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**RACINE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Also Known as a Subcommittee of**  
**THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Ives Grove Office Complex Auditorium – 14200 Washington Avenue  
Monday, 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2021

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Members Present: M. Osterman, T. Hincz, R. Grove, M. Dawson, K. Kruse (dialed in),  
T. Greil, J. Eckman

Committee Members Excused: B. Nielsen

Youth in Governance Present: E. Anschutz, C. Dieck

Staff Present: C. Sampson

Chairman M. Osterman took roll call and called the December 20, 2021 Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. A motion by R. Grove, seconded by M. Dawson to approve the minutes from October 18, 2021. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.
2. M. Osterman explained some of the responsibilities regarding being on the WI Land and Water Conservation Board. He explained any LCC member is allowed to run for the position and three LCC members are on this State Board. M. Osterman asked if any members on the Racine LCC are interested. R. Grove nominated M. Osterman to continue to represent on the WI Land and Water Conservation Board, seconded by T. Hincz. M. Osterman accepted the nomination. The motion was approved (2-0) by the Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.
3. M. Osterman asked C. Sampson to discuss two contracts carrying over 2021 funds to 2022. C. Sampson stated both projects are going to be completed, but they will not start until next year. M. Osterman asked how much money was being carried over. C. Sampson said approximately \$8,000 is being carried over. M. Dawson made a motion to carry over the funds to 2022, seconded by J. Eckman. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.
4. M. Osterman said there have been a few meetings by the Citizen's Advisory Committee on the draft chapters. M. Osterman asked C. Sampson the status of the plan. C. Sampson stated the edits and revisions are still being made to Chapter's 2 and 3, and the final draft version of Chapter 4 will be completed soon. T. Hincz asked when the completion date will be and will the LCC be approving the plan. C. Sampson stated the completed draft version will be sent to WI DNR and WI DATCP for comments in the spring. Those final comments will be incorporated into the plan. The Committee will have a copy of that final plan around June and will vote on the plan in August. C. Sampson continued to say the plan will also go to the County Board for approval.

M. Osterman said he is encouraged by the assistance we are getting from the Citizen's Advisory Committee. He said the plan will be carefully examined and questioned by the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board.

5. M. Osterman said the poster contest is led by the State Association. This year's theme is "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life." C. Sampson said this is the first time in a few years that Racine County has reached out to all schools in the County to participate. Thus far two schools have showed interest. R. Grove suggested the Youth in Governance students to spread the word and encouraged them to participate or inform others of this opportunity.
6. C. Sampson spoke briefly about the Tree Program. The order form is available online or by hard copy. As of today, the County had received 110 tree orders that have ordered approximately 10,500 trees. C. Sampson said last year there were almost 40,000 trees sold to 370 customers.
7. T. Greil spoke about the Winter Workshop to be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker is Gabe Brown. Mr. Brown spoke at a conference at Silicon Valley in front of 8000 people. You won't want to miss this event.

T. Greil said the field in use at Case Eagle Park is still in pretty rough shape, so no-till hasn't begun yet. Although, the research plots have been staked out.

T. Greil said last year they put together seed packets to distribute and this was successful. They are deciding if they want to do the seeds again or try a different project. T. Greil said maybe they could let some pheasants go at Case Eagle. It could be an educational opportunity. R. Grove stated to not release any pheasants until the tillage is done at Case Eagle. Then, T. Greil continued to say they could work with schools on canoeing events or other conservation projects along the river, but the group is partnering with local FFA's.

M. Osterman suggested working with the Youth in Governance to get involved with some schools.

T. Hincz said this might be an opportunity to get the WI DNR involved. They could provide some insight and make an educational opportunity.

T. Greil said this is his last meeting as a member of the Farm Service Agency Representative and currently there is not another representative. After some discussion, it was decided that the Farm Service Agency will select a representative for the LCC. M. Osterman said additional non-elected representatives can be appointed to the LCC.

8. C. Sampson gave an update on the construction projects shown on the handouts.
9. M. Osterman stated he suggested a video for the educational portion of the meeting. An NRCS video was played, "Building a Waterway with a Grade Stabilization Structure."
10. The Farm Service Agency report was distributed. T. Greil said the Conservation Reserve Program is available for sign up. C. Sampson said there were 26 EQIP applications for 2022 in Racine County.

11. Other business: M. Osterman said the NACD informed him that the infrastructure bill will have \$30 million dollars will be available and distributed each State for conservation projects. Lake Michigan bluff erosion was not an eligible practice.

There is a regional NACD meeting in Columbus, Ohio in January. There are scholarships available for those who have not attended to help pay for the trip.

M. Osterman said the WI Land and Water Annual Conference is on March 2 – 4 in WI Dells.

12. A motion by R. Grove / M. Dawson to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. The motion was approved (2-0) by Youth in Governance and (7-0) by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Monte Osterman, Chairman  
Land Conservation Committee

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Chad Sampson, Recorder

## 2022 WISCONSIN LAND+WATER ELECTION BALLOT LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

As the WI Land+Water LWCB Election Policy indicates, each county is allowed one ballot. The Chair of the Land Conservation Committee or a designee must complete the ballot. To be considered a complete ballot, three candidates must be selected and the name of the voter's county must appear on the ballot.

Save your completed ballot and email back to Chris Schlutt at [chris@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:chris@wisconsinlandwater.org) by Friday, March 4, 8:00am. Any ballots received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Vote for three candidates. *Ballots with more or less than three votes will be discarded.*

- Yogesh Chawla, Dane County, Southern Area Association
- Rebecca Clarke, Sheboygan County, Lake Michigan Area Association
- Melissa Luck, Richland County, Southern Area Association
- Tom Mandli, Marinette County, Lake Michigan Area Association
- Monte G. Osterman, Racine County, Southeastern Area Association
- Russell Rindsig, Barron County, West Central Area Association
- Robert Thome, Oneida County, North Central Area Association

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Signature (type full name) of Land Conservation Committee Chair or designee

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County

## Yogesh Chawla, Dane County Supervisor

Supervisor Chawla is currently serving as the representative for District 6 on the Dane County Board of Supervisors. He is also the Chair of the Dane County Land Conservation Committee.

### **Professional Experience:**

I have worked in Information Technology for over 20 years and specialize in developing open source technology solutions for a variety of local, state and federal entities. Just as government should be open and transparent, the software that government uses and procures should also be free, open and transparent. I have worked on solutions to assist municipalities in collecting and analyzing Traffic Stop Data information so they can determine if they are disproportionately stopping minority drivers. I also have worked with teams to develop jail analytics software to determine who is in jail, why they are in jail and if they have mental health issues. This intersection of justice and health data is crucial to determine if a jail is being used efficiently and properly.

More information can be found at his website at [www.yogeshchawla.com](http://www.yogeshchawla.com).

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# REBECCA CLARKE

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Objective: Assist the Land and Water Conservation Board in the development and advancement of best management practices for the conservation of Wisconsin's natural resources.

## EXPERIENCE

### MAY 2020- CURRENTLY

#### COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR, SHEBOYGAN, WI DISTRICT 5

Secretary of Sheboygan County Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee. Appointed as Sheboygan County Board representative to the Wisconsin Counties Association's Agriculture, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee. Serve as the Sheboygan County LCC to the Land and Water Lake Michigan Area Association. Appointed to the City of Sheboygan Marina, Parks and Forestry Board. Represent the County Board on the Lakeshore Community Advancement Program Board, as well as the Sheboygan County ARPA Affordable Childcare Taskforce.

### OCT 2004- FEB 2015 SHEBOYGAN, WI MAYWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

#### PARK NATURALIST, CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

Developed, implemented, and evaluated environmental education programming for school (pre-K – college) and public groups. Worked with organizations such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, Lakeland College, UW-Sheboygan, the Senior Center, Mead Public Library, the Sheboygan County Conservation Association and others, to provide environmental education programming for diverse audiences.

### 2000- 2004 CENTRAL WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL STATION

#### PROGRAM MANAGER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – STEVENS POINT

Directed the University of WI-Stevens Point's College of Natural Resource's Environmental Education practicum. As a staff member of the WI Center for Environmental Education, developed curriculum on WI forestry, waters and energy for state-wide distribution. Provided premier environmental education programming for statewide audiences.

### 1997-2000 UPHAM WOODS 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, WI DELLS

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST, UW-EXTENSION

Responsible for scheduling groups, managing/evaluating teaching staff, care and safety of groups on site. Developed environmental education programs and resources and provided trainings state-wide for UW-Extension staff/4-H personnel on WI natural resources.

## EDUCATION

### 1996

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, UW-STEVENS POINT

Degree in Natural Resource Management/Environmental Education. Minor in Biology.

### 2007

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE, UW-STEVENS POINT

Natural Resource Management/"Development, Implementation and Evaluation of On-Line WI Forestry Course for K-12 Teachers and It's Impacts on Use of School Forests"

## SKILLS

Strong public speaker  
20 years' experience in Environmental Science education to all age levels  
Lobbying and advocacy experience

## ACTIVITIES

Past board member and Chair – Wisconsin Assoc. in Environmental Education  
Co-Chair 2015 Midwest Environmental Education Conf.  
Current Member Sheboygan CTY CDAC  
Instructor Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program  
Education Consultant Glacial Lakes Conservancy  
Founder SORA – Sheboygan Ozone Reduction Alliance

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**Public Service**

Richland County Board Supervisor

April 2018-present

Serving on committees: Finance & Personnel, Land Conservation (Vice-Chair), Law Enforcement & Judiciary (Chair), Rules & Ethics and Strategic Planning (Vice-Chair).

Member Wisconsin Land and Water Association Board of Directors 2018-present

Member Wisconsin Land and Water Association Executive Committee 2020-present

Appointed by the Governor to Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission 2019-present

Member Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee 2020-present

**Professional History**

Small Business Owner

Old Wood New Use LLC and Pebblebrook Glass Art

October 2015-present

Online sales of reclaimed building material and antiques. Creation and sales of stained glass art.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Research Program Manager III

March 2000-October 2015

Managed a large animal research facility; including oversight of the operations of the facility, budget management, support staff supervision, records management and statistical report preparation; meeting coordination and documentation of studies; ensured program compliance with government regulations, University policies, and animal welfare requirements, and prepared regulatory reports; monitored operating cost and prepared financial reports.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Laboratory Manager I

May 1993-February 2000

Managed federally funded lab investigating the effect of childhood lead exposure on cognition and development. Recruited, hired, and trained all personnel; collaborated with investigators from other universities; developed scientific protocols, analyzed data, wrote research proposals, papers, and grants.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Associate Research Specialist

July 1991-April 1993

Implemented numerous ruminant nutrition research projects. Responsible for all aspects of data collection and analysis. Monitored health and reproductive status of experimental animals. Collected biological samples, including rumen fluid, blood, feed, feces, milk and liver biopsies.

**EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Science, May 1991

Major--Dairy Science; Option--Production and Technology

Honors: Awarded the Robert Grummer Scholarship 1989

## **Resume of Thomas Mandli for Nomination of Land and Water Conservation Board**

I live in rural South central Marinette County on the Peshtigo River. I am running for a 4<sup>th</sup> term unopposed for my District 17 supervisor seat and serve on the Development Committee. I taught Technology Education in Marinette for 31 years and have been retired since 2008. I attended UW Stout obtaining a BS in 1977 and a MS in 1986. I helped draft a resolution and ordinance against sulfide mining and authored a resolution requesting the passage of legislation dealing with PFAS. I have attended nearly every meeting of the Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association over the past four years and spoke at the Water Quality Task Force event held in Marinette several years ago.

**Thomas Mandli  
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District 17 Supervisor  
Marinette County Board**





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January 2022;

To our Association members,

I would like to introduce myself to all of you and offer my contact information in the event you have questions or thoughts to share. I am attentive to hearing your ideas or concerns, knowing open communication is the key to strengthening our organization. For those interested here are a few of my past experiences:

- County Board Supervisor, Racine County
- Economic Development and Land Use, Planning, Zoning Committee
- Land Conservation Committee Chair; authored and passed numerous environmental related resolutions
- Public Works Committee
- Racine Zoo Board – Operational Oversight; secured funding for major Zoo conservation projects
- Founding Chairman – Youth In Governance Committee, Racine County Youth Advocate Award
- WLWCA (Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association) Outstanding Supervisor of the Year
- WLWCA Legislative Committee
- WLWCA Executive Committee
- WLWCA Board of Directors Chair; Southeast Area LCC member
- County Ambassador to State Legislature, Wisconsin Counties Association appointment
- Led successful effort to restore state conservation funding
- NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) Wisconsin Representative
- NACD Urban and Community Conservation and Agriculture; Resource Policy Group
- NACD, Vice-Chairman, Coastal Resources Committee
- Root River Watershed Restoration Plan committee; 200 sq. mile watershed initiative; 9-point EPA plan
- Led initiative to create PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) funding tool for green development
- Appointed state PACE Commissioner
- Leading historic environmental corridor initiative in Foxconn development
- Self-employed in numerous disciplines for over 30 years; created several professional training curriculums
- Land and Water Conservation Board member, carried resolution forward to support developing communities, supported efforts to include 9 key element plans, testified before Speakers task Force on Water Quality

My interest in the environment started almost 40 years ago when I worked at a summer camp as a counselor for developmentally and physically disabled youth. Those campers and I worked together in a stream restoration effort on the grounds with that project winning a statewide conservation award. That experience lit my fire for conservation which has lasted a lifetime. My wife Mary and I live in the City of Racine right next to Lake Michigan. We raised children here, and now have a beautiful granddaughter. It is my intention to leave a legacy of environmental stewardship that our family, Association and state can be proud of. I have been self-employed my entire adult life. Using those experiences to blend business concerns with environmental initiatives and my unique background around development programs I hope will help inform this Board through valuable perspective. I am proud of helping move the Land and Water Conservation Board in the direction of addressing climate resilience, urban conservation efforts, and proactive approaches to resource management. I hope to continue this work with your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank you, *Monte*

Monte G. Osterman  
Wisconsin Land + Water, Board Chair

Russell Rindsig, Barron County LCC  
Candidate for the Wisconsin Land and Water Association Board

Russell Rindsig has a B.S. (Dairy Science), M.S. (Dairy Science) and PhD (Nutritional Sciences/Dairy Science) degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He was a professor in the Dairy Science Department at the University of Illinois. Rindsig is a member of the American Dairy Science Association; local, state and national Holstein Associations and a past member of the Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association Board and the UW Department of Dairy Science Advisory Board. He has over 40 publications in Scientific and Educational Journals.

Currently Rindsig is on the Barron County Board of Supervisors where he is Chairman of the Property Committee, a member of the Executive Committee, Extension/Land Conservation Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, the Commission on Agriculture, and the Veterans Committee. He is also the Chairman of the Town of Oak Grove (Barron County) Plan Commission.

He represents the County on the West Central Committee of the Wisconsin Land and Water Association. He is the West Central District LCC representative on the Wisconsin Land and Water Association Board where he is on the Legislative Committee and the Financial Management and Investment Subcommittee. He was a part of the presentation of Barron County's Land & Water Resource Management Plan in 2019 before the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board.

Formerly a livestock producer (registered Holsteins and registered Suffolk sheep), Rindsig now cash crops, raising corn, soybeans and hay. Vertical tillage and no-till are used on all cropped acres. He has converted a former manure pit to a farm pond for wildlife habitat. He is in his 12<sup>th</sup> year in the Conservation Stewardship Program with NRCS.

An Army veteran, Rindsig is an active member and vice commander in the local American Legion post and President of the Barron Co. Fair Board and a member of the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Legislative Committee. He is a county fair judge and a certified lay speaker in the United Methodist Church.

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➤ **About Me:**

- Life-long outdoor enthusiast, hunter, and conservationist
- Married with 2 children and an old dog
- Graduate of UW- Milwaukee focus on accounting & engineering
- Licensed Certified Public Accountant
- Owned and managed two successful businesses over a 40-year career.
- Oneida County Board Supervisor, representing the Town of Crescent District 11, Wards 1 & 3
  - Serving on OC Conservation/UW Extension Committee,
  - Serving on Social Services, Veteran Services, ADRC, Human Service Center, Library Board, Funding Opportunities Committee
  - Serves as Crescent Lake District and Bear Lake District Commissioner
  - Planning & Zoning defacto member
  - Encourage fiscal responsibility based upon my professional experience
- Board member of the Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association
- President of the Lake Julia Lake Association
- Trinity Lutheran Church – RHI Financial Audit Committee

➤ **Conservation priorities:**

- SUPPORT clean water, clean air and healthy land initiatives
- ADVOCATE for the protection of our most valuable asset – water resources, which ultimately will:
  - Protect our residential property values
  - Protect our residential property tax revenues
  - Protect our tourism industry
  - Oppose all sulfide mining
  - Proponent of Manure Storage ordinances and comprehensive CAFO ordinances
  - PFAS – develop strategies to provide safe water for all

➤ **I believe we should be applying best practices, supported by objective data and science, to manage our land, air and water resources**