

<p style="text-align: center;">Notice of Public Meeting  <b>Thursday, March 12, 2026</b>  8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LAND CONSERVATION  COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Door County Government Center  Chambers Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  421 Nebraska St, Sturgeon Bay, WI</i></p>
<p><i>Oversight for Soil &amp; Water Conservation Department and Extension Door County</i></p>		

**AGENDA**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Establish a Quorum**
3. **Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed**
4. **Correspondence**
5. **Public Comment** (Maximum agenda item of 30 minutes with a maximum of three minutes per speaker)
6. **Supervisor Response**
- 2-3 7. **Approve Minutes:** 1/8/26 LCC Minutes
- 4-7 8. **Extension**
  - 8.1. Educator Report – Aerica Bjurstrom, Regional Dairy Educator
  - 8.2. Educator Report – Paul Salm, Human Development & Relationships
  - 8.3. Educator Report – Candis Dart, 4-H Program
  - 8.4. Director’s Report – Jayna Hintz
9. **Soil & Water Conservation Department**
  - 9.1. Invasive Species
    - ◆ Approve WI DNR AIS Surface Water Education Grant – Starry Stonewort Management - \$4,995.19
    - ◆ Approve Door County Community Foundation Grant – Wildlife Parsnip Control - \$4,998
    - 8 ◆ Resolution 2026-\_\_ Approval of WI DNR AIS Grant for Spiny Waterflea & Starry Stonewort Prevention
    - 9 ◆ Resolution 2026-\_\_ Approval of EPA GLRI WDNR Grant for European Frog-bit
  - 10 9.2. Ground Water Monitoring – UWO Spring 2026 Well Sampling Program
10. **Area and State Association**
  - 10.1. Review of Lake Michigan Area Association BOD Planning & Budget Meeting – January 9, 2026
  - 10.2. Lake Michigan Area Association 2026 Conservation Award
  - 10.3. Review of WI Land + Water 2026 Conference – March 4-6, 2026, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells
11. **Sustainability Matters to be Considered**
12. **Legislative Matters to be Considered**
  - 12.1. WCA Resolutions update
13. **Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee**
14. **Next Meeting Date:** May 14, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – Regular LCC Meeting
15. **Adjourn**

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**MINUTES**

Thursday, January 8, 2026

**LAND CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE**

*Door County Government Center  
Chambers Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
421 Nebraska St, Sturgeon Bay, WI*

*Oversight for Soil & Water Conservation Department & UW-Extension*

1. **Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.** by Chair Todd Thayse.
2. **Establish a Quorum - Roll Call**  
Present: Todd Thayse, Jacob Brey, Colin Jeanquart, Morgan Rusnak, Claire Morkin (virtual), and Vinni Hancock (virtual).  
Others present: Greg Coulthurst, Beth Hanson, Tim Dahl – SWCD, Liliana Ramirez, Aerica Bjurstrom, Paul Salm, Candis Dart and Laura Apfelbeck (virtual) – UW Ext., Supervisor David Englebert, Supervisor Hugh Zettel, Administrator Ken Pabich and members of the public.
3. **Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed:** Motion by Jeanquart, seconded by Brey, to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Supervisor Response:** None
7. **Approve Minutes:** Brey made a motion, seconded by Hancock, to approve the November 13, 2025 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.
8. **Extension**
  - 8.1. Aerica Bjurstrom reported on upcoming programs which include a statewide survey of the cost of raising heifers, Manure Haulers 101, Milk Quality from Udder World for parlor managers, and CAFO meeting.
  - 8.2. Paul Salm reported that he is teaching 3 different courses, Mental Health Coping is an in-person course with 11 participants, Planning Ahead is a virtual course with 19 participants and Cyber Security is a virtual course with 15 participants.
  - 8.3. Candis Dart reported there is currently 175 youth enrolled in 4-H. Events scheduled include a clover bud workshop, communication contest, Super Saturday program, and a foods workshop. Other programs with other Counties include a 4-H Clover Com workshop, and a volunteer summit for fall.
  - 8.4. Laura Apfelbeck reported on funding for SNAP-ED, previous work done like the Big Apple Project which a report is included in the packet, and a program to supply potatoes called the Spud Run for healthy food access. Spoke about food security and explained how she is currently working with seven food pantries to provide fresh produce to pantries.
  - 8.5. Liliana Ramirez, Interim Area Extension Director, reported on new alignments of the UW-Extension areas, Door County will enter a group with Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Calumet, and Sheboygan, and the area director will be Jayna Hintz. Reported that UW-Extension budget is currently on track.
9. **Soil & Water Conservation Department**
  - 9.1. Ground Water Monitoring – UWO Fall Sample Results  
Greg Coulthurst reported on the results of the water samples taken in October, the purpose of the testing program, and reviewed UW-Oshkosh's presentation.

Supervisor Hugh Zettel provided comments on the water testing results, concerned with results that are showing up in Zone 4b, the density of homes in this area, and is wondering if there should be a comprehensive look at the impacts of human wastes.

**9.2. Tiling**

Included in the packet is information regarding tiling in Wisconsin for review. This topic is also on the agenda for the Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association BOD meeting on 1/9/26.

**10. Area and State Association**

**10.1.** Greg Coulthurst reported on the Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association BOD Planning & Budget Meeting on January 9, 2026.

**10.2.** Registration for the WI Land + Water 2026 Conference on March 4-6, 2026 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells must be completed by January 30, 2026 for the discount.

**11. Sustainability Matters to be Considered:** None

**12. Legislative Matters to be Considered:** None

**13. Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee:** Kinnard Farms manure handling system

**14. Next Meeting Date:** March 12, 2026 at 8:30 am – Regular LCC Meeting

**15. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Jeanquart, seconded by Brey at 9:44 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Hanson, SWCD Administrative Assistant



## Agriculture

- An informational article for dairy producers and calf care professionals, in which Aerica Bjurstrom and Angie Ulness explain how lung ultrasounds can be used to detect subclinical pneumonia, guide treatment decisions, and benchmark herd-level respiratory health, thereby improving early disease detection, calf growth, welfare, and long-term productivity on dairy farms.
- A radio show for agricultural producers and community members, where Aerica Bjurstrom and Chris Clark highlighted Extension programming in dairy, crops, and soils—sharing practical research-based resources and educational opportunities—to strengthen on-farm decision-making, support profitability, and enhance the long-term sustainability of Wisconsin agriculture.
- A television interview on Local 5 WFRV for regional farmers and community members, where upcoming Extension programs, including VITAL and Milk Quality from the Udder World, were promoted and key learning opportunities were highlighted to increase awareness, encourage participation, and support improved dairy management practices that strengthen farm viability and milk quality across the region.
- Planning for VITAL – Valuably Informed Thriving Agriculture Leader, is an educational meeting designed to enhance learning on topics related to production agriculture, with an emphasis on the dairy sector. The VITAL event promises a fun-filled and educational day featuring opportunities to expand industry knowledge, connect with agricultural and dairy-related resources, and build strong professional networks within the dairy community. <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/events/vital-meeting/>
- A newsletter for farmers, managers, employees and agribusiness professionals in collaboration with the Eastern Wisconsin Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative that informs the reader of upcoming UW Madison Division of Extension programs, provides key crop and dairy management updates and includes timely production articles.

## Community Development

- A facilitated conversation with nonprofit leaders in Northeast Wisconsin, where participants learned about collaborations as a way to address funding and priority changes while continuing to carrying out the organization's mission.

## Crops and Soils/Nutrient Management

- February 10, 11, 12, 2026 nutrient management farmer training was held at the Luxemburg Fairgrounds. As a result of this training, at least 100% of participants utilized up to date soil test results and UW nutrient recommendations in 2026 plans. There were 30 farmers in attendance all of which completed the DATCP approved nutrient management training in partnership with Kewaunee Co, UW division of extension and DATCP staff. There was an increase in farmers from Door and Brown County as the technical college program no longer exists. 100% of the farmers in attendance completed and turned in 2026 nutrient management plans.

## Health and Well-Being

- Planning for a direct education series with older adults and adults with disabilities in collaboration with ESI and Grand View Terrace. The goal is to get a nutrition education series that helps making healthy eating easier so that these groups follow the dietary guidelines closer.
- Fresh Wisconsin Produce for Food Pantries: In Door County, Extension outreach specialists in Nutrition are working toward increasing access to fresh produce for low-income people. In a pilot project we call The Spud



Run, rural food pantries can collaboratively purchase potatoes at wholesale prices from a Wisconsin-based farm. Historically, food pantries have not had such opportunities, but we are using collective purchasing power and collaborative delivery systems to improve the situation. We started in November with potatoes for \$9/50lb bag and now added carrots, cabbages, and onions as well. As of the February delivery, pantry managers have purchased and distributed 15,000 lbs. of fresh produce at 14 pantries and community meal sites in four counties.

- Big Apple Project Conference Presentations: With shifts in nutrition-education funding, the Big Apple Project raises timely questions about how universities can sustain collaborative, community-driven work. We hope attendees at both the Wisconsin Idea Conference in March and the Joint Council of Extension Professionals in April will leave with strategies for initiating and strengthening their own partnerships and with a clearer sense of how collective action can expand the impact of local food access efforts.

## Human Development and Relationships

- Planning Ahead: A 7-session course that helps adults of all ages to make end-of-life financial, healthcare, and final wishes decisions in order to reduce the stress experienced by survivors and to ensure that their wishes are honored.
- Co-Facilitated an Emergency Preparedness Program for older adults in collaboration with the Aging Coalition of Door County. The goal is to introduce older adults to the resources required to develop an individualized action plan in the case of a weather emergency.
- Facilitated a 5-part, consumer protection program for older adults in collaboration with The ADRC of Door County, and The Door County Sheriff's Department. The goal is to equip older adults with the knowledge needed to prevent financial, internet fraud.
- Provided a presentation on the health and societal benefits of social connection at the Door County Auditorium. This topic was also discussed on WDOR radio in February.
- Facilitated a 7-week, mental health program called WeCope to adults, virtually, via Zoom in Door County. The goal of the program is to teach adults strategies to cope with life stress. WeCope reduces stress and depression and increases positive affect

## Natural Resources

- A presentation to 33 County LWCD staff and LWCD County Board committee members sharing the results of the 20-year trend of BWIs (brown water incidents) and livestock-caused well water pathogen contamination in 5 NE WI counties in the Silurian area that documents the impact of their county-based manure regulations and regional NR151.075 regulations.

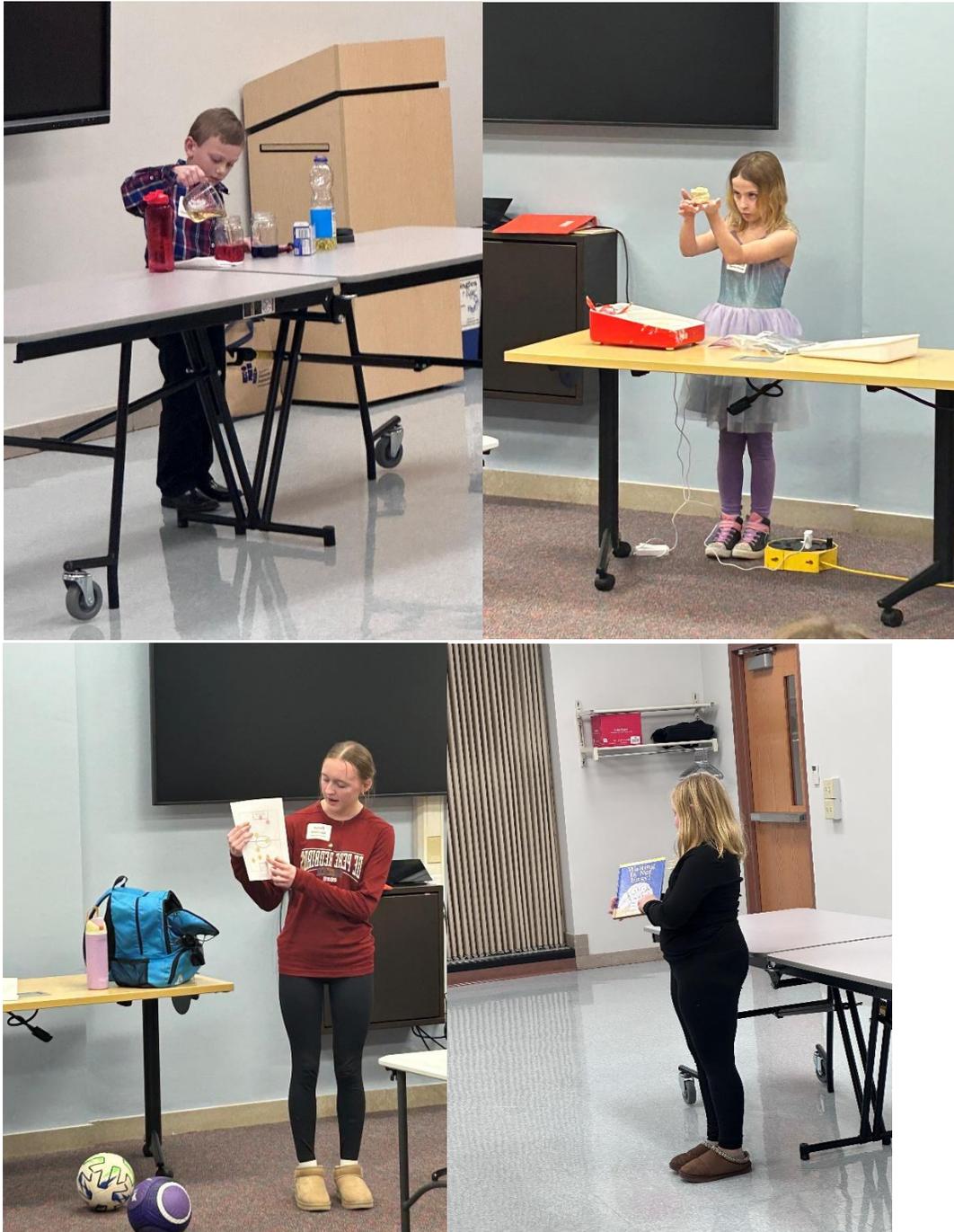
## Positive Youth Development

- Monthly meetings of the Door County 4-H Adult Leaders Association where the volunteer members are provided with support, updates, and oversight from the Door County 4-H Program Educator.
- The Door County 4-H Communications Contest is an event for Door County 4-H youth in grades Kindergarten - 12th grade, where they were given the opportunity to practice public speaking, communication, and leadership skills. Through this event, youth were able to gain confidence in speaking in front of others, gain self-esteem, and build on life skills.



Door County 4-H Communications Contest

Presentations, Demonstrations and Public Speaking





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Healthy Food Access  
SUCCESS STORY

## The Spud Run: Expanding Access to Fresh Local Produce in Northeast Wisconsin

### Challenge

As a UW-Madison Extension staff member working to strengthen food security in Door, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc Counties, Laura Apfelbeck is helping pantries connect with local food producers through the USDA-funded WI Local Food Purchase Assistance Program. When that program lost funding in January 2025, many rural pantries were left without a reliable source of local foods.

Rural pantries are often overlooked in food distribution systems. Few have loading docks, even fewer have refrigerated trucks, and many are open only one or two days a week. Staffing is limited, often relying on one or two part-time employees who may not be able to manage heavy deliveries. Yet the benefits of local procurement are significant. Growers earn needed income, and pantries receive fresh, local produce that families want.

### The Project

In many communities across these three counties, fresh potatoes are a household staple. Yet most food pantries do not have a consistent supply. With a few targeted phone calls, Apfelbeck identified a Wisconsin-based grower with the capacity to deliver potatoes at an affordable price. Through a partnership with Alsum Farms & Produce in Friesland, participants could purchase a 50-pound bag of russet potatoes for nine dollars, including delivery to Manitowoc with a minimum order of 30 bags. With a supplier secured at a sustainable price point, The Spud Run was launched.



Mark Jeniek at Kewaunee Co Food Pantry stocking potatoes from Alsum



Alsum Farms & Produce is known for their eco-friendly practices

On November 4, the pilot delivered 46 bags of potatoes (2,300 pounds) to four food pantries and two community meal sites in Manitowoc and Kewaunee Counties. The Big Apple Project offered a helpful model for logistics and partnerships. Because Alsum does not deliver directly to Kewaunee or Door Counties, the Manitowoc nonprofit Grow It Forward provided transport from Manitowoc, similar to their role in distributing apples.

“ You have been just the resource I have been praying for. —Larry Peterson, Co-Chair, Brown County Hunger Coalition

Connections built through The Big Apple Project also supported expansion. After learning about the effort, Larry Peterson of Resurrection Church Food Pantry in Green Bay reached out to Alsum for pricing information. Peterson shared this message: “Thanks for the info! I called Dave at Alsum this afternoon and he is going to send me a price list of lots of different products. This is the info I have been hoping to get to the Coalition all year but didn't know where to find the opportunities. You have been just the resource I have been praying for.”

The December Spud Run will include the original partners plus the Manitowoc Boys & Girls Club, United Ministries (serving pantries in St. Nazianz and Two Rivers), and the Kewaunee County Food Pantry in Algoma. The January Spud Run will expand to include seven pantries in Door County.



Dan Balch and Eric Weidner loading potatoes destined for Lakeshore Community Pantry



Tracy Bruce-Minehan and a Peters Pantry volunteer with potatoes from Alsum Farms

### Continuing Impact

Community partners are enthusiastic. By collaborating, pantries can increase buying power and reduce transportation costs. Still, most rural pantry managers do not have the capacity to design and pilot new multi-county distribution systems while meeting the immediate needs of the households waiting at their doors. Extension plays a key role as connector and facilitator, helping create a sustainable model for long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships. Once established, these systems can continue to strengthen local food access well into the future.

### By the Numbers

- 2,300 pounds of potatoes delivered in the pilot
- 46 bags distributed
- 6 organizations received potatoes in the first run

This program is funded by the Ruth St. John and John Dunham West Foundation, Inc. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.







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# Spring 2026 DOOR COUNTY

## PRIVATE WELL MONITORING PROGRAM

### TESTING PARAMETERS

-  Total coliforms/*E. coli* (quantification)
-  Nitrate (Nitrate + nitrite as N)

**Cost is only \$30\***

*\*Discounted rate for the first 300 registrants; \$45 for those registering after the first 300 registrants.*

*Optional arsenic, pH, alkalinity, hardness and iron tests available at an additional cost of \$25*

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The University of WI Oshkosh has been offering discounted well water quality testing through this program since 2019. The goal of this program is to provide education about the importance of testing your well water as well as build a database of groundwater quality data in Door County.

### HOW IT WORKS

- RSVP using the link or QR code below by April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Receive sampling kit in mail
- Attend a virtual forum to learn how to sample
- Return your kit April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at designated drop-off locations
- Receive your results & countywide summary of study



**Registration accepted through April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**RSVP online at [uwo.sh/doorco-wells-spring26](http://uwo.sh/doorco-wells-spring26) or using the QR code**

*\*Prepayment using a credit card is accepted when you RSVP online, otherwise mailed checks are accepted made out to UW Oshkosh. Note that sampling kits will not be mailed out until payment is received.*

**Sample drop-off is April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendars!**

For more information, contact Jackie Behrens at [eric@uwosh.edu](mailto:eric@uwosh.edu) or (920) 424-3148