

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTER – ROOM AG203 – ALTOONA, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Burrows, Dave Dresel, Dave Carlson, Kevin Stelljes, Glory Adams
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sean Bohan, Rick Koziel
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard (P&D - Land Conservation Division), Josh Pedersen (Parks & Forest Dept.)
OTHERS PRESENT: (none)

1. Call to Order by Chair

Chair Burrows called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Open meeting requirements had been complied with.

3. Approve Minutes of March 12, 2019 meeting

Minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes/Dresel to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

4. Recommendations to LCC for subcommittee appointments

Leonard reviewed that both Dave Carlson and Rick Koziel's appointments to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee of the LCC will expire and no other person have applied for consideration.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes/Adams to recommend Dave Carlson and Rick Koziel to be reappointed to serve another 3-year term to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

5. Change for the call-in option for meetings

Leonard explained the WisLine system which Land Stewardship utilized for call into meetings will be terminated by the UW-Extension. The county is now utilizing WebEx system. The change in information will be posted with upcoming meeting agendas.

6. (At the request of Burrows, Item 6 was moved to after Item 8 on the agenda to accommodate other schedules.)

7. Stewardship Fund balances

There has been no changes in the Stewardship Fund balances since the end of 2018.

8. Member and Staff updates

Stelljes led a discussion on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program which is set to expire in 2020. Discussion if the subcommittee should support a resolution to continue the program. Dresel would like to know further details especially concerning debt amount of the program.

Pedersen mentioned 80 acres in Managed Forest near the Eau Claire River with 40 acres within the proposed county forest land property which may become available for sale. Stelljes will reach out to the owners.

Pedersen also updated on the Kussman property which is being considered by the Parks and Forest Committee.

Carlson reported Cascade's has new leadership and further updates can be expected once the leadership is established.

(Burrows excused himself from the meeting at 12:50 p.m. and appointed Stelljes to chair the remainder of the meeting.)

6. Eau Claire River corridor event

Stelljes and Burrows have suggested 4 steps for the event: 1) inform the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition, 2) name the group, 3) create a list of goals, and 4) create a project timeline. Stelljes will contact Rick Remington to assist and numbers 2 and 3 can be worked on at the next meeting.

9. Future agenda items

The Eau Claire River corridor event will be on the next meeting agenda.

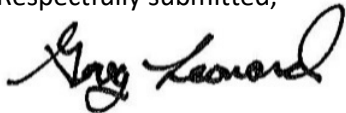
10. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th at 12:00 p.m. with the location to be determined.

11. Adjourn

Stelljes adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard, Subcommittee Clerk