



## Message from the President

### Friday Night, “Lights Out!”

Do you think zoning a new quarry or renewing an existing permit is tough? Try getting approval to use a high school athletic field that’s already built!

Edgewood High School has been part of a downtown Madison neighborhood since the 1800s, making it the “grandfathered source” of local high schools. No current neighbor, or their great-grandparents, was alive when the school was plotted out. However, having been around for awhile hasn’t stopped neighborhood outrage over a plan to allow Edgewood High School teams permission to actually play games on their newly resurfaced athletic field. Students have to walk by sign after sign reading “No New Stadium” as they walk into school.

What is the big deal? The issues will sound very familiar to all of you...traffic, noise, lighting, diminished property values, and environmental harm.

The local neighborhood opposes the field, saying in a letter that it would disrupt the quiet nature of the neighborhood with light spillage and noise, not just from the public address system but also from the crowds that would gather. “It’s just not really a compatible use for a residential neighborhood,” said a local resident and vice president of the neighborhood association. “If they build the stadium, I’m not sure if I could continue living here” said another neighbor. Again, the field is already in place. The “stadium” is a reference to improved bleachers, lights, and a sound system.

Edgewood has tried to counter these concerns with special LED lighting, a directional sound/PA system, a parking management plan, and an agreement that no band or dance music will be played so as to not cause any discomfort to an excitable house cat. Sounds fun, doesn’t it? All this over a possible 5–6 home football games per year.

I share this story to help give us some perspective. It is easy to imagine that if we were in a different industry, or if people better understood what we did, then we wouldn’t have any problems getting things approved. What is more American than a Friday night high school football game? The reality is that for Edgewood, no amount of listening sessions, community outreach, appeasement or accommodation are going to satisfy all of the neighbors opposed to kids having fun. Certain groups of people will always react when they feel their turf – especially turf they don’t own but have come to enjoy – is threatened. For some, it gives them a distraction, some entertainment, and sense of purpose.

Renee Burcalow  
APW President



*Sadly, we are not as unique as we think.*

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## From the Executive Director

Welcome to 2019 everyone! As I write this message, the weather seems to have turned toward spring, although if I know anything about living in Wisconsin, this can change at a moment's notice. While winter sometimes seems to never end, I believe this year will bring another successful construction season for our membership.

The 2019-2020 legislative session has officially begun. Governor Evers was inaugurated in January and promptly began to assemble his cabinet and write his budget. The governor's budget was released in February, and the Republican-led legislature promptly threw it in the trash and began writing their own. Many inside the Capitol speculate that the budget bill will not pass until fall.

In the meantime, APW's lobby team has been hard at work on issues affecting our industry. Within this newsletter is a memo that was circulated to every legislator regarding our concerns with the dark store/lease legislation. Our team is also watching the budget closely as it relates to transportation fund money, as this will likely be one of the most contentious issues in budget negotiations.

APW will also be hosting our 4th annual shooting event on May 9 at Milford Hills. This event provides the perfect opportunity for our membership to have fun while networking with others in the industry. The form for foursome registration and sponsorship opportunities is included in this newsletter. I look forward to the event and hope to see you all there!

Thank you for all of your support in being a part of our organization and a leader in our industry! I hope we have a wonderful and successful 2019!

Erin Longmire  
 APW Executive Director



## Governor Evers Announces New Cabinet Appointments



### **Dawn Crim, Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services**

Governor Tony Evers and Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes announced the appointment of Madison's Dawn Crim as Secretary of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), overseeing licensing and regulation of businesses and service providers as well as prescription drug monitoring.

Crim originally came to Wisconsin to serve on UW-Madison's Women's Basketball coaching staff in 1996. In 2011, Crim became the School of Education's associate dean for external relations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she worked for seven years. She began working at Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as an Assistant State Superintendent in August of 2017 before being appointed to her new position at DSPS. Crim has also committed much of her time to Madison Metropolitan School District parent councils and advisory boards over the last 18 years.



### **Preston Cole, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources**

City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services Commissioner Preston Cole will become secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Cole also serves on the DNR Board.

He grew up on a farm in Michigan and graduated with a degree in forest management from the University of Missouri. Cole then worked as a forester for the Missouri Department of Conservation, allowing him to see the inner workings of one of the nation's leading natural resources agencies. In 1991, he transferred to the City of Milwaukee to become forestry services supervisor. He's worked in a series of advanced management positions for the last couple decades, rising to operations director in the Department of Public Works.

Since 2007, Cole has served as a member of the Natural Resources Board, the seven-member citizen body that oversees the DNR. Cole was appointed by Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat, and re-appointed by Republican Gov. Scott Walker in 2013. For two years Cole served as chairman of the board.



### **Craig Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Transportation**

Governor Tony Evers selected Craig Thompson, who led the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association (WTDA), to lead the state Department of Transportation.

Thompson lives in Madison and is a Racine native. He has never worked for or run for a partisan office. His résumé includes more than a decade with the transportation association and prior to that, working as legislative director for the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Thompson, 49, is executive director of the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association, an influential transportation advocacy group. WTDA has been a strong advocate of increasing taxes and fees to pay for road improvements. That issue has stymied the Legislature in recent years, with Assembly Republicans proposing a gas tax hike only to be blocked by Senate Republicans and former Governor Scott Walker.

# Evers Proposes an 8-cent Gas Tax Hike as Budget Checks Off String of Democratic Priorities

Governor Tony Evers on Thursday, February 28, issued a blueprint for reshaping state government after eight years of GOP control, proposing a boost in the minimum wage, the repeal of drug testing for those on food stamps, and a goal of all electricity produced in Wisconsin being carbon free by 2050.

The Democrat's first state budget also would increase the state's gas tax by 8 cents a gallon. His office estimated that would cost the typical driver \$3 a month and contribute to a \$520 million bump to the transportation fund over the next two years.

But he also coupled that hike with a call to eliminate the minimum markup on gas, which his administration said would largely blunt the impact of the gas tax increase.

Likewise, he is seeking to cap a tax credit for manufacturers, limit exclusions for capital gains, and update the state's tax code to match federal law. Those moves, combined with efforts to improve collections of what's already owed the state, would generate \$1.6 billion in additional tax money.

At the same time, Evers proposed tax breaks for middle- and low-income Wisconsinites totaling \$951.4 million. For a family of four, his office said that could amount to \$500 in savings.

The governor said his budget wasn't "the Tony Evers budget, the Democratic budget, the speaker's budget, or the Republican budget," but what he called "the people's budget."

And he warned lawmakers against playing politics with the document, saying the stakes are too high.

"At times, we've succumbed to the trivial pursuit of political outposturing. At times, we've let partisanship cloud the opportunity for compromise. And at times, we've let power be the enemy of the good," Evers said. "So, tonight, I want to be clear: this can't be one of those times."

But GOP leaders quickly denounced Evers' plan. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said it was a "1,000-page press release," while Assembly Speaker Robin Vos called it a "liberal tax and spend wishlist," adding it would raise spending by \$1,000 for every man, woman, and child in the state. Both said they planned to largely ignore Evers' proposals and start with current law as they build their own budget.

A common thread through much of Evers' budget was a call to undo a string of initiatives his predecessor and GOP lawmakers pushed through over the past eight years. But the proposals face tough-sledding in the Republican-run Legislature, where leaders have already labeled many of the items dead on arrival.

Among the measures proposed by Evers that will most certainly be rejected by majority Republicans are repealing right-to-work and reinstating the prevailing wage for state and local projects. Evers also would cap enrollment in the state's school choice

program after Governor Scott Walker and GOP lawmakers took the program originally intended for Milwaukee to neighboring Racine in 2011 and then statewide in 2013.

And he would repeal almost all of the changes Republicans pushed through in a December extraordinary session just before Evers and fellow Democrat Josh Kaul took office as attorney general. Republicans hailed them as an effort to balance the powers of state government, while Democrats denounced them as an attempt to undercut the incoming administration.

Still, the plan wouldn't touch Act 10, Walker's changes to collective bargaining powers for most public employees. That fight eight years ago helped propel the Republican into the national spotlight and split the state.

Evers had already rolled out a series of proposals in recent weeks – from a \$150 million boost to the University of Wisconsin System that includes providing state aid to offset continuing a tuition freeze for another two years to pushing more transparency at the Republican-created Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

But Thursday's budget release was the first time the former state schools superintendent provided details on his transportation plan after promising during the fall campaign to keep all options on the table to address the state's infrastructure.

The heart of the plan is a proposed boost of the state's gas tax to 38.9 cents a gallon. Evers' administration said the repeal of the minimum markup on gas would save Wisconsinites as much as 14 cents, offsetting the proposed 8-cent hike.

On transportation, Evers also would:

- again index the gas tax by the consumer price index starting April 1, 2020; the move would generate \$42 million over the biennium. The gas tax was previously indexed to inflation, but the Legislature ended the practice in 2005.
- increase heavy truck registration fees by 27 percent, generating \$36 million.
- increase the fee on original or transfer of vehicle titles, generating \$36 million.
- collect the hybrid vehicle fee, pulling in \$9.7 million over the biennium.

Evers also would eliminate the annual transfer from the general fund to the transportation fund. That transfer, comprised largely of the gas tax and registration fees, is now about \$44 million a year. And the net impact of Evers' proposals would result in a boost to the transportation fund of \$520 million over the biennium.

He would then put \$320 million more into the state highway rehabilitation program, another \$22 million into the state's 81

transit systems, and pump \$6 million more into elderly and disabled transit aids.

Evers also would complete the Zoo Interchange in the Milwaukee area and enumerate the expansion of I-43 to three lanes in each direction rather than the current two in Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties.

Evers' administration said no current projects would be canceled under his plan and transportation bonding would be \$338 million over the next two years. That would be the lowest level of transportation bonding since at least 2000.

Altogether, Evers wants to spend \$83.4 billion over the next two years in all funds, which would amount to increases of 5.4 percent in the first year of the budget and 4.9 percent in the second. Evers' office said general purpose revenue expenditures would go up \$2.7 billion, slightly above the additional \$2.4 billion the Legislative Fiscal Bureau projects will be available through the end of the budget.

By comparison, Walker's last budget called for spending hikes from all funds of 1 percent and 3.2 percent.

Other highlights of Evers' plan include:

## TAXES

Fresh off vetoing the GOP's version of a middle-class tax cut, Evers included his own plan in the budget. Dubbing it the Family and Individual Reinvestment – or FAIR – credit, it would provide a cut in the individual income taxes paid by individuals with adjusted gross incomes below \$80,000 and married-joint filers below \$125,000. Those filers would see a credit equal to 10 percent of their remaining tax liability or \$100, whichever is greater.

The credit would then be phased out for individuals making between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and married couples between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

It would amount to a tax cut of \$837.5 million over the biennium and provide an average credit of \$217 for individuals and more than \$500 for the median family of four, according to Evers' office.

He also would boost the Earned Income Tax Credit, which targets low- and moderate-income earners with children, producing \$53.1 million in savings for those who qualify. And he would enhance the Homestead Credit for low-income Wisconsinites, increasing the maximum eligible household income to \$30,000 and indexing the credit. That would produce \$38.9 million in savings for taxpayers.

Evers also is calling for a new nonrefundable child and dependent care credit, which amounts to nearly \$10 million annually after it would kick in during fiscal year 2020-21.

Saying he wants a "fairer" tax code, Evers also is proposing a series of tax hikes.

One would cap a tax credit for manufacturers at the first \$300,000 of income, generating \$516.6 million over the

biennium. Another would limit a tax break on long-term capital gains. Now at 30 percent, the governor would cut that limit to individuals with an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less and married-joint filers at \$150,000. Evers said it would preserve the credit for 81 percent who now claim it, though it also would cost those no longer eligible \$505.1 million.

The budget also would conform the state's tax code with the federal changes approved as part of the federal GOP tax cut in 2017. Those changes would generate \$362.4 million.

Evers also proposed a series of smaller tax hikes, from ending a break for private school tuition (\$24.3 million), to repealing a change in how broadcast stations are taxed (\$29.5 million), and raising taxes on brown cigarettes and little cigars (\$6.8 million).

Evers also would relax property tax caps on municipalities that were put into place by Republicans. Now, municipalities are limited to increasing their property tax levies by new construction. Instead, Evers wants to ensure each municipality could raise their property taxes levies by 2 percent or new construction, whichever is higher.

The governor also would increase county and municipal aids by 2 percent in 2020.

According to the governor's office, the net impact of his budget would result in property taxes for a mythical median-valued home going up 1.7 percent in each year of the biennium, or about \$50 annually.

That home, projected to be worth \$173,646 in 2019-20, would have a property tax bill of \$2,919, compared to \$2,869 in the current year. In the following year, that would go up to \$2,969.

Evers' office said more than half of the anticipated increase would be due to already approved school district referendums and the option for local school districts to raise property taxes to pull in more money after losing students to the state's school choice programs.

## MINIMUM WAGE

Evers' plan seeks to gradually increase the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour over a four-year period before indexing it to the Consumer Price Index.

The governor has said he'd aim to up the wage floor to \$15 an hour, but it wouldn't happen over the course of the upcoming biennium.

Instead, the budget sets a series of incremental steps toward upping the minimum wage. First, it would be increased to \$8.25 starting January 1, 2020, before rising to \$9 beginning January 1, 2021. It would then increase by 75 cents each of the following two years, meaning the minimum wage would be set at \$10.50 beginning Jan. 1, 2023. After that, it'd be indexed to the CPI.

The budget would also create a task force to study other options to progress toward a goal of a \$15-per-hour minimum wage. The panel would include five governor appointees and appointments from the four legislative leaders.

## LAME DUCK

Evers' budget also looks to repeal most of the provisions included in the lame-duck laws that cleared the Legislature and Walker's desk in December.

That includes repealing language requiring the AG to get approval from the Joint Finance Committee to settle cases and rolling back the Legislature's ability to hire private attorneys for their members if needed, rather than relying on representation from the Department of Justice.

The plan would again let DOJ retain any settlement funds it receives, rather than turning them over to the general fund. DOJ would still have to report to the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee how the funds are spent.

And Evers' proposal would nix requirements for guidance documents. The laws compel each agency by the start of the new fiscal year to rescind guidance documents outlining how it interprets existing state statute unless it first sends them through a new process that includes a public comment period.

It would also eliminate language requiring the Department of Administration to get legislative approval to make changes to Capitol security, as well as get rid of provisions changing the administrative rule process.

Evers' budget also targets changes the lame-duck laws made to ID cards for voting.

For example, temporary voting credentials would be valid for 180 days instead of the 60 days GOP lawmakers pushed for – a change federal Judge James Peterson in January approved as well in a broader lawsuit targeting the lame-duck laws' early voting changes.

The governor's plan would also allow expired college IDs to be used within five years of the expiration date, though Republicans sought to allow only current IDs to be accepted. Peterson's ruling last month also allowed the state to accept students' expired college IDs for voting.

## VOTING

The budget includes several provisions that change the voting process in the state, including the addition of an automatic voter registration system.

Evers is proposing coordination between the Elections Commission and the Department of Transportation to create an "opt-out" voter registration system that would automatically sign Wisconsinites up to vote.

## DRUG TESTING AND WELFARE

Able-bodied adult FoodShare recipients wouldn't be subject to drug screening and testing requirements under Evers' plan.

The budget also targets at least one of the welfare overhaul laws Walker signed into law last session.

That is the 2018 law requiring able-bodied adults to work or

participate in a workforce development course to maintain eligibility for the FoodShare program. Evers would repeal the work requirement for those able-bodied adults with dependents ages 6 to 18.

The budget would also repeal the state's plan to institute work requirements for certain Medicaid recipients, which the feds signed off on last fall.

Specifically, the proposal would throw out a measure to require able-bodied childless adults between 19 and 49 in the program to work or participate in a worker training program or "other community engagement" for at least 80 hours a month to receive benefits.

It would also roll back other provisions, including:

\*An \$8 copayment for childless adult recipients who visit the emergency room in a non-emergency situation;

\*A requirement that recipients submit a health care assessment that includes questions about drug use;

\*And a monthly premium for BadgerCare Plus recipients of \$8 per household for those childless adults whose household incomes are between 50 percent and 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

## PRISON

Evers' budget aims to address both surging prison populations and the dwindling and overworked ranks of prison guards.

The budget aims to lower the number of inmates in the correctional system by making efforts to prevent offenders from ending up behind bars in the first place. That includes: allocating \$1 million dollars each fiscal year toward treatment and diversion programs for substance abuse offenders; setting aside \$1 million per year toward community policing initiatives to head of crime before it happens; reclassifying 17-year-olds as minors for most offenses; and decriminalizing possession of up to 25 grams of marijuana.

The budget also increases funding for district attorneys as well as several Department of Justice positions and ups the reimbursement rate for private attorneys in an effort to expedite the trial process.

Additionally, the budget proposes to fund expanded barracks to address overcrowding at some facilities. Jackson Correctional Institution would have an additional housing complex built on site, while Taycheedah Correctional Institution would have two. The barracks hold roughly 144 inmates each.

Evers is also proposing to boost correctional officer pay to \$18 per hour from \$16.30 per hour over the two-year period. Those employees would also qualify for the proposed 2 percent raise for government workers.

While that falls short of the \$22-per-hour mark which Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr said last week would align with neighboring states, the Evers administration hopes the bump will drive recruitment and retention efforts.

## HEALTH CARE

Evers' budget includes his long expected plan to accept federal money to expand Medicaid through the Affordable Care Act after Walker and GOP lawmakers six years ago rejected the move.

It also would keep Walker's "Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan" intact, while fully funding it.

The \$200 million plan subsidizes coverage on the federal exchange under the Affordable Care Act in order to contain premium increases.

The feds in July signed off on the waiver required to set up the program. At the time, Walker said the state will cover \$34 million of the plan with the federal government covering the remaining \$166 million through savings.

A spokeswoman for the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance said the budget includes the full \$72 million the state needs in order to obtain federal funding for the plan over the biennium.

While the governor included a series of Democratic proposals, Evers also sought to play up provisions that have been championed by Republicans.

That includes provisions to increase the private bar reimbursement rate to \$70 an hour and adding more than 25 new assistant district attorneys. GOP lawmakers earlier this month called for a similar increase for private attorneys who take on cases as public defenders. But it also included seeking more than 60 assistant DAs.

Evers also said he will accept every recommendation from the Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness, which was chaired by former GOP Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch. He added he will also expand broadband grants.

Evers urged lawmakers to focus on the pressing issues facing Wisconsinites.

"Their plight must be our purpose, their crises our cause and their desires our demands," Evers said.



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# Opposition to Dark Store/Lease Legislation (LRB-1665/2) Impacting Wisconsin's Non-metallic Mining Industry

The non-metallic mining industry has been monitoring proposed legislation that would change property tax assessment practices in Wisconsin. This so called “dark store” legislation would allow assessors to raise the property assessments imposed on businesses by assuming property is being used for its highest valued use, regardless of how property is actually being utilized. This “tax to the max” approach has been rejected by the Supreme Court as well as many other states that have considered similar legislation. It is simply bad policy and should not be advanced in Wisconsin.

**To the extent this poor policy is pursued, we are concerned that the legislation will have unintended and profound consequences for many businesses across Wisconsin – including the state’s non-metallic mining industry.**

Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin members produce the crushed stone, sand, and gravel that is used to (among other things) pave roads and build the homes and commercial developments you see every day. Wisconsin Industrial Sand Association members produce the sand used in glass making, metal casting, metal production, chemical production, construction, paint and coatings, ceramics and refractories, filtration and water production, oil and gas recovery, and recreational products. The “dark store” legislation would significantly change our members’ tax assessments which will have a substantial negative impact on our operations, increase our costs of operation, and render our Wisconsin businesses less competitive.

We are concerned that the “highest and best use” language in the proposed legislation will lead to a significant (and unjustified) increase in our property taxes. This language suggests that property owned by an APW or WISA member that is not currently used for mining can nonetheless be assessed at a value that reflects the potential use of the property for mining. For example, vacant land could be assessed at a much higher value that assumes it is being mined.

Non-metallic mining companies own/lease thousands of acres of property for potential future needs, including simply serving as a buffer to separate mining operations from neighboring properties. That land may be used for farming, timber harvest, etc. pursuant to a lease agreement. However, under language being discussed to address the “dark store” issue, an assessor could determine that the “highest and best use” of that land is actually mining – and assess its value as such. This could double or triple the property tax assessments of aggregate pits, quarries, and sand mines across the state.

The potential doubling or tripling of property tax assessments would harm our ability to acquire new lands and lease agreements for future mining, as the tax implications would be too great for some landowners. That, in turn, will put a severe strain on the amount of raw materials available for future use and have a trickle-down negative impact on future development projects. Ultimately this will add significant costs to road construction projects and other local development.

**We hope you will consider the unintended consequences and potential negative impact this legislation could have on our industry and ask that you do not sponsor LRB-1665/2.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our lobbyists at:

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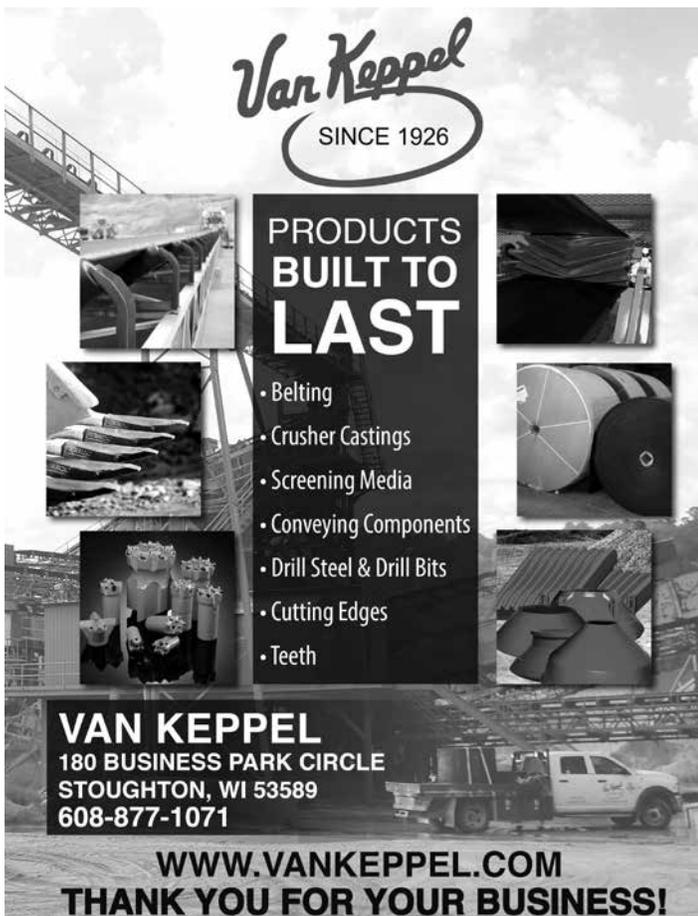
## Re-introduced Tax Assessment Legislation May Significantly Impact Non-Metallic Mining Industry

The non-metallic mining industry has been monitoring proposed legislation that would change property tax assessment practices in Wisconsin. On February 19, Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) and Rep. Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) introduced legislation to address what has been referred to as the “Walgreens” and “Dark Store” issues. This legislation would allow assessors to raise the property assessments imposed on businesses by assuming property is being used for its highest valued use, regardless of how property is actually being utilized. While the bill targets large national retailers, the legislation could potentially have profound impacts on property taxes for other types of businesses – including aggregate sites.

Under current law, land that contains aggregate deposits not currently used in a manner to generate revenue from the aggregate is taxed at the current highest and best use (e.g., as fallow land, agricultural land, forest, etc.). At this point, before the land is used for mining, the land is assessed by the local assessor.

We are concerned that the “highest and best use” language in the proposed legislation will lead to a significant (and unjustified) increase in property taxes. This language suggests that property owned that is not currently used for mining can nonetheless be assessed at a value that reflects the potential use of the property for mining.

APW is working closely with a coalition of business groups – including the Wisconsin Industrial Sand Association (WISA) and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) – to oppose this legislation.



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# Water Quality Becomes Major Focus of Governor/Legislature

Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature are expected to make water quality issues a major focus over the next 12 months.

At his first State of the State address in January, Governor Tony Evers declared 2019 as the “Year of Clean Drinking Water” and called for allowing state environmental and agricultural officials to borrow nearly \$70 million more over the next two years to combat water pollution and replace lead pipes in his first state budget. This includes:

- \$40 million to replace lead pipes
- \$75,000 in state funding for the Southwest Wisconsin Geologic and Groundwater study (SWIGG)
- \$1.6 million for homeowners to remediate contaminated wells
- \$5 million to control polluted runoff from agricultural runoff and urban stormwater runoff
- \$25 million for cleanup of five areas in the Milwaukee River and St. Louis River
- Four new DNR positions to speed up implementation of new water quality standards in the Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Rock, and St. Croix river basins

In February, Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) announced the creation and members of the bi-partisan Speakers Task Force on Water Quality. The development of the special legislative committee commenced after Reps. Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) and Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville) made a request to the speaker in reaction to a preliminary report showing widespread contamination in private wells in southwestern Wisconsin.

The task force has been asked to make recommendations on assessing and improving the quality of surface water and groundwater. Legislators will hold public hearings around Wisconsin to gather information on the specific concerns in the various regions of the state.

APW will be monitoring the task force proceedings and any budget/legislative proposals for impacts on our industry.

# Water Quality Task Force Members

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Rep. Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville)

## Vice Chair

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## DNR Issues Exempt Soil Management Guidelines

In November 2018, the DNR published guidelines on “Exempt Soil Management” (aka – Clean Soil Guidance). These guidelines, related to management of soil at environmental cleanups, have been discussed by the DNR for two years.

Working with the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association (WTBA), the Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin (APW) engaged with DNR to ensure that the final published guidelines would be workable for our membership.

This guidance is for use by responsible parties who are managing soil excavated as part of a response action. It does not apply to soil excavated as part of a construction project, utility project, or transportation project unless those projects also involve an NR 700 response action. For projects that involve an NR 700 response action, this guidance only applies to the soil excavated as a direct result of the response action, and the levels are such that it does not require management in a licensed operating facility or site-specific, department-issued exemption to be managed.

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# MEMBER NEWS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APW 4th Annual Shooting Event

Thursday, May 9, 2019  
Milford Hills, Johnson Creek

### APW Annual Convention

Thursday, December 5, 2019  
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

**Don't forget to check the APW website,  
[www.aggregateproducers.org](http://www.aggregateproducers.org) for industry  
related news.**

## APW ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2019

APW members elected a new board of directors at the Annual Meeting held November 28, 2018, in Stevens Point. Newly elected board members are: Bob Bingen (Michels Materials), Chad Sell (County Materials), and Tony Tomashek (Milestone Materials).

## APW BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2019

At the February board meeting, APW directors elected the following slate of officers for 2019: President – Renee Burcalow (Yahara Materials); Vice-President – Bob Bingen (Michels Materials); Treasurer – Tom Halquist (Halquist Stone); and Secretary – Tony Tomashek (Milestone Materials). Rounding out the 2019 board of directors are producer members Ted Peterson, Chad Sell, Brian Endres, Dave Johnson, and Tod Pauly. Adam Tegelman (MCC, Inc.) remains on the board as Past President.

## APW DIRECTORY CHANGES

**The 2019 Membership Directory will be going out in April. If your company has changes, please contact the APW office by email at [erinlongmireconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:erinlongmireconsulting@gmail.com).**

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# Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin

## 4th Annual APW Shooting Event Milford Hills, Johnson Creek, WI

Thursday, May 9, 2019

### Milford Hills\*

Registration & Boxed Lunch: 12:00 pm

Shooting Start: 1:00 pm

After Shoot Social & PAC Event: 3:30 pm

Cost: \$100 per person, \$400 per Foursome  
Includes range fees, ammo, lunch and social event\*\*

Join APW for our **4th Annual Shooting Event** on

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APW awards our members every year for reclamation work occurring throughout the state. This reclamation, as well as past reclamation work can be viewed in the reclamation examples on our website at: [www.aggregateproducers.org](http://www.aggregateproducers.org).

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## Focusing Your Political Resources

## Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin Political Action Committee (APW PAC)

### What is the Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin PAC? (APW PAC)

- ◆ A Political Action Committee (PAC) is a group formed (usually by an industry or an issue-oriented organization) to raise and contribute money to the campaigns of candidates likely to advance the group's interests.
- ◆ APW PAC is dedicated to advancing the issues important to the aggregate industry in Wisconsin. The APW PAC will pool money from owners, employees and partners to make contributions to candidates for elected office.
- ◆ Contributions to the PAC must come from individuals; corporate contributions to the PAC are prohibited.

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