

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"**

In Accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19, subchapter IV, Wisconsin Statutes,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following public meeting:

THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 **TIME:** 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: AGRICULTURE & RESOURCE CENTER, Room AG103
227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

OPEN SESSION

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
3. Public Input Session (15-minute maximum) – Discussion
Please Note: Limit of 3 minutes per speaker
4. Approve Minutes from December 17, 2018 meeting – Discussion/Action **Page 2-3**
5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion **Page 4**
6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action
7. Combining Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) and/or Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) funded projects with County Cost-Share funding– Discussion/Action **Page 5-8**
8. Update on Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest – Discussion **Page 9-10**
9. Update on Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee process – Discussion
10. Staff and Agency Updates
11. Future agenda items
12. Set dates for next meetings –February 18, 2019; March ____, 2019 – Discussion/Action
13. Adjourn

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Eau Claire County
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2018 • 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1st Street West • Room AG120
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Ray Henning, Heather DeLuka, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Tami Schraufnagel

Members Absent: Robin Leary, Ricky Strauch

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

Others Present: Ryan Peaslee (DNR)

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:01 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
(none)

4. Approve Minutes from November 19, 2018 meeting – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion

The November expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action

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

David Ristau – Nutrient Management Plan - \$800.00 (DATCP SEG funds)

Allen and Laura Horn – Well Abandonment - \$400.00 (County Cost-Share funds)

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to approve the Best Management Cost-Share applications. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

7. Approve County Membership to WI Land+Water and contribution to Wisconsin Envirothon– Discussion/Action

Annual WI Land+Water Conservation Association dues have been received for continued membership in the organization. Dues for 2019 are \$1,741.00. For 2018, Eau Claire County also contributed to the Wisconsin Envirothon. Students from Wildlands Middle School place second in 2018 in 2 of the 5 categories in this state-wide event.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel/Adams to approve payment of 2019 dues. Motion by DeLuka to amend the motion to include a \$55.00 contribution to the Wisconsin Envirothon. Motion on the amendment carried, 6-0-0. Original motion, as amended, carried, 6-0-0.

8. Extension request for NMFE (MALWEG) grant – Discussion/Action

Peters provided an overview of the Nutrient Management Farmers Education (NMFE) grant. Eau Claire County wishes to extend 2018 grant funding into 2019.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel/Adam to approve the extension request of the 2018 NMFE grant funding into 2019. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

9. Staff and Agency Updates

Peaslee (DNR) provided an update on tree and shrub sales, ongoing timber sales in Eau Claire and Clark County forests, invasive species, Technical Service Provider (TSP) services with the NRCS-EQIP program, and potential Conservation Corps program with Parks & Forest Department.

Peters provided an update on Nutrient Management Workshops in progress.

Fagen provided an update that the Wehling grade stabilization project the LCC toured is completed, and the river gauges have been installed at the 2 sites on the Eau Claire River.

Leonard provided an update on the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grants.

Gibson provided an update on the success reported by the Lake Eau Claire District and Association of the impacts of the installed sediment traps.

10. Future agenda items

An update on the Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee's work will be provided.

11. Set date for next meeting

The dates for the next LCC meetings were set for Monday, January 28, 2019 and February 18, 2019.

12. Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "G" and "L".

Greg Leonard
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission

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Land Conservation Division December Bills

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

Invoices

Vendor	Amount	Description	Account
(PC) Amazon	\$ 56.95	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) Amazon	\$ 125.00	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) Amazon	\$ 635.66	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) Amazon	\$ 25.18	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) Amazon	\$ 217.45	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) Amazon	\$ 26.09	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) CASHIER SERVICES DEPARTME	\$ 3.21	Wisline	57410-390-000
(PC) FESTIVAL FOODS	\$ 266.75	AORSC TOUR	57410-903-000
(PC) HOTEL MEAD AND CONFERENCE	\$ 82.00	fallctycon	57410-340-000
(PC) KWIK TRIP 82800008284	\$ 5.98	AORSC TOUR	57410-903-000
(PC) MENARDS EAU CLAIRE EAST	\$ 17.44	XCEL GRANT	57410-829-000
(PC) ZOOM.US	\$ 14.99	month char	57410-390-000
C&M Properties	\$ 22,091.13	Release of FA SW-04-18	23172-000-000
Designs by Jill	\$ 310.57	Doggy Bags	23350-000-000
Highway	\$ 65.12	Fuel for 9/30-10/27	57410-330-000
Horn, Laura	\$ 400.00	Well Abandonment Cost Share	57410-483-229
Leonard, Greg	\$ 108.86	Travel Pay WLW Conference	57410-903-000
Northland Excavating	\$ 20,942.60	BD-18-02 Bond Fund	57410-200-232
Northland Excavating	\$ 1,495.90	BD-18-02 Cty cost Share	57410-483-229
Northland Excavating	\$ 1,000.00	Bid Bond Release	23172-000-000
Paws and Claws	\$ 16,872.42	Release of FA SW-08-17	23172-000-000
Roberts Irrigation	\$ 206.13	Infiltration Rings	57410-829-000
Voyager	\$ 158.29	November Fuel	57410-330-000
WCWPRC	\$ 1,072.50	Oct Coordinator Hours	57588-200-000
WCWPRC	\$ 385.00	Nov Coordinator Hours	57588-200-000
Total \$			66,585.22

PC=Pro Card ie: credit card purchases

Deposits

Date	Amount	Description	Account #
12/3/2018	\$750.00	Tree Sale 12/3	46819-000-000
12/7/2018	\$623.00	Tree Sale 12/7	46819-000-000
12/17/2018	\$1,039.50	Tree Sale 12/17	46819-000-000
12/17/2018	\$220.00	AWO-2018-01	44408-000-000
12/20/2018	\$425.00	Tree Sale 12/20	46819-000-000
12/31/2018	\$738.00	Tree Sale 12/28	46819-000-000
Total \$			3,795.50



Eau Claire County Conservation Cost Share Program

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION



1. Objectives: The Primary Objectives of this program are:

- A. To provide for the wise use of appropriated public funds for conservation of our natural resources.
- B. To provide financial incentives to install needed conservation practices.
- C. To reduce soil erosion and improve water quality in Eau Claire County.

2. Policies:

A. Administrative:

The program oversight will be provided by the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission (LCC) and supervised by the Land Conservation Division (LCD) staff.

B. Technical Assistance:

Land Conservation Division staff will provide technical assistance for the survey, design, construction supervision, and certification of installed practices. All practices installed must meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Standards and Specifications as described in the Technical Guide.

C. Applicant Eligibility:

- i. All landowners and projects within Eau Claire County are potentially eligible for this program.
- ii. Any eligible applicant will have the opportunity to request cost sharing regardless of race, sex, creed, color, age, national origin, or handicap.

D. Eligible Projects & Priority:

- i. The following practices are eligible for cost-sharing and ranked as "High" or Low" priority based on significance of reducing erosion or pollution (Other practices described in the NRCS Technical Guide must be approved by the LCC to be eligible):

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Priority</u>
* Grass Waterway & Crossings	High
* Diversion	High
* Erosion Control Structures (rock chutes, dams, grade stabilization, etc.)	High
Stream Bank Protection (rip rap, fencing, crossings, sloping & seeding).....	High
Contour Strip Cropping	High
Well Abandonment.....	High
Fuel Storage Containment	High
# Barnyard Run-off (filter walls, filter strips, roof run off management, land shaping, concrete)	High
Cattle Waterers.....	High
Managed Grazing Systems.....	High
Manure Storage	High
Manure Storage Abandonment	High
Nutrient Management (590) Plans	High
Critical Area Treatment.....	Low
Tree Planting & Windbreaks	Low
Woodland Fencing	Low

* 50% of the uplands must be treated (cropland to "T", woodlands protected from grazing) to prevent filling in of these practices
 # Must have significant runoff, as determined using the "Barny" runoff model.

- ii. Cost sharing is NOT authorized for: portable irrigation pumps and equipment, building or modifications to buildings, wildlife ponds, spreading animal waste, no-till planting, black dirt/top soil mining in waterways, practices installed for the operator's convenience, or for installation of practices that have started prior to Land Conservation Commission (LCC) approval. Contour strips and well abandonments under \$500 may be approved by the LCD supervisor prior to LCC approval.
- iii. A Nutrient Management (590) Plan is required for barnyard systems approved under this program and/or barnyard and livestock facilities. The Nutrient Management Plan must be signed by a certified plan preparer and implemented by the cost share recipient, effective July 1, 1995.

E. Cost Share Rates & Limits:

- i. Cost share rates and limits are as follows:
 - 1. All projects: 75% maximum cost share rate on the total project cost, excluding those listed as follows:
 - a. Conservation tillage, strip cropping, tree planting, Nutrient Pest Management (590) Plans, and fencing can be based on a unit rate, such as acres or rods and are consistent with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP) rates.
 - b. Fuel storage: 50% cost share rate, up to a \$500 maximum payment.
 - c. Well abandonment materials and labor: 50% cost share rate, up to a \$400 maximum payment.
- ii. Cost sharing may be authorized for projects signed up under Federal or State Cost-Share Programs. Maximum cost share will not exceed rates and limits listed above.
- iii. Eau Claire County LCC cost containment procedures will be followed.

F. Variances

The Commission may authorize a variance from these policies when, upon showing by the applicant, unnecessary hardship would result from being denied cost share funds. The granting of a variance for unnecessary hardship must be based on findings by the Commission that:

- i. The plight of the applicant is due to unique circumstances and not to the general conditions of the area, and;
- ii. The conditions authorized by the variance will not have significant off-site impacts.

G. Practice Lifespan, Maintenance, Restoration & Payback

- i. Practice lifespan is ten years.
- ii. The practice will be maintained by the property owner for its lifespan. Random spot checks will be made by the LCD staff to determine if the practice is being operated and maintained for the purpose intended.
- iii. Restoration of the practice may be authorized by the LCC for cost sharing where the practice was installed with cost sharing from this program and failed for reasons beyond the control of the landowner.
- iv. Cost share payback will be required if the practice is not maintained for the designated lifespan. The payback amount will be determined by the LCC based on the extent to which the practice is deemed non-functional. If ownership, land use, or management changes

- during the practice lifespan, payback of the amount cost-shared will be required, unless:
- a. The new owner, in writing, will assume operations and maintenance of the practices.
 - b. It is demonstrated that the change in land use or management will not decrease soil erosion or deteriorate water quality.

3. PROCEDURES

A. Servicing

- i. The LCD will screen application for eligibility and feasibility.
- ii. Within one month of application, the LCC will review applications and staff recommendations. The LCC may approve, deny, or request additional information at that time. Cost estimates will be included with applications.
- iii. Applicants will be notified in writing of the Land Conservation Commission's decision regarding their request.

B. Construction Supervision & Compliance Check

- i. All cost share projects must be supervised during construction by LCD staff. All construction must follow the design standards and specifications.
- ii. LCD staff will conduct a construction check when the project is completed to verify compliance with the design.

C. Certification & Payment

- i. LCD staff will certify that the project is complete and has met standards and specifications. Any exceptions must be approved by the LCC.
- ii. The applicant must submit all bills and/or receipts to the LCD Supervisor for payment. County procedures will be followed to process payment.
- iii. Partial payment may be made provided the landowner has signed an agreement to complete the practice in the next program year.

D. Extensions

- i. Applicants may request an extension, in writing, if they were unable to install their approved project during the calendar year they signed up in. Extensions will be granted for one year.
- ii. The Supervisor will cancel projects for which extensions have not been filed or approved. The Supervisor may also cancel projects at the landowner's request.

E. Annual Report

The LCD will submit to the LCC and the Eau Claire County Board an annual report containing the following:

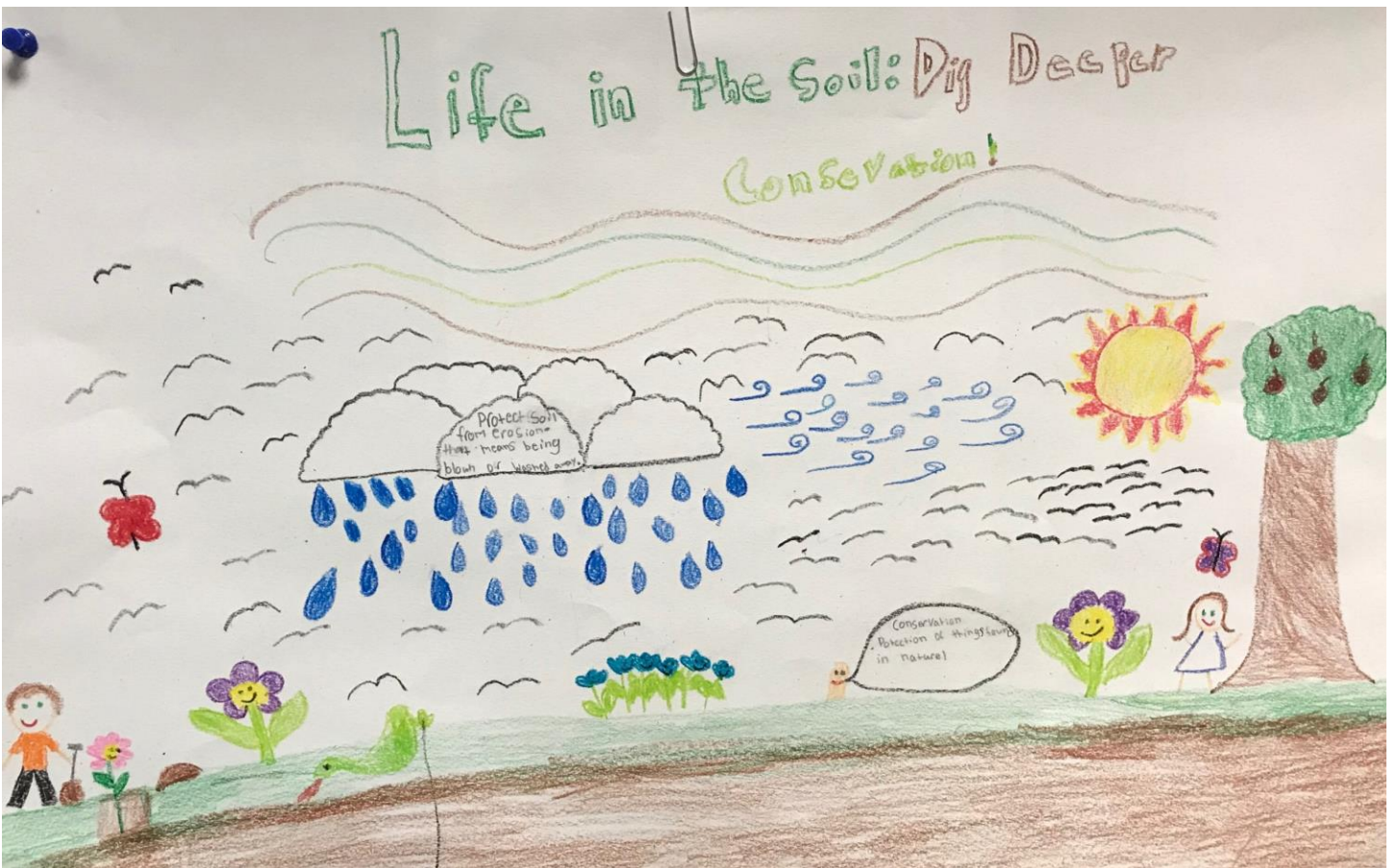
- i. Number and types of practices installed.
- ii. Total cost share amount for each project.

F. Records & Documents

All records, documents, field notes, design, and certification information for each project will be kept on file in the LCD Office.

G. Other

The LCC may review and amend these policies and procedures as deemed necessary. Current NRCS or WI DATCP policies may be used as guidelines in reviewing policy and procedure.



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The soil: Dig Deep

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Dig deeper

John Dameron Britannica.
Soil provides a place for plants.
Soil is a small piece of clay.
There is a soil called medium silt,
broken rock, and sub soil.

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