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The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

## MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Thursday, June 5th, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee

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

Name	Organization
Andy Hess	Calumet
John Grams	Columbia
Kim Christman	Racine
Kelly Felton	Sauk
Eric Damkot	Washington
Kim Meinert	Waukesha
Adam Dorn	Winnebago
Jim Landwehr	Cloudpoint Geospatial
Peter Herried	WI-DOA
Jennifer Borlick	Rock
Nik Anderson	WLIA/Ayres Assoc
Nick Gamroth	Trempealeau/WLIA
Steve Tomlins	City of Janesville
Jaime Martindale	UW-Madison
Zach Robinson	LTSB
Fred lausly	Dane
Gerry Kokkonen	Jefferson
Laura Scott	Jefferson
Nicole Hoepfner	Dodge
---Zoom attendees below---	
Jeff DuMez	Brown
Zach Felling	Eau Claire
Gerald Stanuch	Green Lake
Rob Sommers	Green
Mari Pietz	La Crosse
Kevin Bruhn	Milwaukee
Jeremiah D. Erickson	Monroe

Name	Organization
Brad Bastian	Outagamie
Diana Lewis	Ozaukee
Joe Martell	Shawano
Adam Grassl	Vilas
Tammy Malach	Kewaunee
Chris Arrowood	Langlade
Donna Liebergen	Florence
Cody Brommerich	Jackson
Nathan Fazer	Sheboygan
Nathan Machula	Buffalo
Tim Dahlen	Vernon
Kathy Bach	Milwaukee
Carrie Morrell	Clark
James Palmer	Washburn
Rachel Wells	Dunn
Davita Veselenak	WI DOA
Nathan Sennett	Lincoln
Matt Randerson	Manitowoc
Dave Addison	Dodge
Tracy Saxby	Jefferson
David Vogel	WI SCO
Stefanie	
GC Treasurer	
La Crosse County GIS	
4 phone number only entries	

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Eric Damkot @ 8:07 am.

### 2. Approve Agenda Motion

Motion by Kelly Felton to approve agenda as presented, second by Jennifer Borlick. Motion approved unanimously.

### 3. Introduction of any new LIOs



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Welcome Zach Felling of Eau Claire County (in case people missed it from the last meeting when it was very new information).

#### **4. Approve Minutes from Annual Conference Meeting, February 26th, 2025.**

Motion by Adam Dorn to approve 2-26-25 minutes with corrections as reported by Eric Damkot; second by Jennifer Borlick. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **5. LION Board Activity Report**

For full update, see attached LION Board report that was sent with the agenda. No further questions.

#### **6. Department of Administration (DOA) – updates by Peter Herried**

For full WLIP update, see Peter's DOA Report that was attached to the agenda. Peter communicated that with a sustained downswing in document recordings, next year's grant program amounts will likely stay the same as 2025. Expenditure Reports are due at the end of June.

Regarding the open GIO position, a backlog to fill positions in DOA as a whole is expected to shake loose soon, including this one. Peter is currently handling LiDAR grants, but if people see holes in duties usually undertaken by the GIO position, let Peter know. The delay in one of the spring flights was not due to a lack of filled GIO position, but rather a delay at the federal level, causing the flight to be moved to the fall.

#### **7. State Agency Geospatial Information Committee (SAGIC) – updates by Zach Robinson**

Zach gave update in lieu of Chair Alex Krebs, as a member and past board member. Sam Oliveri, previous chair, was let go due to federal budget cuts at the PSC. Zach reminded the group that SAGIC runs open meetings once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, details to be found on their website. They are especially looking for conversations around the local data that the state relies on.

#### **8. Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB) – updates by Zach Robinson**

The July ward collection will be coming up. Stay tuned for a training video for new LIOs to help communicate the process.

LTSB was granted Census Redistricting Liaison status as the process starts in January of 2026. They are looking for ideas for improvement and training needs if people have things to share from the last round. LUCA is also coming up in 2027.

#### **9. RETF Funding Proposal – updates by Nik Anderson**

Committee hearing for AB 216 included testimony in support by Nik Anderson, Fred Iausly, and Nick Gamroth as well as other partner organizations. The Governor's Office says concern over ARPA funding is no longer an issue or roadblock. We are waiting for further rescheduling in each house as it moves through the process. The loss of a co-sponsor was not a concern and is common practice. Nik pointed out that there are different estimates floating around from different sources and amounts projected for each county may differ depending on what information and logic was used.

#### **10. BFI Repair Bill – updates by Nick Gamroth**

See Nick's handout that was included with the agenda. White paper authors have reached consensus



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and are waiting for Andy Phillips and WCA to move forward. They are working on a new draft form which will be sent to LIOs and RPLs when ready.

## 11. Judicial Shielding – updates by Adam Dorn

Adam reported on the lessons learned from the first few months of implementation:

- Fewer requests than expected statewide
- Roadblocks include lack of specificity on the form for which documents to shield and requests to shield documents that don't fall under the law. In most cases, judges have been very willing to change their requests to follow the intent of the law.

Regarding the Repair Bill, Staci Hoffman and Fred lausly testified at both houses' committee hearings in favor. The Assembly has passed the bill and the Senate has taken executive action to move forward.

2023 WI Act 126 has surfaced as a law previously under the radar set to go into effect in July. This privacy bill relates to election workers and is far less specific. A wait-and-see approach is suggested as more information is uncovered and a determination made as to how to implement such a law.

## 12. Any other business

No further business was suggested.

## 13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 am. Motion to adjourn by Kim Christman. Second Kelly Felton. Motion approved unanimously.

*Minutes submitted by Kim Meinert, LIO at Large. These minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval/change by the Land Information Officers Network.*