

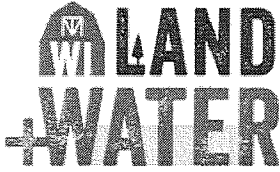
Allocation of Annual Membership Dues:

Land & Water Resources Department has a line item in the county budget which covers dues and membership fees. From this fund, the Department pays:

1. Association Dues
2. Required staff dues and certifications
3. Staff training expenses

Past History of association dues:

Budget Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dues and Membership Budget	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$1,500.00	
National Association of Conservation Districts	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$600.00	
Southern Area Association	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	
Budget Balance	(\$83.50)	(\$42.00)	(\$14.00)	



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Thursday, December 18, 2014

DANE COUNTY LCC
SUPERVISOR J. PATRICK DOWNING
256 TYVAND ROAD
BLANCHARDVILLE, WI 53516

Dear Supervisor Downing,

Please consider your 2015 membership in the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water). We appreciate your support and will continue to serve and represent you and your department by providing the highest level of service. We have attached an invoice indicating this year's dues for 2015 membership. Keeping our membership of County Land and Water Conservation offices together will be very important in the upcoming biennial budget. Cuts to county land conservation staffing grants are proposed by DATCP and we will need a unified voice to advocate successfully for the restoration of those funds in 2015, just as we did in the last biennial budget.

We at WI Land+Water are proud of our accomplishments in 2014. Here are some of them:

- The restoration of county staff funding in the Governor's budget remains one of the few conservation victories in the 2013-15 Biennial Budget. On average, each Wisconsin county will receive an average of \$12,500 in *additional* staff funding in 2015 due to that restoration of funds. This was the primary mission of WI Land+Water in 2013 and 2014 and we delivered. We will have to do this again in 2015.
- WI Land+Water testified successfully for increased funding for counties from municipal waste treatment facilities to work directly with farmers and other landowners.
- We have reinvigorated the State Interagency Training Committee and counties will continue to see expanded training offerings to improve professional development in 2015.
- The WI Land+Water Outreach Committee coordinated articles in the August 2014 issue of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine featuring county land conservation success stories.
- WI Land+Water testified successfully in opposition to a Senate Bill which would have severely limited local control over the operation of industrial sand mining and reclamation.
- The Standards Oversight Council, which WI Land+Water coordinates, has continued work on many conservation standards but highlights include significant progress on the Nutrient Management Standard (590) and completion of the Pervious Pavement Standard for stormwater management. Both projects are complicated, controversial, but important standards to improve water quality.

2014 saw the establishment of the Great Lakes Committee and the Mississippi River Basin Committee will be formed in 2015. From our budget and legislative successes it is clear that WI Land+Water is stronger and more effective as merged organization. In 2015, it will be even more important to keep our membership together as we lobby for the restoration of county staff funding. With your dues payment you ensure that WI Land+Water can continue get you the resources you need to implement your Land and Water Resource Management plan.

As your advocate on state and federal issues, we are working hard to promote the LCCs and LCDs as the primary local delivery mechanism to bring conservation practices to Wisconsin counties. Thank you, again, for your support. Please feel free to contact us with questions or if there is something we can do to make WI Land+Water a more valuable association to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. VandenBrook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director

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TO:
Dane County LCC Supervisor J. Patrick Downing 256 Tyvand Road Blanchardville, WI 53516

Invoice

Please remit total amount due to the letterhead address. If your records differ from ours, please call Kim Warkentin at (608) 441-2677 immediately.

	INVOICE NO.	DATE	TERMS	
	1513	12/18/2014	Due in 2015*	
	Tax ID # 39-1448749			
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
County Dues	2015 WI Land+Water Dues	N/A	N/A	\$3000.0
Envirothon	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$50 dues (or more) for Wisconsin Envirothon.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
SOC	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$350 dues (or more) for the Standards Oversight Council.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
			TOTAL	\$ _____

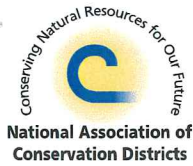
Make check payable to: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.

Thank you for your support!

****Pay on or before March 6, 2015 at 10:30am to ensure your county gets a vote at the annual business meeting.***

cc: Kevin Connors, County Conservationist
 Janet Crary, Administrative Assistant

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National Association of Conservation Districts

January 12, 2015

The 2015 calendar year is off to a great start, presenting new and continuing opportunities for conservation districts nationwide. We are looking forward to great things for conservation districts and NACD in the months ahead starting with our 69th Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The meeting will feature a full program of expert speakers, breakout sessions, tours, a Conservation Expo, training opportunities, and more. We are very excited to start the year off with this collaborative event and to continue our efforts to serve conservation districts by providing national leadership and a unified voice for natural resource conservation.

A few initiatives NACD has been working on in recent months to support our members include:

- Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG): This project will involve the formation of a national “farmer advocate” network to raise awareness of and increase the adoption by farmers and landowners of best-management practices for soil health.
- NACD is working closely with Congress on a Concurrent Resolution recognizing locally-led, voluntary, incentive-based conservation of private land through local soil and water conservation districts.
- NACD was a leader in promoting USDA’s new Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).
- NACD continues its Leadership & Advocacy training program as part of a grant from the Walton Family Foundation.

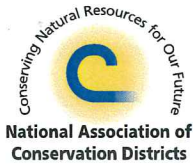
NACD is diligently working on your behalf, but we need your continued support especially during these challenging economic times. I ask that you consider the value NACD has to offer at your next Board Meeting and vote to support NACD through your membership dues. Please remember there are various ways to pay your membership. We encourage you to contact your State or Territory NACD Board Member, or an NACD Officer or staff member about the benefits of contributing to NACD. One of NACD’s Officers, Executive Board Members, or our CEO John Larson would be happy to join your District Board meeting via telephone to discuss national issues on which NACD is working that are important to your local district. Please feel free to request their attendance in advance of your next meeting.

We are proud to be your national representative and we appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

Dick Went
NACD Secretary-Treasurer

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509 Capitol Court, NE, Washington, DC 20002
Phone: (202) 547-6223 Fax: (202) 547-6450
www.nacdnet.org



National Association of Conservation Districts

Investment

Customer #: 521260

Investment Date: 01/12/2015

Dane County Land Conservation Department
 5201 Fen Oak Drive , # 208
 Madison, WI 53718-8827

Description	Quantity	Price	Amount
2015 Membership Payment			
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Leader 1% of budget (not to exceed \$1,775.00)	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level (\$775)	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level (Amount Less than \$775)	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level (Installment)	_____ of _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Please Renew Your Membership Now!

Please continue to support your National Association by making your membership payment for the second quarter of FY 2015 Membership (January, February, and March). Complete the application form and send with payment to 509 Capitol Court NE, Washington, DC 20002. Credit card payments may be faxed to (202) 547-6450. Thank you in advance.

Investment Total	
Taxes	\$0.00
Amount Paid	
PLEASE PAY	\$ _____

Richard Went
 NACD Secretary/Treasurer
 401-345-3974

PLEASE DETACH AND REMIT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Conservation Investment FY 15 (check one)				Payment Options (check one)	
Conservation Leader		Gold Level		Silver Level	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1% of budget (not to exceed \$1775)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$775		<input type="checkbox"/> Amt less than \$775	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Installment	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Final Payment	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Installment _____ of _____	
				Amount Paid:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Name on Card _____ Signature _____				Mail check and form to: NACD 509 Capitol Court NE Washington DC 20002 Credit Card Payments fax to: 202 547-6450	

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Contact:
 Check here for change of Address (see back for details)

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SOUTHERN AREA ASSOCIATION

Land & Water Conservation Committees

Columbia County
Dane County
Dodge County
Grant County

Green County
Iowa County
Jefferson County
Lafayette County

Richland County
Rock County
Sauk County

January 8, 2015

OFFICERS:

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Lafayette County

Kelly Maginnis
Area Coordinator
Columbia County

INVOICE

2015 Southern Area Dues: **\$125.00**

Please make check payable to:

Southern Area Association

And remit by March 1, 2015 to:

Southern Area Association
C/O Lafayette County LCD
1900 Ervin Johnson Drive
Darlington, WI 53530

Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.

David Hammer, President
Southern Area Association