

Eau Claire County
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, September 20, 2018 • 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1st Street West • Room AG103
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Ray Henning, Ricky Strauch, Heather Deluka, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Tami Schraufnagel

Members Absent: (none)

Staff Present: Greg Leonard and Amanda Peters (Land Conservation), Mark Hagedorn (UW-Extension)

Others Present: (none)

1. Call to Order
Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.
3. Public Input Session (15 minutes maximum) – Discussion
(none)
4. Approve Minutes from August 16, 2018 meeting – Discussion/Action
ACTION: Motion by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0.
5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion
The August expenditures and revenues were reviewed. Eau Claire County continues to collect fees for Rain to Rivers from the other members and have recently received a reimbursement from the DNR grant.
6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action
The following Best Management Practice Cost-Share application was presented for approval:
Gary Wehling – Grade Stabilization Structure/Stream Protection - \$17,430.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$1,245.00 (County funds)
Leonard explained this is the dam repair to the site which was visited by the LCC on their tour which was washed out by large rainfall events.
ACTION: Motion by Gibson to approve the Best Management Cost-Share application. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

The following Well Abandonment Cost-Share application was presented for approval:
Steve Schreiner – Well Abandonment - \$300.00 (County funds)
ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the Well Abandonment Cost-Share Application. Motion carried, 8-0-0.
7. State of the Groundwater in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin – 2018 report – Discussion
The priority recommendations of the State of the Groundwater report were discussed. The goals are in relation to groundwater quantity, quality, and education. An application by a small team from the Groundwater Advisory Committee to the Wisconsin ThinkWater School has been submitted to begin working on the education goals.
8. Temporary Moratorium on the Expansion and Creation of Large-Scale Livestock Facilities Pending 12 Month Review Ordinance – Follow up – Discussion/Action
Leonard provided a presentation overview of the existing County code and State rules and regulations regarding all agricultural operations. Leonard was directed to contact the County Board Chair to offer this same presentation to the entire County Board.

9. West Central WI Land+Water Association meeting updates – Discussion

The West Central Area meeting was attended by LCC members Deluka and Adams, with Leonard and Fagen attending as staff for the morning meeting session. Adams reviewed the updates of the federal Farm Bill and how NRCS will attempt to target EQIP funding. The afternoon session of the meeting was dedicated to LCC member training. Adams and Leonard were on the panel discussion team. Deluka commented it was a great learning experience.

10. Staff and Agency Updates

Mark Hagedorn, UW-Extension, reported that has been fielding many questions regarding the proposed large-scale livestock moratorium.

Leonard reported that no formal word has yet been received concerning the TRM grants from DNR. He will be presenting at the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association's (WEHA) education conference with his counterpart from Pepin County on the programs and activities local Land Conservation offices work on, and how there can be interaction with local Public Health agencies. The Land Stewardship Subcommittee is exploring how to handle conservation easements. Leonard will be leading the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Eau Claire Ag and Environment day.

11. Future agenda items

Conservation awards will be placed on the next LCC agenda.

12. Set date for next meeting

The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Ag Center.

13. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission