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Monthly Board Meeting Agenda Minutes - APPROVED



June 18, 2026



10:00 AM



[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 282 734 818 593 0

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Opening Business

- Call to Order: 10:00 AM
- Roll Call
 - BOD: Julie Ketchum, Logan Dwyer, Allison Birr, Abby Sauer, John Welch, Ali Rathack, Alan Kerr, Lee Daigle
 - BOD Not Present: Ben Hintz, John Peralta
 - Also Present: Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), Josh Allen, BreAnne Kahnk, Jennifer Semrau
- Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - Abby motions to approve May minutes.
 - Julie – Seconded.
 - Approved – Motion carries.
- Treasurer's Report — **Abby Sauer**
 - Checking - \$27,6076.97
 - Savings - \$10,470.90
 - Abby reported on transactions this past month.
 - Alan motions to approve the Treasurer's Report.
 - Julie - Seconded.
 - Approved – Motion carries.

Committee Reports

- **DNR Report** – *Jennifer Semrau*

Staffing:

- New licensing, reporting and compliance specialist, Adam Brown, started in the Madison office June 3.
- New hazardous waste management specialist covering SE WI, Geno Marsili, started June 3 (based out of Madison office).
- New hydrogeologist covering SE WI, Sally Klein, started June 1.
- New organics management specialist LTE Haylee Kraker, started June 3.

Rules

- Non-landfill rule: Materials for review will be available beginning June 17 on the [DNR's rule page](#) under Natural Resources Board Order Number WA-14-24. The DNR will accept comments on the draft EIA from June 17 to July 17, 2026. Please direct any comments on the EIA or questions to Casey.Krausensky@wisconsin.gov, 608-577-3643.
- E-cycle rule: public comment period closed June 5; reviewing public comments and will bring to the Natural Resources Board for adoption this fall.

PFAS

- From Kate's email: If you would like to attend a listening session, there will be a virtual [PFAS Listening Session](#) open to members of the public on June 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Waste and Materials Management Study Group has also been notified of these listening sessions and more information will be going out using different GovDelivery lists. Additional information can be found online <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PFASLaws.html>
- Meeting with SWANA and AROW on the PFAS law implementation scheduled for June 30 at 11 a.m. Let us know if anyone needs the invite.

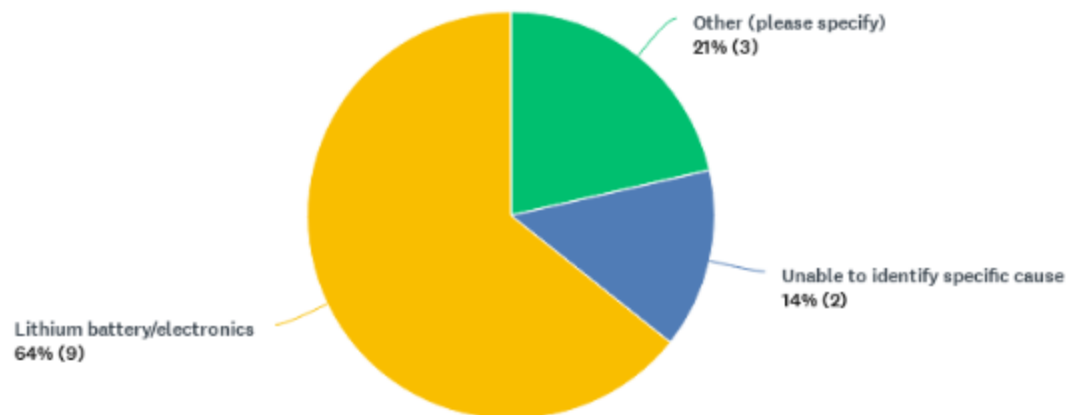
Other

- DNR accepting nominations for up to two new WMM Study Group members. To nominate yourself or someone else, submit a brief description of experience in solid waste and recycling, along with a statement of interest in being appointed to the study group, to Sarah Murray at sarah.murray@wisconsin.gov by the end of the day July 3. The group's charter, current members and additional information are available on the DNR's [Waste and Materials Management Study Group webpage](#).

Follow-up from last meeting

- Getting more reports of fires from landfills, but still not a ton. We've received notifications of 13 landfill surface fires since December.

What have you identified as the most likely potential cause of the fire? (check one)



- **Safety Ambassador Report – Abby Sauer**

- June is National Safety Month – Wisconsin has reconfirmed its commitment to promoting policies, practices and procedures that help lead to increase of safety and protection for all businesses and industries for roads and highways.
- There was no safety ambassador update.
- Safety Award will be open after the website is updated. The topic is motor vehicle incident prevention programs. Application will close August 21st.
- Group discussed bug protection due to West Nile virus being prominent in Wisconsin mosquitos.
- SWANA National has a collection safety poster and a landfill safety poster from safety Mondays.

- **Social Media & Membership Report – Ali & John Welch**

- Total membership number breakdown as of the last week: 133 members (down 7).
 - 33 students (same), 39 private sector (down 7), 46 public sector (down 2), and 14 small business (increased 1). Retiree category was added back at 1 (increased 1)
 - Outreach for the 5 expiring members was completed earlier this month.
- SWANA E-Newsletter was sent out early this month as well. July E-Newsletter creation is underway so let Ali know if you'd like anything added.
- Campaign was done and received some positive feedback.

- **International & National – Julie & John Welch**

- No meeting this month – a meeting was set but canceled and there hasn't been another scheduled yet.
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- There had been a lot of moves by CEO over the last year to move away from having staff and turning more towards having contractors which hasn't been successful. It led

to turnover and perception of turnover. We are moving back to the staff model which should lead to improvement. Lots of changes happening for the better.

- There was a survey sent out asking for input regarding RCon.
- Finances continue to be a challenge with budget ending in a deficit instead of a planned break even. Special attention will be necessary to ensure this doesn't continue to happen.
- **Young Professionals – Logan & Abby**
 - Group met earlier this month.
 - Veolia tours will be on August 7th in Port Washington and Menominee Falls. Working on having the RSVP set up.
 - YPs are also looking into hosting a webinar lunch and learn presentation during their scheduled meeting times in September and October. There has been lots of interest in conflict resolution focused webinars, specifically how to approach businesses that may not be recycling or don't have funding to compost, etc. Group is brainstorming resources for potential presenters.
 - Group is also brainstorming raffle prizes for Casino Night at WIRMC.
- **Legislative Advocacy Report – Julie**
 - There is a good, solid list of questions from legislation, SWANA, and AROW which Julie will forward to the group. These questions do need to go to the DNR so they can come prepared for the upcoming meeting.
 - DNR is working on battery legislation that was passed.
- **Scholarship Report – John Welch**
 - Our forms will need to be updated - John will call a meeting.
- **Trainings– Lee Daigle**
 - SWANA-BC trainings have been put on hold at this time due to SWANA National reaching out for help on their landfill training. If these trainings get updated and modernized, SWANA-BC can look into potentially bringing something similar to WIRMC.
- **Bylaws Update – John Welch**
 - John will set a meeting with the bylaws committee together to make the final redline edits.

Ongoing & New Business

• Timeline Review

JUNE		
Decide If/Where/When Board Meets In Person Over Summer	June	All
Pursue Conference Speakers/Ideas for Sessions at WIRMC	June	All
Decide Where Annual Meeting Will Be	June	Admin
Elect Advisory Board Rep (every 2 years)	June	Board
Select Nomination Committee	June	Board
Check Balance to Make Sure It's Not Under \$5,000	June	Treasurer

Review Bank Statement	June	Treasurer
Review Goals	June	Board
Website Updates	June	Admin
JULY		
NO MEETING	July	
Begin Budget Prep	July	Treasurer
Call for Board Nominations Out 3rd Week in July	July	Nominating Committee/Admin
Check Balance to Make Sure It's Not Under \$5,000	July	Treasurer

- **WIRMC Update**

- Planning committee discusses having booths outside expo hall and how billing would work. All booths will have a standard rate of \$635 (\$435 for nonprofits). This is an increase from last year, but the booth size has increased back to 8x10. Booths will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Group is opening up the expo hall on Wednesday night from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM as per a suggestion on last year's evaluations.

Upcoming Meeting



Next Board Meeting



August 20, 2026



10:00 AM

Adjournment – 11:00 AM

Julie motions to adjourn.

Alan - Seconded.

Approved – Motion carries.

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA-BC Administrative Assistant