

## EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Room 2151

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Members present: Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman, and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Pat Brown, Dave Gifford, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Matt Bolen and Becky Melton.

Cook called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and Melton confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

**Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026 meeting; carried.

**Announcements:** LCC Training in Hayward June 10<sup>th</sup> and WCA Tour- Clark County June 24<sup>th</sup>. Edit list: no questions.

Item #5, Item #6, Item #7, Item #8, Item #9 and Item #12. County Conservationist Tyler Gruetzmacher provided an overview of the 2026 SWCD Work Plans, emphasizing strategic goals within the Farmland Preservation and Headland Buffer programs. His report covered a broad spectrum of conservation initiatives, including soil nutrition, the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program, cover crop implementation, manure storage closures and public owned lakeshore evaluations.

In financial updates, Gruetzmacher detailed the state grant cycle, outlining the 2027 application process while confirming the department's receipt of \$163,876.00 SWCD state funding for 2025. Discussion then shifted to groundwater management, where Gruetzmacher reviewed Chippewa County's testing protocols and nutrient management practices. Finally, Gruetzmacher reviewed the Statewide NR151 Analysis led by the DNR, which is evaluating compliance in agricultural performance standard adoption to guide future runoff management policy.

Item #10. Pat Brown provided an update on the recent Barron County Lakes Coalition meeting, which served as a collaborative forum for lake associations, lake districts, and county representatives. The discussion focused on smaller lake struggles, volunteers and invasive species management. Additionally, Brown noted the progress of the upcoming Native Plant Sale.

Item # 11. Lake Shore Technician Pat Brown presented an overview of Wisconsin Assembly Bill 1033, which addresses the regulation of wake-enhanced boating. Brown detailed the bill's potential implications for lake health as well as its impact on regional recreation. Following a period of committee discussion on the balance between statewide standards and local protection, the committee directed that an action item be created to draft a formal resolution in support of the bill. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve support of county resolution for AB-1033; carried.

Item #13. Staff Reports –

UWEX – Baltrusis introduced Matt Bolen, Nutrient & Pest Management (NPM) Outreach Specialist, who provided the committee with an overview of his role and the technical support he will offer to regional producers. Following the introduction, Baltrusis presented the Quarterly Departmental Highlights, notably celebrating the successful addition of the Littlest Learners Child Care Center at the UW EC-BC Campus.

NRCS – No update

FSA – No update.

Executive Committee – French gave an update on the most recent agenda items.

Fair Board – No update.

Next meeting date: May 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Future agenda items:

*Minutes are not official until approved by the Extension/LCC Committee at the next meeting.*

**Motion: (Kusilek)** Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Melton  
Administrative Secretary, Land Services