

State Land & Water Conservation Board (LWCB)

April 4, 2023

Via Microsoft Teams

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. April 4th.
- Roll call.
- Agenda and minutes from the February 7th meeting were approved.
- 5-year review and approval of Burnett County L&W Resource management 10-year plan – focused on 8 main points – VERY VERY much like Oneida County. Small scale agricultural and livestock operations, extremely focused on tourism.....normal summer weekend population increase by 300% +/-, #1 focused on preventing runoff to their lakes and buffer zones, created a Respect Mapfeeder system to monitor 'P' runoff, AIS focused and water quality focused to maintain property values, limited Eurasian water milfoil, offer a covenant to lake property owners to follow shoreland protection ordinances AND periodically actually follow up on the covenant (especially property that is sold during the year) – currently 800 lake parcels on the covenant program (8%+/-) – reeducation, County takes an active roll in AIS inspection, wash stations, power loading ordinances at most boat landings.

Report is available on the DATCP Land and Water Board website.

Most interesting report for me since I was elected to this Board.

- Statewide Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance presentation by the WIDNR – wastewater – important stuff, but a bit of a yawner.
- 5-year review and approval of Grant County L&W Resource management 10-year plan – focused on 5 main points – AG County, #1 in livestock, top five in yield in corn oats, more large farms (CAFO) with a large decrease in family farms, dairy farms have decreased, staffing/personnel turn over a big problem, SWIGG study ground water quality focus, 'young farmers' on the decline
- Review of DATCP projects extended into 2023 from 2022 as it relates to 2022 cost share dollars. Oneida County programs Lakewood Condo, Sachse, Kornack.
- Reviewed proposed Governor's budget for DNR/DATCP nonpoint programs.
- Reviewed plan for Soil & Water Conservation Survey results
- Several agency reports/updates – FSA, NRCS, UW- CALS & Extension, WIL&WA, DATCP, DNR
- Next meeting April 4, 2023.
- 2023 meetings – June 6th, August 1st, October 3rd, December 5th
- Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Bob Thome