes and improvements in soil health on Wisconsin Farms.
 - **Learning objective 3** is to demonstrate how soil health systems can be implemented on Wisconsin farms.

Soil and Water Resources Management (SWRM) Grants

- Resources on policies and procedures are here: [SWRM Grant Resources: Section 2](#) including [SEG funding for structural practices](#) and [Engineering Reserve Projects](#).
- Review example reimbursement requests on [DATCP's website](#).

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant (PLWPG) Program

- Annual reports are being analyzed, and the conservation progress report will be shared later this year. If you have questions or want to learn more, please email randall.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov.

Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)

- Reports from the first cycle of NOPP projects are posted on the [NOPP webpage](#).

Cover Crop Insurance Premium Rebate Program

- 2025-2026 verified land units and eligible applicants will be credited by USDA-RMA on their 2026 crop insurance bill. Further program information is available at covercroprebate.wi.gov.

Southern Area Land and Water Conservation Association

Unapproved Minutes

Date: May 21, 2026 Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
 Location: Columbia County Administration Building in Portage and Virtual

Board of Directors					
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Non-voting Participants

Jake Dickmann, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 Alex Elias, Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
 Hanna Johnson, DATCP
 Kelli Myers, WI Land+Water (WLW)

Call meeting to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Schlupp at 9:35 am.

Roll call of counties: 16 directors from 11 counties present.

Election of SAA Officers: Columbia nominated Melissa Schlupp of Sauk County for President; Iowa seconded; Motion carried. Columbia nominated Katie Abbott of Iowa County for Vice President; Richland seconded; Motion carried. Jefferson is now the Area Coordinator with Patricia Cicero serving as Secretary. Amy Piaget, Dane County, will continue as Treasurer.

Election of Wisconsin Land+Water Area Representatives: Jefferson nominated Meg Turville-Heitz of Jefferson County as the SAA LCC Area Representative to the WLW Board; Dane seconded; Motion carried. Jefferson nominated Bernadette Greenwood of Sauk County as the SAA LCC Alternate Area Representative to the WLW Board; Richland seconded; Motion carried. Jefferson nominated Amy Piaget of Dane County as the SAA LCD Representative on the WLW Board; Iowa Seconded; Motion carried.

Dane nominated Cathy Cooper of Richland County as the SAA LCD Alternate Representative on the WLW Board; Dodge seconded; Motion carried.

Approval of May 21, 2026 agenda: Lafayette moved to approve the agenda; Dane seconded; Motion carried.

Review and approval of January 29, 2026 meeting minutes: Dane moved to approve the minutes; Grant seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dane County presented the report. All dues have been received, and expenses since the last meeting were for January's meeting food and Envirothon sponsorship. Grant moved to approve the treasurer's report; Dodge seconded; Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Establishing 2027 SAA Dues: The 2026 dues are \$190. Columbia motioned that the 2027 dues be \$190; Grant seconded; Motion carried.

LCC Mileage Reimbursement Discussion: Discussion included that there is \$250 in the 2026 budget for mileage reimbursement, but we need to determine rules for reimbursement. Iowa motioned to provide mileage reimbursement at the state rate for the Area Representative or Alternate to attend the Land+Water Board and Legislative-Administrative Committee meetings; Dane seconded; Motion passed. The 2026 state rate is \$0.51/mile. A form exists for reimbursement (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xhhBv6KFXKilzLfJ46U1CnwAG5sqm9Qwr9R9Oj54EPU/edit?usp=sharing>), and it should be submitted to Treasurer.

Articles of Incorporation Discussion: Kelli stated that adoption of Articles of Incorporation was recommended as a best practice for area associations as well as filing taxes each year. The update is that the WI Land+Water Board will be discussing the option of absorbing the area associations at their July meeting which would make incorporation unnecessary. Discussion is on hold until the Board makes a decision.

Discussion on Summer Tour: Amy reminded everyone to register by August 4 for the August 12 Summer Tour in Dane County. She also reported that the bus cost will be less than what was budgeted.

WI Land+Water (WLW) Committee Updates

Health & Conservation: no update

Legislative/Administrative: They discussed upcoming changes with the legislature and leadership. The strategy for the next session is to develop a comprehensive conservation package that includes staff funding as well as programmatic issues. The plan is to start with the staffing proposal from last session and poll areas for possible changes and programmatic additions. Counties were reminded to continue sharing the conservation message and show our work to legislators. The next committee meeting is June 3.

Public Outreach: They held a Grow More training and are considering offering additional sessions as Jenny Seifert, UW-Extension, is trained to facilitate them. There is equipment available to assist with taking videos and Kristin Teston, WLW, has the list. There will be a series of trainings on making and editing videos. They are developing a workbook/guidebook for planning outreach as well as a survey on outreach.

Professional Improvement: The annual conference was a success. The raffle raised \$2,005 and 50/50 raffle raised \$1,170. They are working on planning for the next conference and anyone with breakout session ideas should contact the Professional Improvement or Technical Committees. The conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness in 2027 and 2028. Their next meeting is on August 13 when they will be working on 2027 conference planning.

Technical: They are working on a checklist to help guide dredging, ditch maintenance and drain tile projects. They are reviewing NR 151 ag performance standard NPRA survey process. They are helping to prioritize action steps that will simplify and streamline DNR conservation project permitting and hoping to integrate engineering job approval into permit authorizations. They are planning breakout sessions for the 2027 conference. They are working with partners to promote floodplain no-rise checklists in lieu of comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic studies and put together a floodplain guidance document for counties. They are planning the 2026 fall technical tour.

Youth Education: The conference auction surpassed its goal by having 21.6% more items donated and increasing the amount of money raised by 32.25% bringing in \$8,993 to support youth education programs. Ashland County had the highest retail value of items. The winning speeches and posters are on the WLW website. The winning posters will be judged at the NACD competition in February. They had a “Make an Impact with Classroom Presentations” session at the conference which attendees liked how it was interactive and engaging. Over 155 students participated in the WI Envirothon including 6 new schools. The winning high school team was Middleton High School, Dane County. They will compete at the national Envirothon this summer. 16 counties offered camp scholarships this year.

WI Land & Water Board of Directors Updates: Bob Micheel will be stepping down as President. The hope is that a woman will be the next President. The Board will be working on next steps with the strategic plan and will be discussing potential uses of a donation from Nestle. Their next meeting is in July. Amy reported that the Executive Committee of the Board will be reviewing the dues structure as well as member benefits.

Agency/Partner Updates:

WLW: The LCC training in our region is on June 30 in Madison from 10 am to noon. The updated LCC handbook will be available at the training and also on the website. Please remember to make any staff and committee updates to the directory. The State Land+Water Board elections will again be virtual and each area will nominate a Committee member.

DATCP: Alex announced SNAP+ trainings and 2026 Nutrient Management Plan regional meetings. There will not be a CREP intern this summer – contact Brian Loeffelholz for assistance with monitoring. Wednesday Coye and Jenn Chakravorty are on maternity leave; please contact Katy Smith or Chris Clayton in their absence. Randy Zogbaum is available for soil health trainings. The preliminary SWRM amounts will be drafted for the August Land and Water Conservation Board meeting. Producer-led grant applications will be released in July. Hanna announced that 6 applications for engineering funds will be awarded. The engineering services and strategic plan survey will be out soon. Hanna reminded everyone about the updated GPS survey guidance.

DNR: Jake reported that the NOD grants have been reviewed. Any new applications will be reviewed later this summer. The Targeted Runoff Management grants will be ranked soon. There is a new SE region nonpoint coordinator, Robert Wheeler. Retirements announced are Trevor Bannister, Bernie Michaud, and Al Ramminger. The NR 151 Progress and Resource Analysis (NPRA) team is available to answer your questions. The NPRA information is due at the end of July.

Local Policy Input: Data centers were brought up as they have become a land use issue.

Save the Date: DNR Summit Field Day: We are looking for a site for a field day with DNR in July or September. The site should be one in which there are multiple permitting issues to discuss. Potential sites are in Richland and Dane Counties. Our October meeting, held at the Heritage Center in Dane County, will be combined with a DNR summit.

Super Secret Fun Game: Conservation Pictionary!

Presentation on How to Start a County Native Plant Sale: Melissa presented on Sauk County's native plant sale including: creating pollinator garden kits (plants, suggested layout, and maintenance tips), plant sale website, having the nursery put together kits, and pricing (~\$70/kit which includes 32 plants).

Adjourn: Iowa moved to adjourn; Grant seconded; Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Log of Manure Complaints received by Land and Water Conservation Department

Date of Complaint	Complaint/Issue	Farm	Town	DNR involved? (Y/N)	LWCD Inspection Date	Compliant?	Notes
5/22/2026	An in person complaint was received concerning road conditions, plugged culverts, silage leachate run off and manure run off.	Troy Schlender	Milford	N	5/26/2026	Y	No manure or silage leachate run off was observed. There's been no appreciable rain in 2 weeks or more. Roads around the farm showed damage at field entrances and the intersection of Englehart and Hubbleton Roads.
4/4/2026	DNR Spill Hotline call regarding runoff from farmstead.	Dolph Dairy	Lake Mills	Y		N	LWCD was not part of spill response, but went to a site visit afterwards. Temporary practices to eliminate runoff were discussed. Permanent solutions are under development by the farms engineer.
2/25/2026	DNR received a complaint of manure spreading and number of tanker trucks near Zickert LN	Dolph Dairy	Waterloo	Y	2/27/2026	y	Staff observed the spreading at this location and didn't find anything spread in Water Quality Management Areas or on slopes greater than 9%. At this location Dolph's have many acres they can access, they haven't made a dent in the areas where they can apply. Therefore, more truck traffic is to be expected.
2/24/2026	DNR Warden received a call of manure spreading near by and a fish kill in ditch adjacent to Zeloski Marsh	Troy Kjendlie	Lake Mills	Y	3/2/2026	Y	The field adjacent was never spread with manure. It was determined the fish kill was probably caused by ditch cleaning that occurred.
8/15/2025	Caller reported manure spreading from the road at along East side of Hubbleton Road.	Troy Schlender	Milford	Y	8/15/2025	N	Manure was spread from the road and was in the road right of way. Producer was contacted by DNR Warden. Manure was removed from the right of way.
1/18/2025	DNR Spill hotline received call of rupture in manure tank.	Sugar River Genetics	Palmyra	Y	1/20/2025	N	Staff received complaint and viewed structure from the road. Could see overtopping manure and frozen manure from a rupture in the above ground storage. DNR staff contacted landowner, and DNR and LWCD conducted on-site visit on 1/22. Frozen manure was on side of tank and on the ground (estimated a few hundred gallons). Staff could see some holes plugged by rubber stoppers. Preference is for tank to be emptied and repaired, before more problems arise. DNR will contact landowner about cleanup. On 2/6 the Town Chairman came to office and stated there has been no cleanup. Staff and DATCP Engineers met at the site with a representative of the farm in May. Options for repair and abandonment were discussed and owner is determining how he will proceed. 12/1/25: owner contacted LWCD to report manure was pumped out, land spread, and storage walls were disassembled. LWCD and DNR conferred and LWCD sent a letter to communicate that concrete pad needs to be closed according to standards. Because landowner will not be populating barn with animals, the letter gave 2 years for the underbarn storage to be properly closed according to standards. Landowner is in the process of getting 2 bids for closure of above ground storage.
8/13/2024	Concern about manure runoff onto neighbor's residential yard.	Stuart White	City of Watertown	N	8/13/2024	Y	Staff performed site visit and didn't see any evidence of manure leaving the animal lot to the residential property. Staff gave guidance related to stormwater management on the residential lot.
7/23/2024	DNR Spill hotline received a call concerning an overtopping manure tank. DNR asked LWCD to verify.	Sugar River Genetics	Palmyra	Y	7/23/2024	N	Staff sent pictures and discussed issue with DNR. DNR contacted the farm. Staff and DNR visited the site with the owner on 8/19. Discussed situation that led to over topping and what could be done to prevent the situation in the future. The storage was pumped shortly after incident.

Date of Complaint	Complaint/Issue	Farm	Town	DNR involved? (Y/N)	LWCD Inspection Date	Compliant?	Notes
6/6/2024	Manure and sediment leaving field onto neighbors land	Joseph Matenaer	Jefferson	N	6/6/2024	N	Manure and sediment was observed running off onto the neighbors property. There was not a near-by water quality concern. A letter was sent to landowner detailing compliance issue and the need for better residue management. Staff have driven by site multiple times and have not noted any issues.
6/6/2024	Worried about animal waste runoff onto property from neighboring cattle	JCSM Properties LLC	Hebron	N	6/7/2024	Y	LWCD received call about potential animal waste runoff. A site visit was done and no manure runoff was found. LWCD staff referred the issue to the Zoning Department because site has more animals than allowed on the size of the lot.
5/31/2024	Manure runoff into neighbor's hillside and eventually down to road ditch	Seeger Bos LLC	Oakland	Y	5/31/2024	N	Received call about smelly water in ditch. LWCD staff performed site visit and found manure was coming down hillside from field above and getting into road ditch. LWCD contacted DNR Warden and landowner. Landowner cleaned up manure.
4/18/2024	Manure Stack In WQMA	Suzanne Wilpolt	Oakland	N	4/23/2024	N	Received anonymous complaint about manure stack. Found to be in WQMA. Letter sent requesting the manure be spread or moved. Staff talked with landowner. They have moved part of the pile but a fire on their farm plus wet conditions has delayed completion of the job. Staff is in contact with landowner.
12/28/2023	Chicken manure headland stack in Town of Concord	S&R Egg	Concord	Y	12/29/2023	Y	Received a call asking about piles of S&R Egg manure on fields. LWCD staff investigated. Piles looked like a few truckloads, on high ground. Fields are included in NMP. Communicated with DNR and farm: waste is compost and was sold to someone else. It was supposed to be spread but mechanical issues/weather prohibited. Compost is considered "amended soil" so it is allowed to be stacked.
11/14/2023	Chicken manure headland stack along Hwy 89	?????	Lake Mills	N	11/14/2023	Y	It was Lime, not manure.
11/4/2023	Knifing/injecting manure too close to Bark R.	Katzman	Hebron	N	11/4/2023	Y	Call to LWCD morn of 11/4 about knifing manure too close to Bark R. Site visit day of noted field injections of manure took place along river but outside of 25' minimum distance to river. To confirm, in office measurements were taken from aerial imagery. The shortest width of buffer between the field and river is 30'. Most areas are roughly 50' wide. No evidence of injecting manure found in buffer. No ponding/pooling evident in any fields.
5/1/2023	possible ponding of manure application	Pond Hill	Koshkonong	N	5/2/2023	Y	Complaint was received by mail on 5/1. the black and white pictures appear to show snow, so they could have over a month old by time they were received. LWCD's inspection confirmed that all manure was tilled in and no ponding was found.
2/14/2023	Manure spread in a Water Quality Management Area	OGD Wilke	Waterloo	N	2/14/2023	Y	LWCD investigated and found that manure was spread in WQMA, however it was worked in with in 72 hours so the application meets standards
2/8/2023	horse manure stacked near well	Concord WI Properties	Concord	Y	2/8/2023	Y	DNR recieved call concerning horse manure near well. LWCD went out to the site. Manure stack was greater than 250 ft from well and was were the DNR had previouly told the the land owner to stack.
Notes	Only manure complaints/issues in which there is LWCD involvement are detailed in this list.						
	List does not include manure-related issues solely handled by the DNR (including spills).						
	List does not include communications from citizens who want information, but don't have a specific complaint.						

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100 General Fund							
12401 Land Conservation							
12401 411100 General Property Taxes	-374,248	657	-373,591	-124,749.44	.00	-248,841.82	33.4%
12401 421001 State Aid	-125	-3,967	-4,092	.00	.00	-4,092.00	.0%
12401 421001 24407 State Aid	-251,710	0	-251,710	.00	.00	-251,710.00	.0%
12401 421001 24408 State Aid	-13,003	0	-13,003	-11,703.02	.00	-1,300.34	90.0%
12401 421001 24410 State Aid	-5,932	0	-5,932	-1,462.50	.00	-4,469.50	24.7%
12401 432099 Other Permits	-150	0	-150	.00	.00	-150.00	.0%
12401 451020 Other Fees	-240	0	-240	-360.00	.00	120.00	150.0%
12401 451421 Crep Cancellation Fee	-100	0	-100	.00	.00	-100.00	.0%
12401 458001 Tree Sales	-8,180	0	-8,180	-7,696.81	.00	-483.19	94.1%
12401 458005 Ag & Horti Supply Revenue	-100	0	-100	.00	.00	-100.00	.0%
12401 458009 Livestock Siting App Review F	-750	0	-750	-750.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401 458013 Farmland Cert Fee	-22,000	0	-22,000	-16,965.00	.00	-5,035.00	77.1%
12401 472007 24410 Municipal Other Charges	-1,800	0	-1,800	.00	.00	-1,800.00	.0%
12401 472337 24409 Municipal Grant Revenue	-15,000	0	-15,000	.00	.00	-15,000.00	.0%
12401 485200 24411 Donations Restricted	0	-5,699	-5,699	-4,000.00	.00	-1,698.56	70.2%
12401 511110 Salary-Permanent Regular	112,609	0	112,609	36,623.99	.00	75,985.21	32.5%
12401 511210 Wages-Regular	367,495	0	367,495	120,608.26	.00	246,886.78	32.8%
12401 511240 Wages-Temporary	7,248	0	7,248	.00	.00	7,248.02	.0%
12401 511330 Wages-Longevity Pay	375	0	375	.00	.00	375.00	.0%
12401 512141 Social Security	34,788	0	34,788	11,520.17	.00	23,268.24	33.1%
12401 512142 Retirement (Employer)	33,731	0	33,731	11,048.17	.00	22,682.33	32.8%
12401 512144 Health Insurance	66,118	0	66,118	20,858.60	.00	45,259.26	31.5%
12401 512145 Life Insurance	70	0	70	23.53	.00	46.79	33.5%
12401 512151 HSA Contribution	4,800	0	4,800	.00	.00	4,800.00	.0%
12401 512173 Dental Insurance	6,036	0	6,036	1,868.31	.00	4,167.69	31.0%
12401 521220 Consultant	0	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%
12401 529299 24411 Purchase Care & Service	0	5,699	5,699	1,698.56	.00	4,000.00	29.8%
12401 531100 Permits Purchased	85	0	85	50.00	.00	35.00	58.8%
12401 531275 24409 Recording Fee	30	0	30	.00	.00	30.00	.0%
12401 531301 Office Equipment	185	0	185	.00	.00	185.00	.0%
12401 531303 Computer Equipmt & Software	150	0	150	146.40	.00	3.60	97.6%
12401 531311 Postage & Box Rent	1,300	0	1,300	692.71	.00	607.29	53.3%
12401 531311 24409 Postage & Box Rent	250	0	250	.00	.00	250.00	.0%
12401 531312 Office Supplies	650	110	760	152.00	.00	608.00	20.0%
12401 531312 24409 Office Supplies	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
12401 531313 Printing & Duplicating	400	0	400	2.42	.00	397.58	.6%
12401 531313 24409 Printing & Duplicating	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12401 531314 Small Items Of Equipment	400	200	600	57.59	.00	542.41	9.6%

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100 General Fund							
12401 531324 Membership Dues	2,089	0	2,089	1,988.50	.00	100.00	95.2%
12401 531326 Advertising	400	0	400	32.96	.00	367.04	8.2%
12401 531341 Agricultural & Horticultural Suppl	6,900	0	6,900	.00	.00	6,900.00	.0%
12401 531348 Educational Supplies	75	0	75	.00	.00	75.00	.0%
12401 531351 Gas/Diesel	1,700	0	1,700	422.65	.00	1,277.35	24.9%
12401 531351 24409 Gas/Diesel	125	0	125	.00	.00	125.00	.0%
12401 532325 Registration	2,515	0	2,515	2,125.36	.00	389.64	84.5%
12401 532332 Mileage	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12401 532335 Meals	285	0	285	149.29	.00	135.71	52.4%
12401 532336 Lodging	1,220	0	1,220	896.62	.00	323.38	73.5%
12401 532339 Other Travel & Tolls	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12401 533225 Telephone & Fax	325	0	325	78.46	.00	246.54	24.1%
12401 533236 wireless Internet	1,100	0	1,100	235.50	.00	864.50	21.4%
12401 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	1,550	0	1,550	229.61	.00	1,320.39	14.8%
12401 535242 24409 Maintain Machinery & Eq	350	0	350	.00	.00	350.00	.0%
12401 535259 Tree Planter Service	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12401 535349 Other Supplies	60	0	60	87.33	.00	-27.33	145.6%
12401 535349 24410 Other Supplies	65	0	65	.00	.00	65.00	.0%
12401 571004 IP Telephony Allocation	1,100	0	1,100	290.00	.00	810.00	26.4%
12401 571005 Duplicating Allocation	7	0	7	2.32	.00	4.68	33.1%
12401 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation	21,843	0	21,843	7,273.32	.00	14,569.68	33.3%
12401 571010 MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS)	5,627	0	5,627	1,875.68	.00	3,751.32	33.3%
12401 571020 Fleet Allocation	4,100	0	4,100	.00	.00	4,100.00	.0%
12401 571020 24409 Fleet Allocation	240	0	240	.00	.00	240.00	.0%
12401 591519 Other Insurance	4,653	0	4,653	1,595.48	.00	3,057.29	34.3%
12402 Wildlife Crop Damage							
12402 421001 State Aid	-20,000	-3,800	-23,800	.00	.00	-23,800.00	.0%
12402 529299 Purchase Care & Services	20,000	3,800	23,800	1,026.95	.00	22,773.05	4.3%
12404 Local Cost Share Program							
12404 421001 24403 State Aid	-5,775	0	-5,775	.00	.00	-5,775.00	.0%
12404 472337 24404 Municipal Grant Revenue	-60,000	0	-60,000	-56,192.96	.00	-3,807.04	93.7%
12404 511210 24403 Wages-Regular	0	700	700	.00	.00	700.00	.0%
12404 529299 24403 Purchase Care & Service	7,000	0	7,000	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0%
12404 529299 24404 Purchase Care & Service	65,000	0	65,000	9,332.44	.00	55,667.56	14.4%
12404 531312 24401 Office Supplies	0	0	0	97.41	.00	-97.41	.0%
12404 531314 24401 Small Items Of Equipmen	0	0	0	173.43	.00	-173.43	.0%

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100 General Fund				APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
12404	594950	24403	Operating Reserve	0	525	525	.00	.00	525.00	.0%	
12404	594950	24404	Operating Reserve	131,662	11,603	143,265	.00	.00	143,265.33	.0%	
12404	699700	24403	Resv Applied Operating	-1,225	-1,225	-2,450	.00	.00	-2,450.00	.0%	
12404	699700	24404	Resv Applied Operating	-136,662	-11,603	-148,265	.00	.00	-148,265.33	.0%	
12405 DATCP Cost Share											
12405	421001	24405	State Aid	0	-28,863	-28,863	.00	.00	-28,863.08	.0%	
12405	421003	State Aid GPR		-12,000	0	-12,000	.00	.00	-12,000.00	.0%	
12405	421004	State Aid Bonded		-32,000	-29,500	-61,500	.00	.00	-61,500.00	.0%	
12405	480102	24405	Misc Reimbursement	0	-4,800	-4,800	-3,260.72	.00	-1,539.28	67.9%	
12405	485200	24405	Donations Restricted	0	-3,375	-3,375	.00	.00	-3,375.00	.0%	
12405	511210	24405	Wages-Regular	0	2,000	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%	
12405	521219	24405	Other Professional Serv	0	2,500	2,500	1,100.00	.00	1,400.00	44.0%	
12405	529299	24405	Purchase Care & Service	0	28,038	28,038	.00	.00	28,038.08	.0%	
12405	531275	Recording Fee		0	30	30	.00	.00	30.00	.0%	
12405	531343	24405	Food	0	4,800	4,800	2,797.58	.00	2,002.42	58.3%	
12405	531348	24405	Educational Supplies	0	500	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%	
12405	536539	24405	Other Rents & Leases	0	2,000	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%	
12405	593701	Cost Share Payment		44,000	29,470	73,470	.00	.00	73,470.00	.0%	
12405	699700	24405	Resv Applied Operating	0	-2,800	-2,800	.00	.00	-2,800.00	.0%	
12406 Non-Metallic Mining											
12406	411100	General Property Taxes		17,360	0	17,360	5,786.68	.00	11,573.32	33.3%	
12406	432004	Non-Metallic Permit Fee		-900	0	-900	.00	.00	-900.00	.0%	
12406	432005	Non-Metallic Annual Fee		-14,500	0	-14,500	.00	.00	-14,500.00	.0%	
12406	474175	Highway Billed		-2,520	0	-2,520	.00	.00	-2,520.00	.0%	
12406	531311	Postage & Box Rent		75	0	75	30.88	.00	44.12	41.2%	
12406	531312	Office Supplies		50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%	
12406	531351	Gas/Diesel		100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%	
12406	532325	Registration		175	0	175	175.00	.00	.00	100.0%	
12406	532335	Meals		40	0	40	.00	.00	40.00	.0%	
12406	532336	Lodging		120	0	120	113.38	.00	6.62	94.5%	
12407 Farmland Easement											
12407	424001	Federal Grants		0	-194,000	-194,000	.00	.00	-194,000.00	.0%	
12407	458003	Farmland Easement Fee		-1,800	0	-1,800	.00	.00	-1,800.00	.0%	

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100 General Fund							
12407 481001 Interest & Dividends	-10,000	0	-10,000	-7,360.83	.00	-2,639.17	73.6%
12407 531311 Postage & Box Rent	25	0	25	3.28	.00	21.72	13.1%
12407 531312 Office Supplies	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12407 531313 Printing & Duplicating	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12407 594816 Capital Conserve Easement	4,500	320,607	325,107	.00	.00	325,107.00	.0%
12407 594950 Operating Reserve	0	10,930	10,930	.00	.00	10,929.50	.0%
12407 594960 Capital Reserve	474,831	0	474,831	.00	.00	474,830.52	.0%
12407 699800 Resv Applied Capital	-467,596	-137,537	-605,132	.00	.00	-605,132.02	.0%
12408 County Farm							
12408 411100 General Property Taxes	-2,750	0	-2,750	-916.84	.00	-1,833.65	33.3%
12408 529170 Grounds Keeping Charges	750	0	750	375.70	.00	374.79	50.1%
12408 535249 Sundry Repair	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
12409 Farm Drainage Board							
12409 411100 General Property Taxes	-10,000	0	-10,000	-3,333.32	.00	-6,666.68	33.3%
12409 514151 Per Diem	4,450	0	4,450	.00	.00	4,450.00	.0%
12409 521212 Legal	1,300	0	1,300	.00	.00	1,300.00	.0%
12409 531312 Office Supplies	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
12409 531313 Printing & Duplicating	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12409 531324 Membership Dues	100	0	100	100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12409 531349 Other Operating Expenses	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12409 532325 Registration	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12409 532332 Mileage	2,150	0	2,150	.00	.00	2,150.00	.0%
12409 591513 Drainage Board Insurance	1,500	0	1,500	1,385.00	.00	115.00	92.3%

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