

Eau Claire County  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday, October 22, 2018 • 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street West • Room AG103  
Altoona, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Gary Gibson, Ray Henning, Ricky Strauch, Heather Deluka, Glory Adams, Dean Solie (arrived at 5:02 pm), Tami Schraufnagel

**Members Absent:** Robin Leary

**Staff Present:** Greg Leonard, Liz Fagen and Amanda Peters (Land Conservation)

**Others Present:** Seth Subiagan

1. Call to Order  
Vice Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law  
Gibson confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.
3. Public Input Session (15 minutes maximum) – Discussion  
(none)
4. Approve Minutes from September 20, 2018 meeting – Discussion/Action  
**ACTION:** Motion by Adams/Schraufnagel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0. (Solie arrived)
5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion  
The September expenditures and revenues were reviewed, in addition to the Land Stewardship Funds.
6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action  
The following Best Management Practice Cost-Share application was presented for approval:  
John Ristau – Nutrient Management Plan - \$13,7200.00 (DATCP SEG funds)  
Peters explained this nutrient management plan will cover several farms operated by John Ristau.  
**ACTION:** Motion by Strauch/Henning to approve the Best Management Cost-Share application. Motion carried, 7-0-0.
7. Transfer of DATCP Cost Share Funds– Discussion/Action  
Updated cost estimates for the Gary Wehling project approved last month will exceed our available grant funds. Fagen explained our office was able to find unutilized DATCP funds from Florence County which can be transferred to Eau Claire County  
**ACTION:** Motion by Strauch/Deluka to approve the transfer of DATCP Cost-Share Funds from Florence County to Eau Claire County. Motion carried, 7-0-0.
8. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant update– Discussion  
Leonard provided an update on the status of TRM grants. Both the Small Scale and Large-Scale projects for Eau Claire County are scheduled to be funded by the state beginning in 2019. The matching Large-Scale project in Clark County for the Eau Claire River watershed is also scheduled to be funded.
9. Golden Triangle Ag Enterprise Area Farmland Preservation Contract application – Discussion/Action  
The following Farmland Preservation Contract application within the Golden Triangle Ag Enterprise Area (AEA) was presented for approval:  
Matthew & Debra Krenz – 60.000 acres  
Peters explained that this is additions land purchased by Matthew & Debra Krenz. They have previously signed

an agreement covering their land and wish to include this new land in an agreement. This application will bring the total farmland protected by Farmland Preservation Agreements within the Golden Triangle AEA to 7,016 acres, representing over 32% of the AEA.

**ACTION:** Motion by Strauch/Adams to approve the Farmland Preservation Agreement application. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

10. Temporary Moratorium on the Expansion and Creation of Large-Scale Livestock Facilities Pending 6 Month Review Ordinance – Follow up and approval of Ag Ordinance Review Workgroup Discussion/Action  
The County Board Chair will formally appoint the workgroup for the Ag Ordinance Review.  
ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel/Henning to recommend Robin Leary and Gary Gibson from the LCC to the County Board Chair as members of the Ag Ordinance Review workgroup. Motion by Deluka to amend the motion to include Tami Schraufnagel as an alternate. Motion on the amendment carried, 7-0-0. Original motion, as amended, carried, 7-0-0.
11. Conservation Awards – Discussion/Action  
Conservation awards will be considered next month, and the award considerations are for Conservation Farmer, Water Quality Award, and potentially a Special Recognition. Staff will supply a list of past award winners to the LCC.
12. Matt Kruger – WI Land+Water visit – Discussion/Action  
Matt Kruger, Executive Director of WI Land+Water, is willing to come to a future LCC meeting. Future dates will be planned and forwarded to Kruger for planning purposes.
13. Staff and Agency Updates  
Fagen updated on the ThinkWater School several members of the Groundwater Advisory Committee and staff will be attending to work on the Education Goals in the groundwater report.
14. Future agenda items  
Conservation awards, ThinkWater, and scheduling future LCC meetings will be placed on the next LCC agenda.
15. Set date for next meeting  
The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Monday, November 19, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Ag Center.
16. Adjourn  
Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard  
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission