

WISCONSIN STATE  
LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE HEARING  
RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on  
Agriculture and  
Insurance  
(SC-AI)

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE  
CLERK FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- > Appointments ... Appt

- > **05hr\_SC-AI\_Appt\_pt09**

Name: A. Johnson

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**Vote Record**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Insurance**

Date: 4-13-06

Moved by: Olsen

Seconded by: E11

*All appointments*

AB \_\_\_\_\_

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_

SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Andy Johnson

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Be recommended for:

- Passage     Adoption     Confirmation     Concurrence     Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     Rejection     Tabling     Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Senator Dan Kapanke, Chair

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Senator Neal Kedzie

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Senator Ronald Brown

Senator Luther Olsen

Senator Jon Erpenbach

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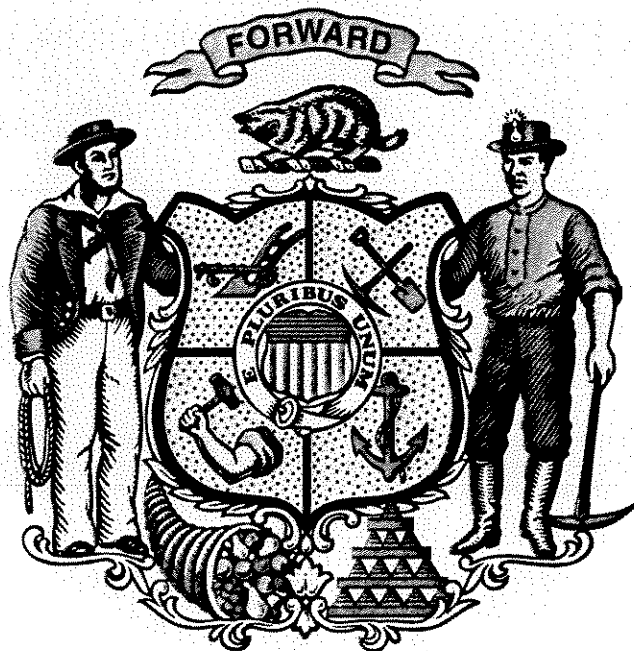
Senator David Hansen

Senator Mark Miller

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed





State of Wisconsin  
Jim Doyle, Governor

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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary

### Livestock Facility Siting Review Board Member Biography

**NAME:** Andrew Johnson

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and  
Zoning Department  
210 River Drive  
Wausau, WI 54403

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** agjohnson@mail.co.marathon.wi.us

**RESIDES IN:** Wausau, WI

**TELEPHONE:** 715-261-6000 (w)  
(h)

**OCCUPATION:** Environmental Resource Coordinator

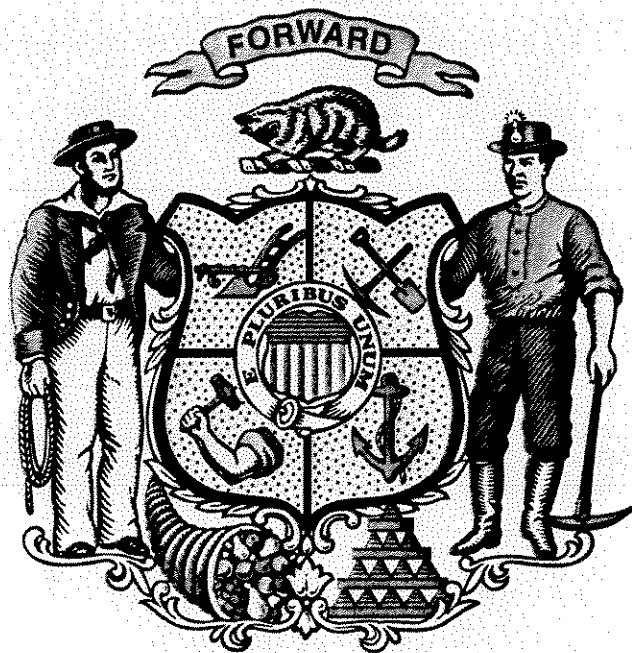
**TERM:** A term to expire May 1, 2008

**SUCCEEDS:** Newly created board

**SENATE CONFIRMATION:**

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT:** February 24, 2006

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State of Wisconsin  
Jim Doyle, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary

February 24, 2006

Mr. Andrew Johnson  
Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning  
210 River Drive  
Wausau, WI 54403

Dear Andrew,

You were nominated by the Wisconsin Counties Association to serve on the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board (Board). I have selected you as the member of the Board representing towns, subject to confirmation by the Senate. You will join six other members, three of which must represent towns, livestock farming, and environmental interests. Your term for this seat expires May 1, 2008.

The livestock facility siting law created the Board as a new option to appeal local decisions to approve or deny a proposed livestock facility or expansion. The Board will hear appeals from "aggrieved parties", including the livestock facility operator and any persons who live within 2 miles of the proposed facility. I believe the Board is key to successfully implementing the livestock facility siting program and reducing local siting conflicts.

The schedule of the Board will depend entirely on the number of appeals. I anticipate the Board will meet more frequently during the first year--possibly six to eight times -- and then less frequently over time. The Board will have two to three organizational meetings prior to hearing any appeals.

If you have any questions about this appointment, please contact Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, at 608-224-4613 or at [jennifer.heaton-amrhein@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:jennifer.heaton-amrhein@datcp.state.wi.us).

Thank you very much for your willingness to serve the state in this capacity.

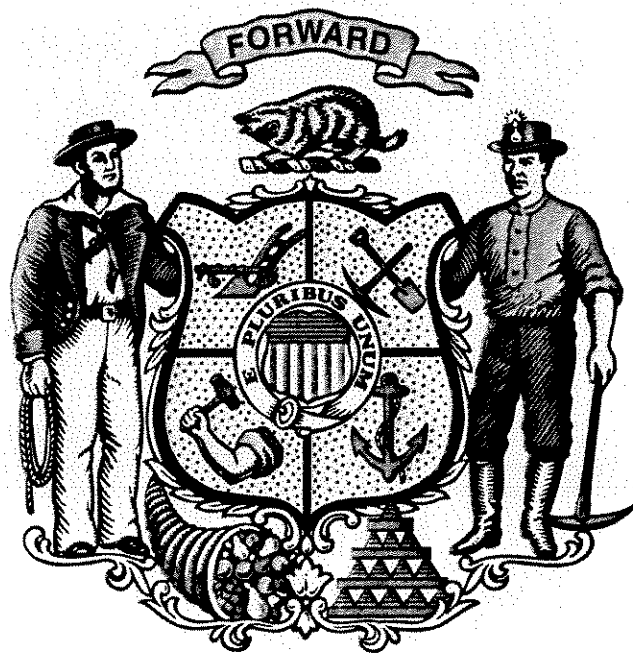
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Nilsestuen".

Rod Nilsestuen  
Secretary

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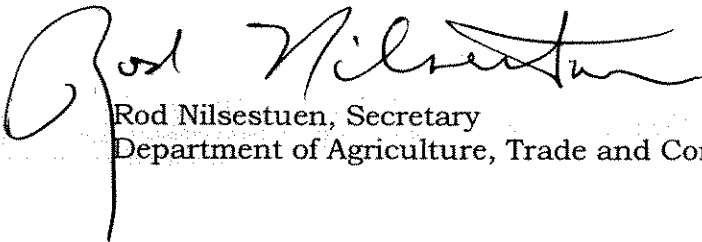
March 22, 2006

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Mr. Andrew Johnson to be a member on the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board to serve a term expiring May 1, 2008.

Mr. Johnson will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

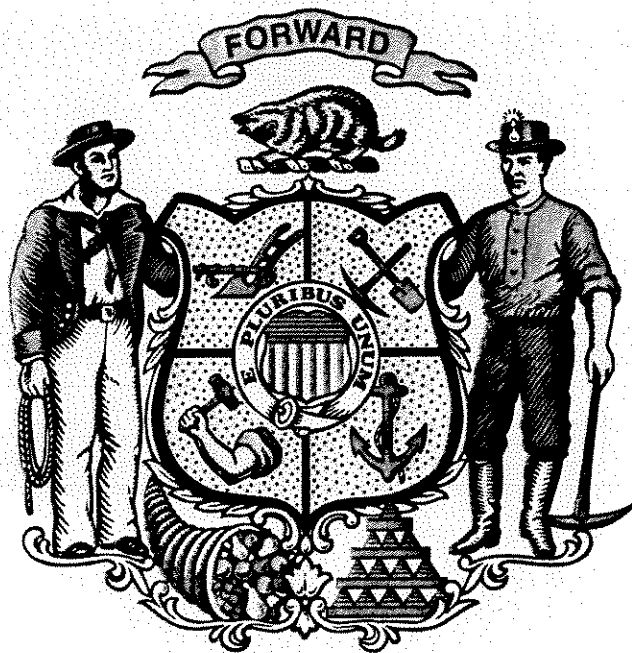


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**Perlich, John H.**

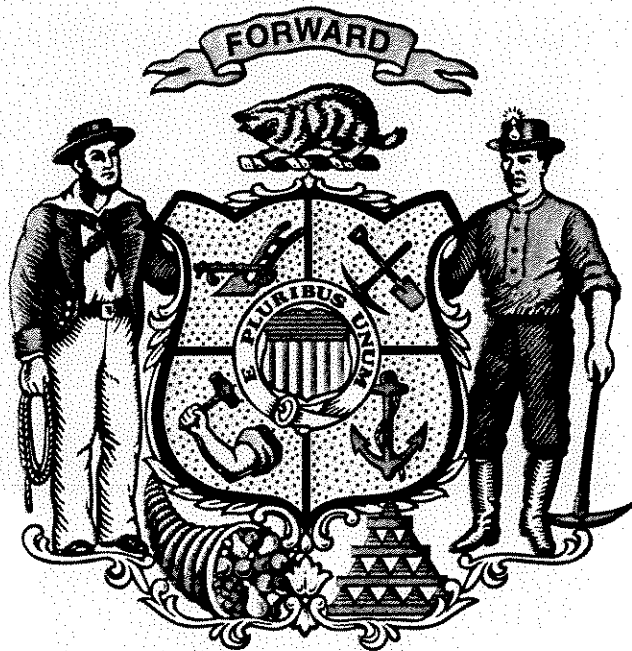
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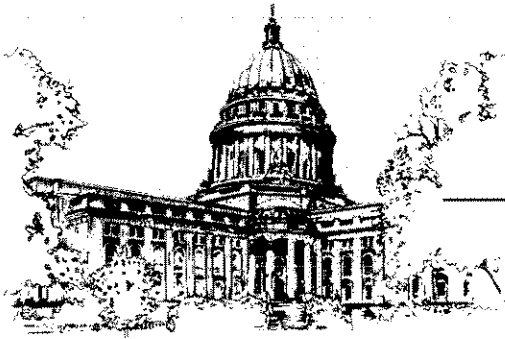
**From:** OBrien, John  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 11:32 AM  
**To:** Perlich, John H.  
**Subject:** Andy Johnson Ag Siting Board Appointee

Called re hearing

Told him Dan would get a heads up that he called

Thanked him





Russ Decker  
State Senator

April 11, 2006

Senator Dan Kapanke  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Insurance  
State Capitol, Room 104 South

*Dan*  
Dear ~~Senator Kapanke,~~

Please accept my recommendation of Andy Johnson as a member of the Livestock Siting Review Board. The Wisconsin Counties Association nominated him as their counties nominee for a term on the board until May 1, 2008 and Secretary Rod Nilsestuen forwarded his nomination to your committee.

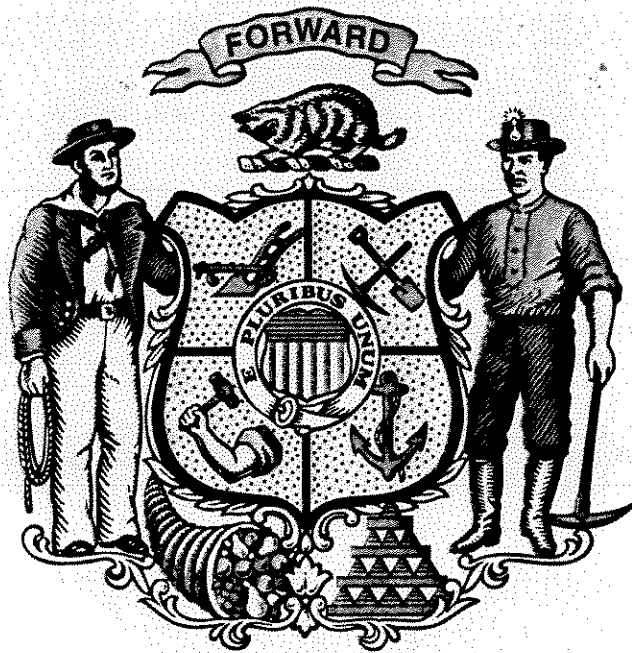
I have known and worked with Andy Johnson for years, both in his capacity as Program Coordinator of the Conservation Unit for the Marathon County Department of Conservation, Planning and Zoning, and on other projects unrelated to his professional work for Marathon County. I know that he would do an excellent job as a member of this board and I ask that his nomination receive positive action from your committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Russ Decker  
State Senator  
29<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Senator Neal Kedzie  
Senator Ron Brown  
Senator Luther Olsen  
Senator Jon Erpenbach  
Senator Dave Hansen  
Senator Mark Miller



Livestock Facility Siting Review Board  
Member Resumes

**Dr. Jerome Gaska, Columbus, WI**

Dr. Gaska works exclusively with dairy farms; his largest client milks 1,800 cows. He has worked with expanding farms and has the respect of his clients and the veterinary community. Dr. Gaska has been in practice since 1989 when he graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine and has been a solo practitioner since 1993. Currently Dr. Gaska is a member of the WVMA's Public Health and Food Safety Committee.

**Bob Topel, Waterloo, WI**

Mr. Topel serves on the Town of Portland (Dodge County) Plan Commission and previously served on the town's Smart Growth Committee. In his current position, he is responsible for conducting land use public hearings and making recommendations to his townships.

Mr. Topel also serves as vice-chair of the Foremost Farms USA Board, the largest Wisconsin-based dairy cooperative and processor. He presides as co-chair of the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives-Minnesota Association of Cooperatives Two-State Dairy Committee.

Mr. Topel and his family recently modernized and expanded their own Dodge County dairy operation to 200 cows in recent years. This modernization required him to work effectively with county and town officials and would provide valuable expertise to the LFSRB.

**Robert Selk, Madison, WI**

Mr. Selk is a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin. He is currently an attorney and international consultant in criminal justice reform. He recently served on the state's Manure Management Task Force.

Mr. Selk is an avid trout fisherman and active member of Trout Unlimited.

**Fran Byerly, Barron, WI**

Mr. Byerly is a Director at Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.

**Jim Holte, Elk Mound, WI**

Mr. Holte is a beef and grain farmer in Dunn County, WI. He is a member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Board of Directors, Vice-President of the Elk

Mound School Board, and previously served on the Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. He received the 2005 Master Agriculturalist Award, in recognition of proven ability and accomplishments as one of the state's most progressive farmers. Master Agriculturalists are farmers who contribute a considerable amount of their time, effort and knowledge to their communities and the agricultural organizations to which they belong. Mr. Holte is a graduate of the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program.

**Andrew Johnson, Wausau, WI**

Mr. Johnson is a conservation specialist with the Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department. He is also the chair of the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees Administrative Committee.

**Lee Engelbrecht, Two Creeks, WI**

Mr. Engelbrecht is a former dairy farmer who is a supervisor for the Town of Two Creeks. He is also the chair of the Manitowoc County Town's Unit, and has been on the Wisconsin Towns Association Board of Directors for four years.