

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018
AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTER – ROOM AG203 – ALTOONA, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Kevin Stelljes, Glory Adams, Dave Dresel, Doug Burrows, Dave Carlson
MEMBERS EXCUSED: (none)
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard (P&D - Land Conservation Division)
OTHERS PRESENT: Monica Lewis

1. Call to Order by Chair pro-temp

Chair pro-temp Stelljes called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Open meeting requirements had been complied with.

4. Approve Minutes of April 12, 2018 meeting

Chair pro-temp Stelljes moved agenda Item 4 prior to the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Adams to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair pro-temp Stelljes opened the floor for nominations for Chair, which is a 2-year term. Carlson nominated Doug Burrows. Stelljes called 3 more times for nominations; no other nominations were presented. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Dresel, to close nominations and to cast an unanimous vote for Burrows as Chair. Motion carried, 6-0-0. Burrows thanked the subcommittee and assumed the Chair.

Burrows opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair, which is a 2-year term. Stelljes nominated Rick Koziel. Burrows called 3 more times for nominations; no other nominations were presented. Motion by Stelljes, seconded by Carlson, to close nominations and to cast an unanimous vote for Koziel as Vice-Chair. Motion carried, 6-0-0. Koziel thanked the subcommittee.

3. Appointment of Subcommittee Clerk

Koziel made a motion to appoint Greg Leonard, Eau Claire County Land Conservation, as the Subcommittee Clerk; seconded by Adams. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

5. Land Stewardship Subcommittee member application and recommendation

Former Subcommittee member Monica Lewis had reached out to the Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association for recommendations for her vacancy on the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Sean Bohan was recommended as a possible candidate, and he has applied. No other applications have been received even though requests have gone out. Motion by Dressel to recommend Sean Bohan to the LCC to fill the vacancy left by Monica Lewis. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

6. Update on Kiwanis property (donations from Stewardship Fund, Town of Union, and others)

Western Wisconsin Land Trust, now known as Landmark Conservancy, has an accepted offer to purchase the Kiwanis of Eau Claire property in the Town of Union for \$147,000. The Town has budgeted \$80,000 and the Land Trust has a Knowles-Nelson grant from DNR for \$59,500. The Land Trust originally asked the Land Stewardship Subcommittee in December 2017 for \$7,500 to complete the purchase package. The Land Stewardship Subcommittee offered a matching donation of up to \$3,750. The Land Trust has received matching donations from Pheasants Forever of \$2,750 and a private donation of \$1,000. The agreement for the donation from the Land Stewardship Fund was drafted by Corporation Counsel utilizing language contained in the DNR grant. Motion by Stelljes/Koziel to approve the agreement and to authorize Vice-Chair Koziel to sign on behalf of the subcommittee. Motion carried, 5-0-1 with

Burrows abstaining.

Burrows recommended inviting Lindsey Ketchel, the new Director of Landmark Conservancy, to a future meeting.

7. Update on Brown's property

This property was originally considered by Land Stewardship, but was referred to the Parks and Forest Committee. A Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant application has been submitted to the WI-DNR. The grant is requiring a new appraisal as the original appraisal is over 1 year old.

8. Cascade property easement update

This project was also referred to the Parks and Forest Committee. Carlson reported he has tried to contact Cascade on the request of the Parks and Forest Committee, but has not heard back until earlier today. He was informed by Cascade there are internal things happening and Cascade will not be able to formally reply until the end of the year.

9. Stewardship Subcommittee's process and involvement in taking Conservation Easements

Discussion on how the Land Stewardship subcommittee can accept conservation easements as donations. Would public access have to be allowed, or can fees be charged are questions which need to be answered. The Land Stewardship subcommittee would not want to be considered in competition with other conservation organizations for easements, such as the local Land Trusts. This item will remain as an agenda item for future meetings.

10. Stewardship Fund balances

Leonard provided an update on Stewardship Fund transactions to date. With the donation of \$3,750 for the Kiwanis project, the balance of the Stewardship Fund is \$20,459.51.

11. Future agenda items

Conservation Easements will be on future meeting agendas.

At this time the Land Stewardship subcommittee thanked Monica Lewis for her time serving on the subcommittee.

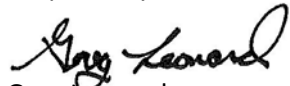
12. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set tentatively for Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at noon.

13. Adjourn

Burrows adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard

Subcommittee Clerk