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The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

LION Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:00 – 9:00 am

Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, WI

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86253360450?pwd=obD7AkHsHGmtL3WL9btCd11ddLzBP3.1>

Meeting ID: 862 5336 0450 Passcode: 502160

In Attendance: This listing was assembled using in-person and Zoom online chat lists.

Name	Organization
Adam Derringer	Ayres
Adam Dorn	Winnebago Co/ZOOM
Adam Grassl	Vilas Co
Adam Wright	La Crosse Co
Alex Mezera	LTSB
Ann Hempel	Trempealeau Co
April Riley	Jackson Co
Brad Bastian	Outagamie Co
Brett Budrow	St Croix Co
Brian DeVries	Sawyer Co/ZOOM
Brittany Goudos-Weisbecker	Ashland Co/ZOOM
Cathy Cooper	Richland Co
Chris Colney	Lafayette Co
Cody Brommerich	Jackson Co
David Addison	Dodge Co/ZOOM
Davita Veselenak	DOA/ZOOM
DLEWIS	/ZOOM
Eric Damkot	Washington Co/ZOOM
Fred Iausly	Dane Co
Gerald Stanuch	Green Lake Co/ZOOM
Gerry Kokkonen	Jefferson Co
Jaime Martindale	UW Madison
James Palmer	Washburn Co/ZOOM
Jeremy Kral	Kewaunee Co/ZOOM
Joe Martell	Shawano Co
John Grams	Columbia Co/ZOOM
Julie Lins	Richland Co
Kathy	/ZOOM
Kayla Littleton	Forest Co
Kelly Felton	Sauk Co
Kevin Bruhn	Milwaukee Co/ZOOM
Kevin Etherton	Pierce Co
Kim Christman	Racine Co

Name	Organization
Kim Meinert	Waukesha Co
Kyle Willoughby	La Crosse Co
Mari Pietz	La Crosse Co/ZOOM
Matt Zangl	/ZOOM
Michelle Schultz	/ZOOM
Monique Hassman	Vernon Co
Nathan Fazer	/ZOOM
Nathan Machula	Buffalo Co
Nathan Sennett	/ZOOM
Nick Gamroth	Trempealeau Co
Nicole Barbiaux	Cedar Corp
Nik Anderson	WLIA/Ayres
Norm Bushar	/ZOOM
Paul Bernard	Wood Co
Peter Herreid	WI DOA
Peter Strand	Eau Claire Co
Preston Vande Voort	Marathon Co/ZOOM
Robert Sommers	Green Co
Ryan Smith	Schneider Geospatial
Ryan Squires	LTSB
Sara Chiamulera	Oneida Co
Scott Godfrey	/ZOOM
Scott Schutze	/ZOOM
Shaun Wood	/ZOOM
Staci Hoffman	Jefferson Co
Stephanie Sattler	Waushara Co/ZOOM
Tiffani Ehlen	Grant Co
Tim Dahlen	Vernon Co
Timm Dobbs	GHA Associates
Tracy	/ZOOM
Zach Robinson	LTSB

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rob Sommers @ 8:04AM.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Adam GrassL to approve 10-17-2024 agenda as presented, second by Kelly Felton. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes from Annual Meeting, June 6, 2024.

Motion by Fred lausly to approve 06-06-2024 minutes as presented, second by Rob Sommers. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Topological Analysis on Municipal Wards Data; LTSB topics - Discussion

Zach Robinson reviewed BAS tool, redistricting data tool. Discussion followed. See attached handout.

5. Department of Administration (DOA); Peter Herreid

Discussion on the listservs regarding differences between doa-landinfo@lists.wi.gov, doa-landinfo.lios@lists.wi.gov. Note to take care in which one you are using, to make sure the target audience is being reached. Herreid provided attached handout, supplemented discussion with 2025 Grant applications are available; approximately 90% of counties have them completed. Act 235 discussion: call Peter to discuss how your county is handling the upcoming changes.

6. Elimination of Personal Property (BFI parcels); Nick Gamroth

Discussion occurred on BFI parcels. Need clear and complete legal descriptions. See Peter Herreid handout from Agenda item #5 for DOA input. Most counties seem to be doing polygon layer of recorded BFIs. Approximately 50% of counties have not had a BFI recorded. Need to have legal description for among other things, potential tax delinquency takings. Also need to make sure assessors are NOT creating parcels across the state. Discussion on how LIO's could contact their assessors now, to eliminate potential issues down the road on BFIs, etc.

7. Judicial Privacy (Act 235); Staci Hoffman

Discussion on Attolles Law Analysis and Summary, Director of State Courts timeline for stakeholder feedback. See attached handout.

8. Land Information Funding; Nik Anderson

Discussion from Anderson and Nick Gamroth on potential legislation for new layout of Real Estate Transfer Fee, instigated by Representative Robert Brooks. Potential here would be no change to document recording fee, but a lowering of Real Estate Transfer Fee, and a different distribution of fees over a 3-year time period. This is all preliminary right now.

9. WSRS2022/NATRF2022

Tabled discussion. See second section on Peter Herreid (#5) handout for articles.

10. Any other business

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00AM.

Minutes submitted by Sara Chiamulera, LION Secretary. These minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval/change by the Land Information Officers Network.

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Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB)

- Topological Analysis on Municipal Wards Data
- BAS January 2025 Collection
- Minor improvements to BAS Tool
- Redistricting data program will be starting in about a year.
- Asking for feedback to see if people would like us to do a BAS Tool webinar.

Topological Analysis on Municipal Wards Data

We are writing to inform you that we have completed a topological analysis of the July 2024 municipal ward data submitted through the LTSB GeoData Collector. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance geographic data quality, we would like to share the results of this analysis with you.

The topological analysis was conducted in two parts: (1) identifying gaps and overlaps within your county and (2) those along county boundaries. The gaps and overlaps within your county are attached. To view the gaps and overlaps along your county boundary, as well as a statewide LTSB topologically corrected ward layer, you may find them here

While no immediate action is required, ensuring that municipal wards are topologically accurate is crucial for several important reasons. Municipal wards are directly relayed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission for incorporation into the state election administration systems. Additionally, these wards form the foundation for creating the statewide municipal boundary layer and county supervisory district layers. These boundaries are submitted to the U.S. Census to be integrated into federal geographic datasets, including the U.S. Census TIGER blocks. The most recent statewide layers are available on the LTSB HUB page, with historical statewide layers accessible on the GeoData Wisconsin site.

We understand that resolving all topology errors may require consideration of other geographic factors. If you need resources or guidance for reviewing and correcting these issues, we have provided the following links:

Topological Analysis Resources

Topology in ArcMap Demo

Topology in ArcGIS Pro Demo

Furthermore, we would like to inform you that the U.S. Census 2030 Redistricting Data Program has been officially announced. You can find more information and a preliminary timeline for the program's various phases here. We will continue to reach out as we approach these dates and provide support throughout the redistricting data program.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Department of Administration (DOA); Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP)**Recording levels**

- Levels remain at historic lows, 734,083 documents recorded statewide in State FY 2024, which is below the historic low of 770,705 set in FY2023.
- Unless document recordings pick up, Strategic Initiative Grants likely to remain around \$10-20k.

Grants

- 2025 Grant Applications due Dec. 31, 2024.

3DEP lidar grants

- Since Jim Giglierano's retirement, Peter has taken responsibility at DOA 3DEP lidar grants. Currently waiting for notification of approval/denial of 2025 grant application for Menominee, Forest, and Outagamie counties. SEWRPC submitted a grant application separately and not with DOA. We hope both get funded.

Land Information Plans - Uniform Instructions

- Final instructions were sent in March.
- A comprehensive, complete draft of your county plan was due by September 30, 2024.
- Currently reviewing drafts, and on schedule to have reviews back to counties within a month of draft plan submittal.
- As with the last update, peer review and comments will be encouraged, but voluntary and non-binding.
- Final plans with county land info council approval due by December 31st, 2024.

Act 235

- It is looking like only names of judicial officers and their family members will need to be shielded/removed on land records websites and not addresses.
- We are hoping that the process for name opt-out in [757.07\(4m\)](#) can be equivalent to submittal of the written request for protection of personal information under [757.07\(4\)](#).

WSRS2022/NATRF2022

New article by Howard Veregin (SCO)

<https://www.sco.wisc.edu/2024/10/10/federal-register-notice-announces-new-timeline-for-nrsr-modernization/>

Resources

<https://www.sco.wisc.edu/community/wsrs2022/>

Judicial Privacy (Act 235); Staci Hoffman**Act 235 - Judicial Privacy Law - Proposed Amendments**LION Meeting October 17th, 2024

WLIA Technical Committee - Judicial Privacy Task Force and PRIA Local, working with a number of other associates and groups developed a list of questions and concerns related to 2023WI Act 235. The groups worked with Attolles Law, who provided a legal analysis and summary of the 2023 Wisconsin Act 235. Based on the summary that Attolles Law provided, and additional discussions through PRIA Local and the WLIA Judicial Privacy Task Force - Legislative Subcommittee, the following is a list of recommended changes that would be part of proposed legislative amendments to 2023 WI Act 235.

1. Address data that are not associated with the name of the owner or occupant should be allowed to be shared publicly. Address Point data for NextGen-911, Market Drive, collect. Example DCiMap.
2. In Section 7, (4m)(a) the definition of a “land records website” shall provide language that the Register of Deeds website does not fall under this meaning as is exempt as it is previously defined in Section 6 and defined in § 59.43(1r).

Ex: “land records website” for Act 235 shall exempt the Register of Deeds. 59.43(9)(a)(2) - requires the index to be accessible and searchable by name(s), document number, and tract of land (not address)

3. Clarify that Wis. Stat. § 757.07(4m) (providing the requirements of the Act applicable to providers of public facing land records websites) supersedes the other requirements of the Act with respect to providers of public facing land records websites. See Q/A 24, 26, and 27.
 - a. Clarify that a land records website providing an opt-out process, no searching or display of an owner name, can still display an address and not a violation of the act.
 - b. The opt-out implementation severs the link between a name and address, by not allowing a search and retrieve by name.
 - c. Allow addresses without owner or occupant names, to be available on public facing websites for address verification, ex: utilities, 911/NG911, bus routes.
 - d. Example AccessDane and DCiMap.
4. Requests for record redaction/shielding should be specific and reasonable. Similar to Wisconsin Public Records law 19.35(1). A request is deemed sufficient if it reasonably describes the requested record or the information requested.
 - a. Example of reasonable request: Redact my name on the unrecorded survey I had done for the property at 123 Main St in 2005. or Don't show my personally identifiable information for the records of my code enforcement violation on my property at 123 Main St from 2000 - 2024.
 - b. Example of unreasonable request: Never display records of my personally identifiable information to the public online or via an open records request. Never publicly show my personally identifiable information on a map that has already been made or will be made in the next 10 years.
5. Provide an exemption under the Act for other statutorily required processes, procedures, and functions of government agencies (e.g., information required to be shared with the State or federal agencies, publishing legal notices related to tax deeds, etc.). See Q/A 6, 14, and 19.
 - a. Comments during public comment period. - Likely doesn't need amendment. Can just tell the JO to say they live in the jurisdiction (i.e. county, town, city, etc.)

- b. Tax deed: Allow an owner’s name to be published as it relates to the tax lien foreclosure process. §75.521(3)(am)1.
 - c. Permit, Variance, etc: Publication withholding the name of the JO
 - d. Managed Forest Law: Publication withholding the name of the JO (needs to be discussed with staff closer to the concern)
6. Define the term “secondary address” to avoid ambiguity of what properties are permitted to be included in a written request.
 7. Require written requests and release consents to be notarized to ensure the authenticity of written requests to avoid inadvertent disclosure. See Q/A 1-4. (leave this on here, but not a sticking point if challenged)
 8. Add process for interested third parties to obtain electronic versions of documents from the Register of Deed's office (e.g., an adjoining property owner seeking a copy of an easement on a Judicial Officer's property). See Q/A 25. (again, not a sticking point, but should be addressed somehow)
 9. Require Judicial Officers to notify government agencies when a home address subject to a written request no longer qualifies as the Judicial Officer's home address. See Q/A 10.

Milestone	Anticipated Date
Feedback on Attolles Law Memo	Due 10/15/2024
Attolles Law Workgroup	To begin 10/16/2024
Recommendations for Cleanup Legislation Submitted to Director of State Courts	Due 11/15/2024
WLIA Workflow Recommendations to Partners	To begin 11/16/2024
Recommendation for Cleanup Legislation Submitted to Legislature	1/15/2025
Effective Date	4/1/2025

Attolles Law Workgroup:

- Andrew Phillips – Attolles Law
- Marcie Rainbolt – WCA
- Adam Dorn – WLIA – Winnebago County
- Fred Iausly – WLIA – Dane County
- Nik Anderson – WLIA – Ayres Associates
- Staci Hoffman – WLIA/WRDA – Jefferson County
- Nels Rude – WLIA Lobbyist