



The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

**MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

**Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, 4:00 pm The Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wisconsin Dells, WI**

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

Name	Organization
Abigail Hill	Jackson Co
Adam Derringer	Ayres
Adam Dorn	Winnebago Co
Adam Grassl	Vilas Co
Adam Wright	La Crosse Co
Alex Kolpack	Langlade Co
Andy Hess	Calumet Co
Ann Hempel	Trempealeau Co
April Riley	Jackson Co
Austin Waldvogel	NCWRPC
Brad Bastian	Outagamie Co
Brannick Beatse	Monroe Co
Brett Budrow	St Croix Co
Brittany Bickey	Dunn Co
Carmen Novak	Bayfield Co
Chris Coloney	Lafayette Co
Christine Koeller	DOT
Cody Brommerich	Jackson Co
Colter Sikora	PSC
Dale Drayna	Walworth Co
David Poffinbarger	Oconto Co
David Vogel	SCO
Diana Lewis	Ozaukee Co/ZOOM
Donna Liebergen	Florence Co/ZOOM
Emily Decker	Oneida Co
Eric Damkot	Washington Co
Eric Sonnleitner	NCWRPC
Forrest Funmaker	Ho-Chunk Tradit. Court
Fred Iausly	Dane Co
Gerry Kokkonen	Jefferson Co
Jacqueline Schneider	Buffalo Co
Jaime Martindale	UW-Madison
James Palmer	Washburn Co
Jason Towne	Burnett Co
Jesse O'Neill	Dodge Co
Jim Lacy	SCO

Name	Organization
Joe Martell	Shawano Co
John Fitzl	Rusk Co
John Grams	Columbia Co
Kayla Littleton	Forest Co
Kelly Felton	Sauk Co
Kevin Etherton	Pierce Co
Kim Christman	Racine Co
Kim Meinert	Waukesha Co
Kimberly Peterson	Sawyer Co
Kristy Frane	Dodge Co
Laura Scott	Jefferson Co
Liz Housworth	Juneau Co
Mari Pietz	La Crosse Co
Matt Randerson	Manitowoc Co
Megan Stalker	Marquette Co
Michelle Schultz	Rock Co
Mike Friis	DOA
Monique Hassman	Vernon Co
Nathan Fazer	Sheboygan Co/ZOOM
Nathan Sennett	Lincoln Co
Nathan Wehrle	Shawano Co
Nicholl Ostopowicz	Jefferson Co
Nick Gamroth	Trempealeau Co
Nicole Hoepfner	Dodge Co
Nik Anderson	Ayres
Nina Rihn	DNR
Norm Bushor	Lincoln Co/ZOOM
Patricia Pendleton	Kenosha Co
Peter Herreid	DOA
Preston Vande Voort	Marathon Co
Rob Sommers	Green Co
Rod Sutter	Portage Co
Ryan Squires	LTSB
Sara Chiamulera	Oneida Co
Scott Galetka	Bayfield Co
Shelley Witte	DPI

Staci Hoffman	Jefferson Co
Stephanie Sattler	Waushara Co
Tammy Johnson	Burnett Co
Tammy Malach	Kewaunee Co
Tess Cieminski	Trempealeau Co
Tia Bowe	Burnett Co

Tracy Klatt	Polk Co
Tristan Wirkus	Sawyer Co
Zach Felling	Eau Claire Co
Zach Nienow	Ayres
Zach Robinson	LTSB
Zakry Schwartz	Door Co

1. **Call to Order** – Damkot called the meeting to order.
2. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Kim Christman to approve agenda as presented; second by Adam Grassl; motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Introduction of any new LIOs** – Present LIOs, new since we last met; Nicole Hoepfner of Dodge County, Jacqueline Schneider of Buffalo County, Liz Housworth of Juneau County.
4. **Approve Minutes from 10/14/2025** – *Motion by Adam Dorn to approve October 14, 2025 Minutes, as presented; second by Kelly Felton; motion carried unanimously.*
5. **LION Board Activity Report** – See Report provided for period October 1, 2025 – February 13, 2026. Damkot discussed domain payment process. \$140 every 2 years; and we are paid up until February 2027. Brett Budrow has taken care of this in the past. The LION Board will be discussing website maintenance and hosting options. The ‘hat’ was passed around and \$140 was raised. New LION Board Chair kept funds for future payment. Current website hosted and maintained by Dane County.
6. **Action Item: LION Bylaw Update** – See distribution. Damkot reported the review mostly centered on updating outdated references as needed. *Motion by Fred Iausly to accept the updated LION Bylaws as presented; second by Dave Poffinbarger; motion carried unanimously.*
7. **Elections** – Damkot mentioned that the LION Board created a Description of Responsibilities/Duties document. Rob’s, Sara’s and Fred’s terms are expiring this year. Eric will be moving into Past-Chair position; Andy into Chair; Kim will stay on as LIO-at-Large for 2nd year of term.
  - a. **Chair-Elect:** Andy nominated Adam Dorn for Chair-Elect. Adam accepted nomination. No further nominations. *David Poffinberger motioned to close ballot and cast unanimous vote for Adam; Kim Meinert seconded; motion carried.*
  - b. **Secretary:** Sara nominated Rob Sommers for Secretary. Rob accepted nomination. No further nominations. *Fred Iausly motioned to close ballot and cast unanimous vote for Rob Sommers; Brett Budrow seconded; motion carried.*
  - c. **LIO At-Large:** Kim Meinert nominated Fred Iausly. Fred accepted nomination. No further nominations. *David Poffinbarger motioned to close ballot and cast unanimous vote for Fred; Kim Christman seconded; motion carried.*

Andy Hess took over leading the meeting as the new Chair.
8. **Discussion on Website ADA accessibility rules as they pertain to Land Information websites** – Brown County (not in attendance) was involved in discussion about compliance. Andy voiced the potential that all online county mapping applications need to be updated to this standard. Coloring, photo captions, and text fonts could all be affected. ESRI has blogs that can be reviewed to assist in the process. Shelley Witte brought up that this compliance might be as simple as having a link to download your data, so that there’s another option for viewing the data, instead of just the online mapping apps. Discussion ensued. Andy Hess offered to send out links for anyone interested.
9. **Wisconsin Land Information Program Update** – Peter Herreid. 2026 LiDAR applications

successful; 8 counties participated. Received 62 county grant agreements for WLIP funds. You will receive DOA signed agreements soon, March. Review your email for details on check delivery. GIS parcel data requests are due March 13. Document recording levels are up by about 10% (past July to December). Next year's SI grants could be \$25-30k. Question raised by Damkot; has the State received any data shielding requests? Such request would have to go directly to the State Cartographers Office as they are the host of the statewide parcel data. lausly brought up the GIO position. Mike Friis explained there have been multiple retirements, and the focus has been filling certain other positions first. Hoping to fill GIO position in the 2026 calendar year.

- 10. Wisconsin Land Information Council Update** – Kelly Felton (LION rep on WLIC) spoke. Regarding the vacant GIO position, the WLIC will request to work with the LION Board for any suggestions or ideas. The Wisconsin Land Information Program Plan is about 10 years old and needs to be updated; council members are taking action, starting with review.
- 11. State Agency Geospatial Information Committee Update** – Nina Rihn, secretary of SAGIC updated. All officers were voted back in; as follows; Alex Krebs (WEM), Chair; Bridget Lapham (DOT), Vice-Chair; Nina Rihn (DNR), Secretary. The third annual 1-day GIS symposium is tentatively scheduled for October 7, 2026, geared toward State agencies. A virtual option will be available, more info to come. Christine Koeller (DOT) reported progress on the review of State Boundary layer usage/practices. Focus has been on how the state agencies are using the State Boundary. Two main goals of the focus group. (1) Determine which boundary/boundaries commonly used by state agency users; a survey was distributed; 80 responses thus far out of 160 solicited. (2) Provide guidance to users on choosing a boundary. The purpose is NOT to define the boundary.
- 12. Department of Military Affairs/Office of Emergency Communication Update** – See information that was emailed out. Question was raised as to which counties will be Track 1 vs Track 2. Discussion ensued, including about intentions for Warning Error requirements. lausly noted plans for future grant cycles are in the works. FY2027 grant application may be released in September and FY2027 may involve 3 data submission quarters, while FY2028 may settle into a regular annual timeline with 4 data submission quarters.
- 13. Legislative Technology Services Bureau Update** –
  - a. 2026 BAS Completion:** Zach Robinson reported BAS has concluded despite the small delay. Thank you for your efforts. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome. Members found BAS tutorial videos helpful. 2027 looking at doing a Great Lakes shoreline cleanup project. Also, help organizing county-to-county edge-matching is available. Ultimately sending this data to the Census Bureau.
  - b. 2030 RDP Program – BBSP Phase 1 Started:** See flyers regarding 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program (Phase 1 already started). Hoping for a smooth local redistricting process! Multiple webinars and training sessions will be available. Identify problematic areas in your county now and start reviewing group quarters to eliminate issues before 2030. Highly recommend you download the proposed Census blocks and review. A web-based review app will be presented Friday. Let LTSB know if you have other GIS users, especially municipal users interested in doing review.
- 14. State Cartographer's Office Update** – David Vogel reported on the V12 state parcel data collection process. All data processing tools are operational/working as intended except the address parsing tool. If you are reliant on the address parsing tool, and having issues, send your data to SCO, and they will assist. On May 14, WCSA and SCO are jointly holding a PLSS forum in Antigo, WI. Jim Lacy spoke on the importance of datasets submitted to Robinson Map Library. These flow into

GeoData@Wisconsin for online availability. GIS training has been offered on many subjects over the years. Looking to reignite/expand this training; feel free to supply ideas/interests/feedback to SCO. State Boundary is also being considered at SCO (in progress); what does an authoritative boundary look like? The SCO and Robinson Map Library will be temporarily moving! Science Hall is being gutted, beginning June 1. Moving to the old Computer Science building on campus for the duration of the construction period.

- 15. Legislative Updates** – Nick Gamroth and Nik Anderson; only providing a high level overview today. More detail will be presented at the meeting of full WLIA.
- a. Judicial privacy and related privacy concerns** – See *“The Privacy Puzzle: How to Stay Transparent Without Crossing the Line”* Friday, 10:35, Tundra A/B: Clean up of Act 235 was a huge win for WLIA, geospatial professionals, all of land information community. Act 25 came into law in August 2025; see guidelines paper on WLIA website. The number of protected classes could/will eventually expand! Adam Dorn, Staci Hoffman, the WLIA team, and Andy Phillips with WCA will be presenting and answering questions Friday. Another shielding law passed in 2025; the Election Officers law; concerns election officials, not elected officials.
  - b. Real Estate Transfer Fee Funding Bill (AB216/SB218)**: Capitol visits were a success in October. Furthered those relationships, educated on who we are, what we do, the benefits of a strong land information program. Stephanie Sattler of Waushara County testified. Both bills passed at the committee level, and are now with leadership in both the Assembly and the Senate. Likely not moving forward this session, but not dead. Not unusual for legislation efforts to face multiple sessions before realizing success. Have made strides, but we could look at other avenues too, such as raising the recording fee.
  - c. Building, Fixtures, and Improvement Bill Cleanup (AB831/SB813)**: AB831 passed the full Assembly without discussion; SB813 will have floor hearing March 17.
  - d. Other**: Uniform Easement Relocation Act. WCA reached out to WLIA on this issue; WLIA did not take a stance, only educated. This bill has more or less died. Drones; UAS legislation introduced this past session. In part, concerns operation near school properties. Bill passed Assembly in November, but no action in the Senate yet. More research will be done on this topic.
- 16. Good of the Order** – no additional topics introduced.
- 17. Adjourn** – *Motion by Kim Christman to adjourn; second by Kelly Felton; motion carried unanimously.*

*Minutes submitted by Rob Sommers, LION Secretary with significant assistance from Sara Chiamulera, predecessor. These minutes reflect the recorder’s notations and are subject to approval/modification by the Land Information Officers Network.*