

Eau Claire County
AG ORDINANCE REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 • 1:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1st Street West • Room AG103
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Tami Schraufnagel (County Board member alternate), Tammy Smith-Schroeder, Derrick Nelson, Ed Gorell, Steve Strey, Andy Ferguson (via telephone), Eleanor Wolf, Kate Beaton, Paul La Liberte, Jody Wilhelm, Mark Zuber, Cynthia Anderegg (via telephone), Dan Zook

Members Absent: Robin Leary, Roland Fischer, Todd Meyer, Jon Nicolet (citizen member alternate)

Staff Present: Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters (Land Conservation); Matt Steinbach (City/County Health); Mark Hagedorn (UW-Extension); Rod Eslinger (Planning & Development)

Others Present: Connie Russell, Heather DeLuka, Judy Gatlin, Libby Stupak, Kevin Stelljes Liz Spencer, Carl Anton, Beth Ivankovic, Jim VandenBrook (via telephone connection), Chris Mechenich (via telephone connection)

1. Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:15 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

Libby Stupak commented that her comments in the draft minutes of the January 15, 2019 minutes should read “committee members should review model ordinances and templates which are available on the DATCP web site.”

4. Approve Minutes from January 15, 2019 meeting – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Zuber/Smith-Schroeder to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting as corrected with the revisions as stated during the public input. Motion carried, 14-0-0.

5. Presentations

Paul La Liberte, as a member of Wisconsin Green Fire, provided presentations from his organization on cropland management and water quality. Topics included phosphorous, pathogens, and nitrogen.

ACTION: Motion by Wolf/Beaton to invite Dr. Sarah Vitale, UW-Eau Claire, or another geologist to the next meeting to explain bedrock and groundwater relations. Motion failed, 4-9-1.

6. Explanation and review of future meeting process for making recommendations – Discussion/Action

Leonard reviewed that the next meeting will be to discuss NR-151. The committee has been divided into 4 smaller groups, each individual placed into a topic which best fits their background and expertise. The small groups will concentrate their discussions on their assigned topics. After small group discussions, the entire committee will discuss each topic item. All members will be allowed input on each topic item during this entire committee discussion period. Topics and assignments for the next meeting were distributed.

7. Set Future meetings and items for discussion – Discussion/Action

Future meeting dates and topics are as follows:

February 12, 2019 – NR 151 Ag Performance Standards and Prohibitions

February 26, 2019 – Animal Waste Storage Ordinance

March 12, 2019 – Livestock Siting and CAFO

March 26, 2019 – Summarize final recommendations

8. Adjourn
Gibson adjourned the meeting at 3:40 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, Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee