

Eau Claire County  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

Monday, February 18, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street West • Room AG103  
Altoona, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Ray Henning, Heather DeLuka, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch

**Members Absent:** (none)

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

**Others Present:** Marlo Orth

(The meeting was moved from AG120 to AG103 within the Agriculture & Resource Center due to that room's recent availability and closer proximity to the building's entrance.)

1. Call to Order  
Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:01 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  
Marlo Orth, Lake Eau Claire District Chair, thanked everyone within the Land Conservation Division office and the Land Conservation Commission for their support and partnership. The current lake rehabilitation projects, including the dredging, are proving to work.
4. Approve Minutes from January 22, 2019 meeting – Discussion/Action  
**ACTION:** Motion by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0.
5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion  
The January expenditures and revenues were reviewed. Several stormwater permit financial assurances were returned as the permit requirements were completed.
6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action  
There were no cost-share applications.
7. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta– Discussion/Action  
The City of Augusta has requested to enter into a water quality trading project with the Land Conservation Division. The City's wastewater treatment plant is not currently meeting their discharge goals and wishes to off-set their discharges with trading. The projects which are eligible for trading include Best Management Practices (BMPs) that Land Conservation typically install on agricultural lands. Funding for the BMPs would come from the City, with an additional 15% being paid to Land Conservation for services. Details of the project need to be finalized with Corporation Counsel and Finance.
8. Update on ThinkWater – Discussion  
Fagen and Adams provided an update on the ThinkWater process occurring with the Groundwater Advisory Committee members and staff.
9. Conservation Tree and Plant Program update – Discussion  
Conservation tree sales are similar to past year's sales. The native plant sale is new, but sales are about what staff had anticipated. Trees are distributed near the end of April, but the plants will be distributed in May.

10. Update on Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee process – Discussion  
Leonard provide an update on the process to date for the Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee. The last scheduled meeting was cancelled due to weather. Meetings to date have included educational opportunities on NR-151 Ag Performance Standards and Prohibitions, existing Animal Waste Storage Ordinance, Livestock Siting and CAFO regulations, and review of the State of the Groundwater report for Eau Claire County. The next meetings are scheduled to begin discussions on the Special Committee’s recommendations.
11. Staff and Agency Updates  
Leonard provided an update on the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program. Some funds have been received and are greater than DNR’s original estimates. Fagen provided an update on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit reporting, Rain to Rivers (R2R) activities, and the upcoming North American Stormwater and Erosion Control (NASECA) training to be hosted by R2R. Peters provided an update on Nutrient Management Workshops.
12. Future agenda items  
Matt Kruger, Executive Director of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water), will plan on attending the March 2019 LCC meeting. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta and Ag Ordinance Review will be on the next agenda.
13. Set date for next meeting  
The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Monday, March 18, 2019.
14. Adjourn  
Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard  
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission