

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED**

Date: February 5, 2026
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Calumet County Courthouse, Room 015

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Hofberger called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Kesler, Hansen, Pagel-Holzschuh, Lowey

Committee Members Present Virtually: Machesky

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Reali, Bonlander, Bochniak, Hagan

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting Virtually: Brian Maedke

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hansen and second by Lowey to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2025 Committee Meeting

Motion made by Lowey and second by Pagel-Holzschuh to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

Chair Hofberger attended the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board Meeting and provided highlights from the meeting.

8. Agency and Association Reports

- Natural Resources Conservation Service Report (NRCS)
Not in Attendance
- Glacierland Resource, Conservation & Development Report
Hofberger briefed the committee on recent structure changes within the council.



9. Communications

- **Land & Water Monthly; January 2026 & February 2026**
Reali gave a brief overview of key notes from the February 2026 issue of Land & Water Monthly.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- Brian Maedke; Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program
 - 2025 Claims Review and Approval; Action Needed
Maedke provided program details along with 2025 abatement and claims submitted. One claim was submitted for 2025 and Maedke recommends board approval of the claim. Discussion followed. Motion by Pagel-Holschuh and second by Lowey to approve the claim for the 2025 Wildlife Damage Abatement Program. Motion carried unanimously.
- Conservation Technician Update
 - Winnebago Shoreline Restoration Discussion
Bochniak presented a slide show of information and pictures of the restoration project.
 - Grassed Waterway Design Discussion
Hagan presented a slide show of a recent grassed waterway project. A brief explanation was given of how they are designed.
 - Brothertown Streambank Restoration Discussion
Hagan shared pictures and an explanation of the project along with a discussion on stream barbs and how they were used in this project. Discussion followed.
 - Tree Sale Update Discussion
Bochniak provided statistics for this year's tree sale and explained that the sale is over now and that we received 60 orders for this year's tree sale. Discussion followed.
- Approve Attendance at Calumet County Mardi Gras Rural Urban Banquet; February 17; Neighborhood Bar & Grill; Action Needed
Motion made by Kesler and second by Hansen to allow members to attend the Calumet County Mardi Gras Rural Urban Banquet. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approve Attendance at WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 4-6; Wisconsin Dells; Action Needed
Motion made by Pagel-Holzschuh and second by Hansen to allow members to attend the WI Land & Water Annual Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Report of Department

- Staff Reports on activities over the past month
Staff updates provided by Reali. Bonlander was present to provide her monthly update. Discussion followed.
 - Land Resource Specialist
 1. Farmland Preservation Program – Certificates of Compliance Update – Certificates of Compliance are just about completed for the year.
 2. SnapPlus Version 3 Update – Reali discussed the change to the new version.
 - Program Assistant
 1. First floor and second floor courthouse map update – Second floor maps received positive feedback. First floor maps are being printed and should be hung within the next few weeks.
 - Water Resource Specialist
 1. Conservation Poster Contest Results – 10 posters were submitted this year.
 2. Annual Newsletter Including Events Update – Reali discussed events for 2026 that will be included in the newsletter.

12. Set Next Meeting Date

- April 2, 2026; 10:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Bonlander, Recorder