

Speaker Information

Presentation: "Conservation in Wisconsin"

Steve Richter

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Steve Richter coordinates Wisconsin chapter conservation strategies in agricultural landscapes. The Nature Conservancy works with partners and farmers to change farm practices in ways that work for farmers and improve water quality in Wisconsin's lakes and streams. In southwest Wisconsin, the Conservancy owns and manages land where prairie is planted and grazing and haying is done by neighboring farmers. Steve supervises staff leading projects in Wisconsin, and in all projects the Conservancy works with partners to impact conservation work in working landscapes. He leads a water fund strategy team of Conservancy staff from five states on the Upper Mississippi River project.

Panel: "Working together"

Dennis Frame

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Dennis Frame joined UW-Extension in 1982 and worked in Wood, Brown and Trempealeau counties. He has focused his educational programming on environmental rules and regulations, developed a nutrient management-training program and designed and developed the UW Discovery Farms Program. Dennis retired from Extension in 2013 and founded Timber Ridge Consulting. He continues to work with farmer-led organizations on protecting water quality.

Steve Richter (see above)

Tony Brey

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Tony Brey is a fifth-generation farmer in Sturgeon Bay milking 450 registered Holstein cows and cropping 1,200 acres. Together with their wives, Tony and his brother, Jacob, partnered in 2016 to purchase the family farm from their parents, Bill and Clarice. They are both graduates of UW-Madison's Dairy Science program. The dairy utilizes genomics and the top 2 percent of the herd are donors for embryos. In addition to an emphasis on elite cattle, the farm is committed to conservation and serves as a demo farm in the Door-Kewaunee Watershed Demonstration Farm Network. Brey Cycle Farm is a proud PPF member and Tony serves on the board of directors

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Nick Guilette

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Nick Guilette graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a BS in general resource management. He has been an agronomist for several companies in northeast Wisconsin where he has gained valuable experience and earned his certified crop advisor certification. Nick currently works for AgSource Laboratories as a nutrient management specialist, assisting farmers with their nutrient planning and soil conservation practices. Along with his brother and father, Nick owns a custom combining business and runs 65 acres of land together along with his parent's 160-acre cash crop operation where corn, soybeans and winter wheat are grown.

Randy Ebert

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Randy Ebert is a sixth-generation farmer in Algoma milking 3,000 cows and cropping 5,500 acres. Randy and his wife, Renee, started out raising heifers and crops after purchasing the farm from Randy's parents in 1987. The Eberts' goal is to take pride in producing quality food in an environmentally safe and profitable fashion. More than 20 percent of all acres are double cropped with cover crops. This past summer, Ebert Enterprises, LLC hosted Kewaunee County Farm Technology Days. The Eberts are members of PPF.

Davina Bonness

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Davina Bonness is the county conservationist with the Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Department. She has been with the department in various capacities since 2004 when she started as an intern. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in environmental policy and planning with a minor in political science from UW-Green Bay. In her time with the Land and Water Conservation Department, Davina has worked to build relationships with farmers in order to protect land and water in Kewaunee County through programming. Davina and her department actively engage with PPF on programs to promote clean water in the community.