

Eau Claire County
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2018 • 5:15 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource • 227 1st Street West • Room AG203
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Ray Henning, Tami Schraufnagel, John Richie,

Members Absent: Ricky Strauch

Staff Present: Greg Leonard

Others Present: Lydia Boerboom, Celie Borndal – USDA-NRCS

1. Call to Order

Leary called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Input Session (15 minute maximum) – Discussion

Lydia Boerboom introduced herself. She wanted to attend the meeting to learn, but did not wish to speak. Leary welcomed her to the meeting.

4. Approve Minutes from January 22, 2018 meeting – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Solie to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion

Expenditures and revenues for January were reviewed. Reimbursements for 2017 grants were received in February and will appear in the update next month.

6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action

The following Cost-Share applications were presented for approval:

Dudley “Joe” Smith – Nutrient Management Plan update – \$948.00 (NMFE grant funds)

Everett Papke – Nutrient Management Plan update – \$1,000.00 (NMFE grant funds)

The Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) grant funds are used to assist farmers to offset the costs of soil testing as existing plans are updated.

ACTION: Motion by Gibson/Richie to approve the Cost-Share Applications. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

7. EPA – EE grant application – Discussion/Action

Leonard provided an overview of the existing partnerships with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC), DNR, UW-Extension, the local Lake Districts and Associations, residents, and others in implementing the Eau Claire River Watershed 9-Key Element Plan, and provided an outline of existing and potential grant opportunities. The EPA – Environmental Education grant is one piece of the implementation strategy and the application is being developed by a core group of the partners. As the application is currently being drafted for a March 15, 2018 deadline, WCWRPC will be the applicant, with Eau Claire and Clark County Land Conservation being the “public face” of the project. As WCWRPC will be the applicant, no formal action is needed at this time for this grant application.

8. DNR - TRM grant Governmental Responsibility – Discussion/Action

The DNR Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant process is currently open and to be able to apply, the county needs to authorize someone to act on behalf of the county. This resolution would appoint the Land

Conservation Manager to act in this capacity. The sample resolution provided by the DNR was redrafted by Corporation Counsel. This resolution will be presented to the full County Board if adopted.

ACTION: Motion by Henning/Adams to adopt the resolution as presented and submit it to the full County Board for consideration. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

9. Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board election – Discussion/Action

Leary explained the election process of representatives to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board. Leary will not be attending the conference when elections occur, which will require a designee to cast the Eau Claire County vote.

ACTION: Motion by Richie/ Schraufnagel to designate Greg Leonard, Land Conservation Manager, to cast the Eau Claire County vote in the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board election using his best professional judgement, including the local needs of Eau Claire County. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

10. Agency Updates

Celie Borndal, USDA-NRCS, informed the LCC that she will be the Acting District Conservationist until April of this year, at which time the position may be filled. Borndal updated the LCC on the ongoing CSP signup, the status of EQIP projects, Honey Bee Habitat, and Forestry and Grazing plans.

11. Set date for next meeting

The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Monday, March 26th, 2018 at 5:15 pm.

12. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:07 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