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The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

## MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, 8:00 am

Premier Park Hotel, Madison WI

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

Name	Organization
Scott Galetka	Bayfield Co
Andy Hess	Calumet Co
John Grams	Columbia Co
Dave Addison	Dodge Co
Kayla Littleton	Forest Co
Emily Decker	Oneida Co
Brad Bastian	Outagamie Co
Kim Christman	Racine Co
Joe Martell	Shawano Co
Heather Dums	Taylor Co
Monique Hassman	Vernon Co
Tony Jones	Vilas Co
Adam Dorn	Winnebago Co
Kim Meinert	Waukesha Co
Emily Sudar	Waukesha Co
Eric Damkot	Washington Co
Mike Vandersanden	Washington Co
Peter Herried	WI DOA
James Anderson	Forest Co
Nik Anderson	Ayres
Nick Gamroth	Trempealeau Co
Kelly Jacobs	CORRE
Dan Boldt	City of Whitewater
Brandon Nielsen	City of Oshkosh
Zach Robinson	LTSB
Charles Green	St. Croix Co
Zach Felling	Eau Claire Co
Doug Avoles	St. Croix Co
Kevin Etherton	Pierce Co
Heather Schwersenska	Waushara Co
Stephanie Sattler	Waushara Co
Brittany Rickey	Dunn Co
Rachel Wells	Dunn Co
Jack Plasterer	WI SCO

Name	Organization
Kelly Felton	Sauk Co
Paul Bernard	Wood Co
Preston Vande Voort	Marathon Co
Meagan Voss	Citres Digital Inc
Marc Gelenian	Racine Co
Jaime Martindale	UW-Madison
Fred Iausly	Dane County
<i>online</i>	
Rob Sommers	Green Co
David Poffinbarger	Oconto Co
Kathy Bach	Milwaukee Co
Sara Chiamulera	Oneida Co
Mari Pietz	La Crosse Co
Jeremiah Erickson	Monroe Co
Zakry Swartz	Door Co
Donna Leiberger	Florence Co
Norm Bushor	Lincoln Co
Kevin Bruhn	Milwaukee Co
Adam Grassl	Vilas Co
Patricia Pendelton	Kenosha Co
Gerald Staunch	Green Lake Co
Chris Arrowood	Langlade Co
James Palmer	Washburn Co
Nathan Sennett	Lincoln Co
David Vogel	WI SCO
Mike Friis	WI DOA
Matt Randerson	Manitowoc Co
Cindy Wisinski	Portage Co

### 1. Call Meeting to Order



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Meeting called to order by Eric Damkot at 8:02 AM.

**2. Approve Agenda Motion**

Motion by Staci Hoffman to approve agenda as presented, second by Kelly Felton. Motion approved unanimously.

**3. Approve Minutes from Spring Meeting, June 5, 2025.**

Motion by Kim Christman to approve June 5th minutes as presented; second by Staci Hoffman. Motion approved unanimously.

**4. Introduction of new LIOs**

None presented.

**5. LION Board Activity Report**

See e-mail sent to LION group before the meeting.

**6. Department of Administration (DOA) – update by Peter Herried, WLIP Grant Administrator**

2025 WLIP Report is complete and was sent to the group. Feel free to borrow any content or graphics for your local meetings. Recording fees have seen a small uptick but not enough to affect grant amounts.

The GIO position is yet unfilled. There is a backlog of DOA positions to fill in general, especially the Plat Review position. This is a priority as there is a two-month backlog, and it is not desirable to slow down development. Peter has taken over Lidar grant responsibilities, and the Coastal Management program has taken on coastal grant activities.

**7. WI Land Information Council (WLIC) - update by Kelly Felton, LIO, Sauk Co and Council Member**

Kelly Felton gave an overview of the responsibilities of the council and of herself and extended an invitation to talk about any issues pertinent to the Council.

**8. Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB) – update by Zach Robinson, GIS Analyst & Outreach Coordinator, LTSB**

Manual ward collections went as planned in July. Small updates and improvements will be made to the ward submission program in the coming year. Training will be available to walk participants through these changes.

The 2030 Redistricting cycle is starting to heat up again. LTSB is going to take on a more active role in assisting counties in this process.

**9. NG911 Update**

Update deferred to the NG911 SIG to be held at 4:30 later in the day.

**10. SAGIC – update by Alex Krebs, GIS Coordinator, WI Emergency Management**

WROC is on the agenda cycle again, as state agencies gear up to offer funding partnerships. A



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workgroup was formed to discuss AI and how these tools are used in State workflows.

## **11. WEM Damage Assessment Survey and Lessons Learned - Alex Krebs, GIS Coordinator, WEM**

After the SE WI Flooding event in August, work immediately began to assess the damage. Individual Assistance is now available after the Emergency Declaration totaling 100 million dollars in aid from FEMA. There were around 4000 damage assessments completed via Survey123 with 1700 classified as major or destroyed. The process ended up going very smoothly. There will be a presentation at the Annual Conference summarizing this collaboration between WEM, FEMA, Counties, and others. Public Assistance monies are still on hold as the declaration for that assistance is yet to be approved at the federal level. This was the first digital assessment review at FEMA which cut the on-site time from 7 days to 2 and sped up the declaration. A question from the audience asked what the next steps were. FEMA is on-site in Wisconsin to assist individuals to apply for aid. Data results sit with the affected counties for their records.

## **12. Legislative Update – Nik Anderson and Nick Gamroth, WLIA Legislative Committee**

We are in a good position for the Real Estate Transfer Fee (RETF) legislation moving through the Assembly and Senate (AB-216/SB-218). The Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate passed the bill to leadership on a 13-2 vote. On the Senate side, WLIA members testified at their committee and that went well also. The expectation is that the bill gets passed up to Senate leadership within the next couple of weeks. Keep in mind that a pause might occur as other legislature regarding budget changes come through as the legislators look at how it fits in the big picture. The details of the new RETF structure were reviewed.

There will be a final summary coming for the Judicial Privacy legislation (Act 235). WLIA has provided guidance but see your Corporation Counsel with any specific questions.

The Election Official shielding law (Act 7) that went into effect this year offers no specific guidelines in the bill. Andy Phillips, counsel for WCA, suggests it only applies to open records requests.

Act 12 regarding certain personal property that was removed as a taxable item except for certain items has an update. The Governor's Budget notes that communication towers now are also exempt from personal property tax, but it is unclear as to what needs to be done to formally take these off the roll if they had a BFI document filed already. LRB 3252 is also in motion to remove pipelines from personal property given the difficulty of tracking these across county lines.

LRB 7009 is another in motion to say that a county may delegate review of a document ahead of recording, which makes it possible for the county to pass an ordinance to require a metes and bounds description.

The Easement Relocation Act was bad legislation and is dead. However, the highlight here is that WCA reached out and asked WLIA for an opinion on this, a sign of a much-improved relationship between the two groups.



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Heather Schwersenska, ROD of Waushara County spoke to AB445 on the clarification of Register of Deeds duties. Realtors had concerns and the hearing scheduled previously was cancelled, but discussions are still underway to find compromise. WLIA wants to make sure their support is vetted and accurate.

## 13. Any other business

None stated.

## 14. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am. Motion to adjourn by Fred lausly. Second by Kim Christman. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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