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**COUNTY OF DUNN
MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.84, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors will be held on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 3:00 pm**, in Room 60 of the Dunn County Government Center, 3001 US Highway 12 East in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

A video recording of the meeting will be available for subsequent viewing on the Dunn County YouTube channel at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@dunncounty1854>

Persons wishing to provide public comment may do so at the meeting or may submit written comments by sending an email beforehand to publiccomment@co.dunn.wi.us.

Items of business to be discussed or acted upon at this meeting are listed below:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Call of the Roll
3. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2025 meeting.
4. Public Comments
5. Items Placed at Request of the Chair: Wisconsin Counties Association Update – Gary Stene
6. Consideration of Reports, Resolutions and Ordinances to the County Board from the Legislative Committee: Resolution Supporting Increased Base Funding for County Conservation
7. Adjournment

Gary Stene, Chairperson

Signed: _____

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Minutes
Dunn County Board of Supervisors
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The Legislative Committee of the Dunn County Board met at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 in Room 60 of the Dunn County Government Center.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Stene called the meeting to order.
2. Call of the Roll: Supervisors present included McCullough, Vogl, Wilsey, Morehouse, Kneer, Bauer, Stene, Prochnow and Hedlund.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2024 Meeting. Motion by Morehouse and second by Hedlund to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Public Comments: Comment received online from Terry Nichols was read.
5. Consideration of Action to be Taken by the Committee:
 - A. Resolution Supporting County Courts: Motion by McCullough and second by Morehouse to approve proposed resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Next Meeting: April 9, 2025
6. Adjournment: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Gary Stene, Chairperson

Signed:

Kristin Korpela
County Manager

DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SUPPORT FOR INCREASING BASE FUNDING FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING
TO \$20.2 MILLION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to strengthen the viability of the State’s County Land and Water Conservation Staffing program by increasing base funding for the program by \$11,035,900 on an annual basis to a total of \$20.2 million annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be sent to the WI Land+Water Conservation Association, all State Legislators, the Governor, DATCP Secretary, DNR Secretary, DOA Secretary, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association.

Offered this 16th day of April, 2025, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Adopted on: _____

Gary Stene, Chair

Approved as to Form and Execution:

ATTEST:

James McMenemy, Corporation Counsel

Andrew Mercil, County Clerk

Budget Impact:

The Land and Water Conservation Staffing Grant supplements the overall County budget in support of the Land and Water Conservation Division (LWCD). Increases to the state grant allocation would augment the County levy and increase the capacity of the LWCD to deliver the services to residents of the County.

Background Information:

County Land and Water Conservation Departments (LWCDs) in Wisconsin play a key role in implementing state agricultural and resource management programs. These programs reduce pollution, preserve farmland, manage forests, prevent aquatic invasive species, and address flooding.

LWCDs assist farmers by supporting watershed groups, developing nutrient management plans, engineering manure storage, and promoting conservation practices that improve soil health and profitability. Their work benefits water quality by preventing soil erosion, protecting drinking water, enhancing groundwater infiltration, and restoring native habitats.

As trusted advisors, LWCD staff help landowners achieve their land management goals by offering project planning, engineering, quality control, and securing cost-share funding to reduce project costs. Building long-term relationships with landowners is vital for success.

By leveraging cost-share funding from federal and private sources, LWCDs generate a 2:1 return on state investments, boosting local economies in agriculture, construction, tourism, forestry, and recreation.

Wisconsin law (Wis. Stats Chap. 92) mandates LWCDs to meet specific funding goals, but since its inception, the state has failed to meet these goals, with base funding decreasing by 24% from 2006 to 2024. County LWCDs remain a top priority for conservation, environmental, and local government groups.