

# SAGIC – Meeting Minutes

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**Date** Wednesday, April 1 2026  
**Location** Teams  
**Time** 9:00 am – 10:30 am  
**Facilitator** SAGIC Chair – [Alex Krebs](#) (WEM)  
**Minutes Preparer** SAGIC Secretary – [Nina Rihn](#) (DNR)

## **ACTION ITEMS in red**

### OFFICERS

Position	Name	Voting Member	Present
Chair	Alex Krebs - WEM	Y	Y
Vice Chair	Bridget Lapham – DOT	N	Y
Secretary	Nina Rihn - DNR	Y	Y

### VOTING MEMBERS

Organization	Name	Present
BCPL	Chuck Failing	N
DATCP	Eli Samuelson	Y
DCF	vacant	NA
DHS	Andy Swartz	Y
DMA	vacant	NA
DNR	Nina Rihn	Y
DOA	Mike Friis	Y
DOJ	Ty Krugman	N
DOR	vacant	NA
DOT	Tony Van Der Wielen	Y
DPI	Shelley Witte	Y
DSPS	vacant	NA
DWD	John Willis	Y
LTSB	Zach Robinson	Y
PSC	Colter Sikora	Y
SCO	Jim Lacy	Y
SFP	vacant	NA
UWSA	Paul Boehnlein	Y
WEC	Gregory Grube	Y
WEM	Alex Krebs	Y
WHS	Felipe Avila	Y

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## Other attendees

Apeku, Bernard - PSC	Luedeke, Gretta - DOT
Bohn, Andrea - WHS	MacFarlane, Theresa - DOT
Clerkin, David W - DHS	Marchioni, Kristen K - DNR
Cook, Cody J - DATCP	Matthew Rehwald (External)
Flater, Darin R - DOT	Nesbit, Scott C - DOT
Friis, Michael J - DOA	Panduranga, Kishan - PSC
Ginther, Katie E - DOT	Paulson, Alan R - DHS
Halverson, Tyler M - DOT	Reis, Anne H - DNR
Hassler, Zachary - DMA (External)	Rihn, Antoinette D - DNR (Nina)
Hayden Elza (External)	Ryan Squires (LTSB) (Unverified)
Hunsader, Evan - PSC	Scholten, Tom - PSC
Kelm, Kevin D - DWD	Shelley, Cole - DOT
Koeller, Christine A - DOT	Strand, Peter T – DNR
Link, Brian M - DOT	Veselenak, Davita – DOA

## ***Introductions and Announcements (All)***

Skipped this month or the sake of time

## ***Minutes Approval***

March minutes approved by unanimous consent

## ***2026 GIS Symposium (Wed October 7th) Planning (Alex Krebs – WEM)***

### Agenda Notes

- Looking for presentation ideas. Share workflows, ideas, etc.
- Call for presentations coming in mid-May
- Save the date coming soon
- Next meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can join. Contact Paul Boehnlein ([paul.boehnlein@wisconsin.edu](mailto:paul.boehnlein@wisconsin.edu))

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## ***State Boundary Survey and Next Steps (Christine Koeller - DOT)***

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- Vernon County joined the last meeting. They are looking at an agreement with MN related to islands on the Mississippi.
- This may be a symposium topic.
- A survey went out in January. Insights:
  - 89 responses, most from DNR/DOT
  - Most use the DNR boundary
  - Most just use 1 state boundary but many use more than 1
  - Most people don't have a preference for 1 state boundary
  - Most use the boundary for cartography, but many use for analysis or to ID whether something is inside or outside of the boundary.
  - Most download to their local system to use.
  - Most don't know the accuracy of the bnd they use.
  - Most want to learn more.
- We are not looking to tell people what to use; just help them understand.
- Howard Veregin interested in creating a boundary using existing survey data.
- Also an SCO state boundary group was mentioned in latest LION minutes. Is that redundant to what SAGIC is doing? Christine will check with Jim Lacy.
- Link to [Survey results PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- Line to [Survey results Excel file](#)

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## ***Wisconsin Shorelines Updates (Zach Robinson - LTSB)***

### Agenda Notes

- Some Census boundaries don't follow the shorelines (Lk MI, Lk Sup, and Lk Winnebago) well.
- LTSB reached out to census, who said they could submit linear features that could be used to create block boundaries.
- LTSB reached out to DNR and others to see what shoreline data is available

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- Mike Friis said he could reach out to NOAA to see what they have. (maybe oblique photography?). NOAA Dept of Commerce has Lake Level Viewer, which provides lines.
- Christiine talked to Carmen in Bayfield County
- LTSB not using LiDAR breaklines yet (still in early research)
- Scott Nesbit asked about inland lakes. Answer – not for now, just the great lakes and Lk Winn. But people can suggest inland block boundary changes.

## ***State Agency Tribal Boundary Data Intake (Colter Sikora - PSC)***

### Agenda Notes

- It would be good to have one way for State Agencies to capture tribal boundaries.
- Colter invited Evan Hunsader to the meeting since he works with this type of data there the most

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- Andy S - DHS big user of tribal boundaries
- Felipe – WHS used base data from 2010 census but when 2020 came out the data was the same so reached out to Ho-Chunk Nation and got some updates. Lots of changes.
- Zach – LTSB trying to facilitate tribal BAS cooperation.
- Mike – suggest getting this topic into tribal consultation meetings; bring to your tribal liaison.
- Nina – DNR does not share detailed tribal lands; only boundaries. Some may need detailed inholdings.
- Christine – DOT involved tribal liaison in State Hwy map to make sure to get tribal lands onto it.
- Colter – shows respect to have all of our data match.
- Nina- can DOA deal with this somehow? Why should individual agencies separately deal with this?
- Mike Friis – can bring up at Gov meeting.
- Andy S – would like to see us focus on informing federal level layer.
- Evan H – take care about how you approach tribes for their data.
- Nina – if use DNR’s service, add to your metadata that it is DNR’s representation of tribal lands, and not the authoritative representation.

## ***State Geographic Information Officer Hiring (Colter Sikora - PSC)***

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- WLIC told to go to their constituents and gather ideas for GIO PD
- Talked to Matt Robinson (Esri) who said he could try to provide examples from other states.

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- Mike Friis asked, is there anything new we want in there?
  - We would like to get this through before Nov election to make sure it keeps moving.
  - Greg G – coordination of statewide data collection processes, specifically trying to improve quality of submissions would be helpful for WEC. Maybe stronger centralized messaging? LTSB's end is being well done, however.
  - Mike F. – remember, this is one person, not an office of people.
    - Quote he remembers from Senator Obey a while back: *“Don't ask for what you think you can get. Ask for what you think you need”*
  - Nina – since Curt's PD was different than Jim's PD, was anything not included in Jim's that we want to bring back?
  - Peter – remember the GIO is funded by WLIP so counties may have other needs (this is covered since WLIC all asking around)
  - Christine – soft skills are important (approachability, etc.)
  - Goals:
    - communicate this to DOA by May 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - Discuss at WLIC May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **All: review the PDs sent by Colter Sikora by email on 3/27/26, and watch for a Lettuce meet invite to plan a special optional meeting to discuss this further.**

## ***Other Business (All)***

### Discussion Notes

## ***Next Meeting***

**May 6, 2026** via Teams

## ***Adjournment***

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.