



Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 2:00 pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206)

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:00 pm.
- 2.) Public Comment - None
- 3.) Approve minutes of April 20, 2026, mtg
 - a. Buttke made a motion to adopt the April 20, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Perlock 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) Correspondence/ Updates. Handouts/ Reports on meetings attended
- 5.) Bill Leichtnam reported that Bennet Goldstein's articles on "Nitrates in Rural, Private Wells in Central Wisconsin" will be published late summer in Wisconsin Watch (website: www.wisconsinwatch.org) and PROPUBLICA (PROPUBLICA.org)
- 6.) Focused 2026 Recommended CWG Actions:
 - a. Chair recommended revision of CWG Mission Statement to be more inclusive of the Central Sands counties. Butke made a motion to table the revision. Hovendick 2nd the motion
 - b. CWG name and logo-a vote to change the name from CWG of Wood County to CWG of Central Wisconsin failed by a vote of 5:5.
- 7.) AI "Hyper-Scale" Data Centers in Wood Co. (demands for water/electricity
Chair and several other county supervisors attended a meeting held in early May at WRAMS. Topics discussed included: public health concerns (nitrogen oxide, PFAS), traffic congestion, road damage, length of build, and decommissioning.
- 8.) Discussion/Action ITEMS from the floor
 - a. Committee members expressed concern about people building homes in areas with poor water quality; Sue Smith, Wood County Health Department mentioned that our current ordinances do not allow that; we would need to develop a new/revised ordinance; suggested a subcommittee to discuss, but she doesn't necessarily agree with the concept; would rather take the education route to help people know when and how to test and what to do if levels are abnormal
 - b. Mortgage lenders may or may not require treatment for high levels of nitrates
 - c. May not be enforceable
- 9.) Possible agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Discussion on the next steps to get education/outreach material to the public.
- 10.) Next mtg. — June 15, 2026, 2:00 pm
- 11.) Adjourn –
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Clendenning and 2nd by Carrell. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Bill Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, Tom Buttke, Sandy Cain, Russ Perlock, Shane Wucherpennig, Tim Hovendick, Linda Casper, Abby Leis, Tom Rayome,

Virtual: Sue Smith, Susan Ettner, Jen McNaley

Respectfully submitted by Susan Ettner on April 20th, 2026

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Wood County WISCONSIN

LAND AND WATER
CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT

CW6 Attendance
5-18-26

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| 1. Bill Lehtman | Co. Bd. Supervisor |
| 2. Bill Clandening | WCB # 10 |
| 3. Tom Buttko | WCB # 3 |
| 4. Russ Perlock | WCB # 4 |
| 5. Linda Casper | WCB # 13 |
| 6. Sandy Cain | W.R. |
| 7. Rhonda Carrell | Saratoga |
| 8. Abby Leis | |
| 9. Shane WickerFennig | LWD |
| 10. Tom Ray | W.R. |
| 11. Brad Jones | |
| 12. Tran Howardick | WCB # 5 |

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

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| 13. Sue Smith | Wood Co. Health Dept. Head |
| 14. Susie Ethner | CW6 Secretary |
| 15. Jen McNelly | W-Ext Area Director |