

Eau Claire County
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1st Street West • Room AG120
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Ray Henning, Heather DeLuka, Glory Adams, Dean Solie (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent: (none)

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

Others Present: Joe Knight

1. Call to Order

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:00 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

Joe Knight wanted to tell the LCC and staff to “keep up the good work.”

4. Approve Minutes from March 18, 2019 meeting – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Adams/Schraufnagel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion

The March expenditures and revenues were reviewed. DATCP staffing grant reimbursements for 2018 were received, and Rain to River final grant reimbursement funds were received. Rain to River funds will soon be transferred from County accounts directly to Rain to River.

(Solie arrived)

6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action

The following Best Management Practice Cost-Share application was presented for approval:

Doug & Lynette Knuth – Prescribed Grazing - \$14,000.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$1,000.00 (County funds), \$5,000 (landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Henning to approve the Best Management Cost-Share application. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

The following Best Management Practice Cost-Share application was received by staff but was not included in the packet. This project needs to be completed prior to the approval of a Certified Survey Map and the planned property transfer.

Richard Halvorson – Waste Facility Closure - \$8,400.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$600.00 (County funds), \$3,000 (landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Henning to approve the Best Management Cost-Share application and authorize Chair Leary to sign. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

7. West Central Area WI Land+Water Conservation Association summer tour – Discussion/Action

The summer tour will include stops in the eastern part of the county. Scheduled stops include Dells Mill, Beaver Creek Reserve, Lake Eau Claire, and possibly Bush Beans.

8. Review of Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee’s recommendations and first draft of “Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Storage Ordinance” – Discussion/Action

Gibson reviewed the process of the Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee which included review of existing local and state rules and ordinances. Topics included NR 151 Ag Performance Standards and Prohibitions, Animal

Waste Storage Ordinance, the Eau Claire County State of the Groundwater Report, Wisconsin's Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO – NR 243) regulations and Livestock Siting regulations (ATCP 51). Included with the packet was the final recommendations of the Special Committee, and the resultant first draft ordinance. Leonard and Peters answered various questions on different portions of the draft. Members offered minor suggestions.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to incorporate suggestions and for staff to forward the draft to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Planning and Development Committee for review. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

9. Staff and Agency Updates

a. Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update

Adams provided an update on recent subcommittee tasks, including an Eau Claire River corridor event with riparian landowners.

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program

Leonard has had discussions with DNR staff concerning the specific uses of the MDV funds. Staff are exploring options to leverage these funds with other grant opportunities.

c. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta

The agreement is still in draft form.

10. Future agenda items

The Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Storage ordinance and related public hearing will be on the next agenda.

11. Set date for next meeting

a. The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Courthouse. The LCC regular agenda items not related to the ordinance will be completed prior to meeting jointly with the Planning and Development Committee. During the joint meeting will be the public hearing for the Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Storage ordinance.

b. The annual LCC tour will be in conjunction with the West Central Area Land+Water Conservation Association summer tour scheduled for June 12, 2019.

12. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission