

Eau Claire County
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 19, 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 (Land Conservation)

Others Present: Joseph Malual (UW-Extension)

1. Call to Order
Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:02 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
Joseph Malual, Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development (CNRED) agent from UW-Extension in Chippewa, introduced himself. At the beginning of 2019 he will also be serving Eau Claire County and will help facilitate the Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee. Everyone welcomed him.
4. Approve Minutes from October 22, 2018 meeting – Discussion/Action
ACTION: Motion by Gibson/Henning to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0.
5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion
The October expenditures and revenues were reviewed.
6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action
The following Best Management Practice Cost-Share application was presented for approval:
Dan Otto – Nutrient Management Plan - \$520.00 (DATCP NMFE funds)
ACTION: Motion by Strauch/Solie to approve the Best Management Cost-Share application. Motion carried, 8-0-0.
7. NACD Survey– Discussion/Action
(This item was moved to after Item 10 on the agenda.)
8. EPA Environmental Education and Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant update– Discussion
Leonard provided an update that EPA has given preliminary indications that this grant will be funded with the next federal fiscal cycle. Most of the activities were included with the DNR Large Scale TRM grant, and he has been in contact with DNR to assure the grant programs will align.
9. Conservation Awards – Discussion/Action
Nominations for Conservation Farmer, Water Quality Leadership, Forestry, and Special Recognition were discussed.
ACTION: Motion by Gibson/Deluka to award Chris Straight for Water Quality Leadership. Motion carried, 8-0-0. Motion by Schraufnagel to award Dan Von Haden for Conservation Farmer. Motion carried, 8-0-0. Motion by Solie to award Bob Paddock for Forestry, Christine Yellowthunder for Special Recognition, and Buzz Sorge for Special Recognition. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

10. Wildlife Damage Cooperative Services Agreement with USDA-APHIS – Discussion/Action

The US Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) provides services for wildlife damage management. The Cooperative Service Agreement is for bear damage complaints to provide trapping and relocation services. Eau Claire County does not have the equipment or technical expertise to provide these services.

ACTION: Motion by Adams to enter into the Cooperative Service Agreement with APHIS for the 2019 calendar year. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

7. NACD Survey– Discussion/Action

Members and staff jointly reviewed the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) survey. Leonard will complete the single combined survey for Eau Claire County.

11. Staff and Agency Updates

Adams provided a short update on the ThinkWater School several members of the Groundwater Advisory Committee and staff have begun.

12. Future agenda items

Scheduling an LCC meeting with Matt Kruger, Executive Director of WI Land+Water, will be discussed.

13. Set date for next meeting

The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Ag Center. Tentative dates of January 28, 2019 and February 18, 2019 were set for future meetings.

14. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission