



Standards Oversight Council (SOC)

Developing effective technical standards that protect Wisconsin's natural resources

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COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Monday, February 8, 2021 || 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Online meeting

1:00 Welcome

Meeting Attendees (via phone/computer)

DATCP – Bart Chapman, Matt Woodrow
 DNR – Bernie Michaud, Shannon Haydin
 DOT – Christine Krall
 NRCS – Eric Hurley, Steve Becker
 WI Land+Water (County LCDs) – Perry Lindquist (Chair), Matt Albright, Amy Piaget
 WI Land+Water (staff) – Matt Krueger, Kate Brunner
 UW-Madison Div. of Extension – Chad Cook

Absent: Hans Hallanger
 Guests: Kaley DuCouer and Pat Cardiff

Council Changes:

New Council Representatives: Shannon Haydin, Christine Krall, and Amy Piaget
 Representatives Leaving: Matt Woodrow, Perry Lindquist

With these changes in Council representatives, we'll need a new Chair and Vice Chair. Council adds an agenda item near the end of this meeting to select these roles.

Review previous meeting notes and action items

A draft of the 11/10/20 Meeting Notes was emailed around to the Council representatives. No questions or edits were raised via email or in this meeting. The notes were approved by consensus and will be posted on the SOC website by **Kate**.

Most previous action items were completed.

- Thanks to all of the Council representatives and their management teams for getting the MOA signed!
- One open action item is to review the SOC Handbook, which we'll discuss as an agenda item later today.
- Another action item was that Matt Woodrow was checking on the ATCP 50 scoping to see if it would include details for adopting tech standards. DATCP is still in scoping process but this topic will be part of ongoing discussions for DATCP to add.

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Team updates - See details on attached Staff Report; supplemental information below.

- **DATCP standards**
 - **01 Verification of Depth to Bedrock (Full)** – Team meetings complete; DATCP outreach underway. Standard not published yet. DATCP has done some outreach and training but this standard implementation will be voluntary without cost sharing until ATCP 50 is updated. DATCP is working out logistics of how and when the data gets to the county and to SnapMaps.
- **DNR standards**
 - **1008 Permeable Pavement (Minor)** – Changes to standard due to recent maintenance research.
 - The changes have become more substantial and this will now be Modified Process, so as to include a Broad Review step. DNR Team Leader Pete Wood asked about whether we could only ask for comments on the proposed changes rather than the full standard. The Council thinks this is instead an internal question for DNR management/legal to answer. The announcement should at a minimum be clear in identifying what has changed and what is staying the same.
 - Reference section included hyperlinks for access to articles, many of which need updating which has been a problem for most updates. Because websites are frequently updated and links outdated, SOC will remove hyperlinks from references on articles and only use when reference is a website (like an online database tool). This will also be clarified in template in the future SOC handbook.
 - DNR management approval is needed before Broad Review.
 - **1010 Proprietary Storm Water Filtration Devices (Full)** – Standard published; hosting webinar trainings. SOC work is done. DNR has been doing a lot of outreach and training.
 - **1072 Horizontal Directional Drilling (Full)** – Team meetings resume in February.
 - DNR asked at last meeting about interim standard but DNR now expects to move forward toward completion of this standard in full.
 - Work will continue with non-DNR person as Team Leader (Kim Gonzalez), and the addition of Amy Minser as a DNR liaison on this team.
 - Team is resuming meeting next week and will strive to complete work this year.
- **NRCS standards**
 - **Stream restoration (NRCS 395, 580, 582, and 584)** – Team meetings continue.
 - Two team meetings last week and meeting again in 2 weeks. Working on four standards concurrently has been a lot of work but progress being made.
 - Standards are going to look pretty different from previous WI state versions, especially for 580. Team is working on defining line between streambank protection vs stream restoration.
 - Still no timeline for review periods or selection of Initial Reviewers. The team also needs to decide how to go out for review and comment (send out all 4 together, or individually).
 - Separate from the SOC team, Steve is creating a subcommittee through the State Tech Committee on when to apply 580. This group will try to clarify/specify what level of erosion is normal stream migration and what is excessive that warrants spending the money for cost-sharing. Subcommittee selection will be soon.
- **Future standard work** – Discuss timing and steps for upcoming standard updates.
 - DNR – Dry Pond will be coming next, probably not for another few months. Kate and Shannon have already discussed separately.
 - DATCP – They have nothing soon but eventually would work on a technical standard related to the nitrate performance standards which are coming from DNR by the end of this year. The technical advisory committee (TAC) work is done; economic analysis to be done before finalizing the performance standard. This standard would be similar to Depth to Bedrock where the performance standard is DNR rule and tech standard would be with DATCP as Custodian. NRCS reps were also involved with the TAC, looking at this from a water quality and source water protection standpoint (e.g. through NMPs).
 - NRCS – They are a little behind in standard work, but also don't have any national standards that have substantial changes. They have not been working on standards but on the Implementation Requirements (aka Job Sheets) which provide direct instructions. Will eventually look at some ecological standards that apply to grass (like wildlife plantings, conservation cover) to better align them and clarify/differentiate when they are used.

Financials & Budget – Review 2020 year-end financials and budget comparison, final 2021 budget.

See summary in staff report. 2020 expenses were lower than budgeted, almost entirely due to shift in work due to COVID-19.

SOC Program Outreach – Refine plan for SOC's 25th anniversary in 2021.

Known events coming up soon:

- Sponsorship and presentation at NASECA Conference - Feb 10-11
- Sponsorship of WAPAC Annual Meeting with a sponsor speed-round - Feb 25.
- Will appear as a sponsor at WI Land+Water conference - March 2-5
- Looked into speaking at FWWA Conference (March 2-4) but no recent standards worked with their audience that weren't duplicates of last year. If they end up doing some shorter segments, SOC may still speak.

Other items Kate is looking into: press release and other speaking engagements. We'll have some quotes for the press release; Kate may reach out to Council representatives if we need assistance.

The DATCP Public Information Officer has offered to help with outreach. We'd like other partners to forward around the press release. If there are meetings or conferences to suggest, please help spread the word and let Kate know if she can support.

Similar to the presentation to DNR runoff section in December, Kate is available for SOC introduction training for NRCS staff. **Kate** will coordinate with Eric and Steve. Eric will have a new state soil scientist in about 6 weeks so after that would be good timing.

Handbook Updates – Discuss proposed changes to the SOC Technical Standards Process Handbook

According to the Handbook, the updates should be on even numbered years. Kate emailed around her suggested edits, though none were substantive. Council agrees that since no major changes identified, SOC will postpone publishing these for a year to get back on even-numbered year.

Technical Needs Survey – Discuss next steps for the biennial Technical Needs Survey

- Early May – **Kate** will prepare the draft SOC Technical Needs Assessment then circulate to this Council for review prior to the next meeting on May 10, 2021. **Council members** should review the draft survey and have any subsequent proposed edits at this next meeting.
- May 10 Council meeting – Discuss proposed edits to the draft survey questions. Finalize survey questions. **Kate** will work with **Shannon** to see if we will have a DNR social scientist review and advise on question structure (similar to previous survey).
- Mid-June – **Custodian representatives (Shannon, Steve, Eric, Bart)** should provide Kate with a list of proposed/planned standard work for 2022-2023—this draft list will be included in the survey. List should be no more than 10 prioritized standards (more substantial edits expected or more popular standards).
- Late July or August – **Kate** will release the survey for open participation a few weeks—announce the survey widely. **Kate** will take in the data and prepare a summary report. If timing works out for release of the survey in July, the draft survey summary report will be sent to the **Council** for review prior to the Aug. 2 Council meeting.
- Late 2021 – **Kate** will draft SOC 2022-2023 Work Plan for **Council** review prior to the November 9 Council meeting. Work Plan to be finalized before year end.

New Agenda Item: Electing a new Chair and Vice Chair

Bart is willing to be Chair. Amy is willing to be Vice Chair.

Council votes unanimously agreeing to both. **Kate** will update SOC documentation to reflect these changes, along with the new members.

Meeting Closure – Review action items, next meeting agenda items

Future 2021 Meeting Dates: May 10, August 2, and November 9

Action Items from this meeting:

- Kate will post final notes from November 2020 meeting on SOC website.
- Kate will draft notes from today's meeting and circulate to the Council members.
- Kate will update the SOC letterhead and website with new council members and role changes.
- Kate will prepare the draft SOC Technical Needs Survey then circulate to this council by early May. Council members should review and have any subsequent proposed edits at the next meeting on May 10, 2021. Kate will work with Shannon to see if a DNR social scientist will review and advise on question structure (similar to previous survey).
- Kate will coordinate with Eric and Steve to hold a SOC introduction training for NRCS staff later this spring or summer.
- Kate and Bart (new chair) will prepare agenda for next meeting on **May 10, 2021**. Topics to include:
 - Complete Technical Needs Survey

4:00 **End**

Supplemental Meeting Materials: Q4 Staff Report with 2020 Budget Update;
SOC Technical Standards Process Handbook (*revised draft*)

Staff Report for 4th Quarter 2020

Activities of SOC Program Manager Kate Brunner

Standards

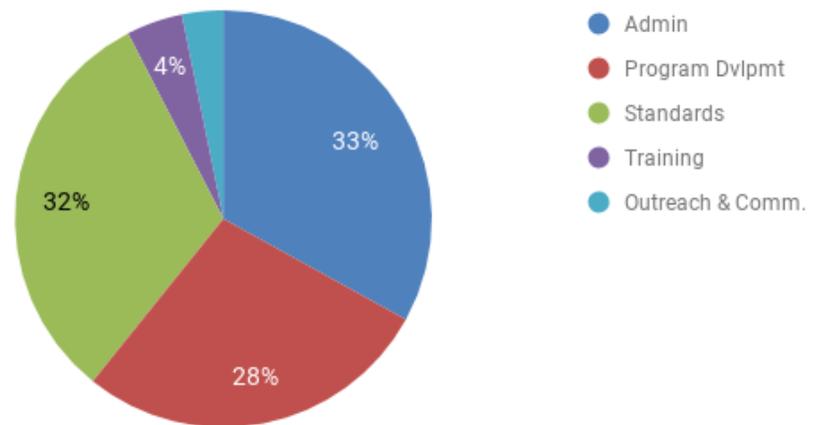
- **DATCP 01 Verification of Depth to Bedrock:**

Full process, new standard, not yet published. DATCP has started outreach and training with meetings targeted to specific audiences. Once published, an announcement for broader outreach is

expected to the SOC agricultural listserv, WI Land+Water LCD and technical committee listservs, previous reviewers, and DATCP agricultural partners list.

- **DNR 1008 Permeable Pavement:** Minor Process, with team collaboration. Team check-in meeting on 1/20/21 to review maintenance research and corresponding edits to criteria and considerations.
- **DNR 1010 Proprietary Storm Water Filtration Devices:** Full process, new standard. Webinar training through WI Land+Water on November 5 and December 2, 2020 and at the WI Chapter annual conference of American Public Works Association (APWA) on November 6, 2020. DNR may have additional outreach; no further SOC work anticipated in near-term future.
- **DNR 1072 Horizontal Directional Drilling:** Full process, new standard. The team paused work since August, 2020 and will resume monthly meetings starting on February 9, 2021. The team was working through structure for defining practices and started looking at when some practices are appropriate. There are overlapping relationships of risk factors and decisions for applying different mitigation practices—that process/tool is next step for the team.
- **NRCS Stream Restoration Standards (CPS 395, 580, 582, and 584):** Full process. This team also had a recent pause in progress but resumed meetings in December.

4th Qtr % Program Manager Time



SOC Program Development

- Coordinated and attended quarterly SOC advisory committee meeting on 11/10/20; and
- Acted as a liaison between agencies, county land conservation departments, and other partners regarding technical standard issues through the NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting on

10/15/20; WI Land+Water Technical Committee meeting on 12/17/20; and by presenting on the significance and scope of SOC to DNR urban storm water runoff section on 12/15/20.

Outreach

- Attended and moderated portions of the WI Land+Water virtual County Conservation Meeting on 12/4/20 and 12/18/20;
- Provided SOC update in WI Land+Water's Winter 2020 E-Note newsletter;
- Updated SOC website content on homepage news items and team webpages; and
- Maintained SOC listservs for standard-related announcements, added new members and corrected/updated information for inactive email addresses.

Training & Conferences (Professional Development)

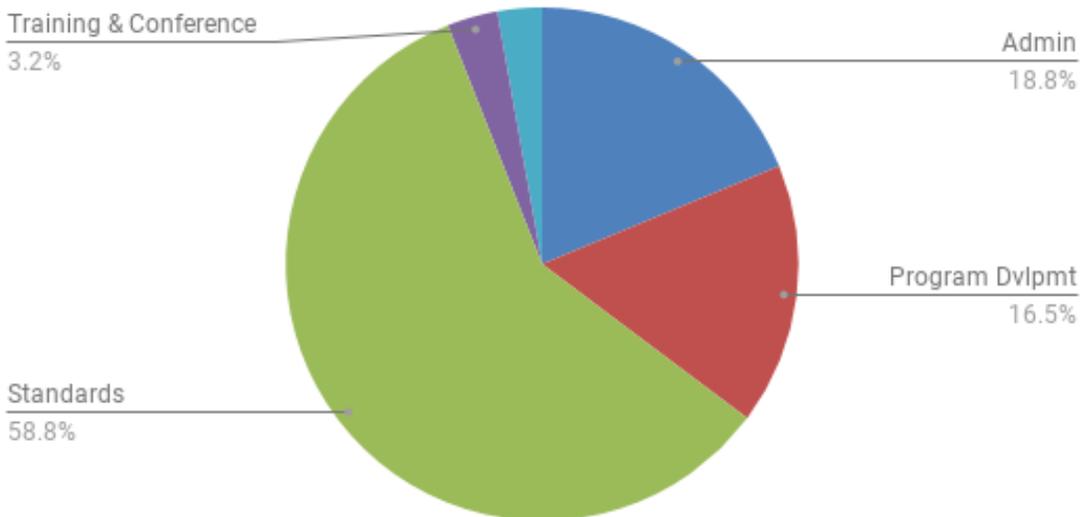
- Attended UW course on Decisions that Stick (10/29/20).

Administration

- Tracked expenditures against 2020 budget;
- Completed 4th Quarter expense reports and time sheets;
- Completed 3rd Quarter reports for funders;
- Provided support information and pursued DATCP and DNR 2021 contracts; and
- Participated in WI Land+Water staff meetings.

2020 Budget Update

2020 SOC Program Manager Time



<i>DRAFT ACCOUNTING REPORT</i>	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Income			
45000 - Interest Income	\$ 60	\$ 45	\$ 60
52000 · Standards Oversight Council			
52110 · SOC DATCP Grant	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,010	\$ 38,000
52210 · SOC DNR Grant	\$ 42,000	\$ 38,147	\$ 42,000
52310 · SOC NRCS Grant	\$ 47,200	\$ 47,200	\$ 47,200
52400 · SOC County Dues	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,523	\$ 4,250
Total 52000 · Standards Oversight Council	\$ 132,200	\$ 128,880	\$ 131,450
Total Income	\$ 132,260	\$ 128,925	\$ 131,510
Total Income MINUS County Dues	\$ 127,260	\$ 123,402	\$ 127,260
Expense			
60000 · Audit	\$ 568	\$ 568	\$ 568
62000 · Business Licensing & Insurance	\$ 800	\$ 1,699	\$ 800
63000 · Rent	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,125	\$ 5,250
Total 64000 · Professional Services	\$ 3,177	\$ 2,586	\$ 3,127
Total 65000 · Office Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,026	\$ 2,652
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	\$ 93,424	\$ 97,720	\$ 96,659
67000 · Prof. Development (L+W Staff)	\$ 1,800	\$ 788	\$ 1,800
74000 · SOC Team Meetings	\$ 7,725	\$ 1,390	\$ 6,120
Total 80000 · Conference	\$ 5,916	\$ 5,757	\$ 5,916
86000 · Training Events (excl. conf.)	\$ 1,500	\$ (186)	\$ 1,500
90000 · Networking (Partner Events)	\$ 750	\$ 74	\$ 768
Total 95000 · Outreach	\$ 2,100	\$ 807	\$ 2,100
Total Expense	\$ 127,260	\$ 119,355	\$ 127,260

Notes:

2020 Actual Income is based on amount billed during 2020, not amount received.

Account funds as of 12/31/2020:

SOC Endowment:	\$	24,183
SOC Dues Reserve:	\$	54,154