EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTER - ROOM AG203 - ALTOONA, WI

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

1. Call to Order by Chair

Chair Burrows called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Open meeting requirements had been complied with.

2. Welcome of new member, Sean Bohan, to the Subcommittee

Sean Bohan was appointed by the Land Conservation Commission (LCC) as a new member of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Sean introduced himself and reviewed his background. Everyone introduced themselves, gave some background information, and welcomed Sean to the subcommittee.

3. Approve Minutes of June 27, 2018 meeting

Minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Koziel/Stelljes to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

4. Update on Brown's property

Stelljes relayed an update from Josh Pedersen. Corporation Counsel does not wish to close on the property until there is approval from the DNR.

5. Update on the Town of Union/Landmark Conservancy property

Leonard received an email this morning from Rick Remington, Landmark Conservancy, stating the Landmark acquired the Kiwanis property a week ago, and the subsequently transferred it to the Town of Union, as planned, to be managed alongside the Town Youth Forest. Rick thanked everyone involved with the transaction. The Town is considering a celebratory event later this fall.

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

Burrows explained this process of taking conservation easements would be a topic best discussed with Lindsey Ketchel, Landmark Conservancy Director, as that organization has experience holding easements. Burrows will contact Lindsey to attend the next meeting. The Eau Claire River corridor would be a good place for easements.

7. 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 \$20,549.51.

8. Future agenda items

Conservation Easements discussion with Lindsey Ketchel will be on agenda for the next meeting.

9. Set Next Meeting Date

With the upcoming hunting seasons, the subcommittee scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year. The next meetings are scheduled for September 19, October 17, and December 5, 2018

10. Adjourn

Burrows adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Leonard Subcommittee Clerk