

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Groundwater Advisory Committee •

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Location: *Eau Claire County Court House, Room 302
721 Oxford Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54703*

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
3. Public Comment Period
4. Review/Approval of November 18, 2019 meeting minutes-Discussion/Action **Page 2-3**
5. Committee membership appointments-Discussion/Action **Page 4**
6. Water Quality Task Force update and pending legislation-Discussion/Action **Page 5**
7. Update on Aquifer Mapping (Vitale)-Discussion/Action
8. Subgroups items related to State of the Groundwater Report-Discussion/Action
 - a. Technical Subgroup
 - b. Education Subgroup
 - c. Budget Requests
9. Members, Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion/Action
 - a. Committee Members
 - b. Regional Planning Commission
 - c. Planning and Development
 - d. Land Conservation
 - e. Health Department
10. Next Meeting Date (_____, 2020)
11. Items for the Next Agenda
12. Adjourn

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**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2019
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 302
720 – 2ND AVENUE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Mary Kenosian, Sarah Vitale, Glory Adams, Sham Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Anderson, Anna Mares, Jennifer Eddy

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Steinbach and Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City-County Health Dept.); Greg Leonard (Eau Claire County Land Conservation); Rod Eslinger and Jared Grande (Eau Claire County Planning & Development)

OTHERS PRESENT: Taylor Golding, Courtney Westlund, Lizzie Nelson, Ty Fadness

1. Call to order by Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunning at 4:02 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Dunning confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Comment Period

Ty Fadness introduced himself as the utility chemist for the City of Eau Claire. Everyone introduced themselves and welcomed Ty.

4. Review/Approval of September 16, 2019 minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Coffey/S. Anderson to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

5. Review/Approval of October 22, 2019 Joint Planning & Development, Groundwater Advisory and Land Conservation meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion by Kenosian/Vitale to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

Chair Dunning recognized Lizzie Nelson, Taylor Golding, and Courtney Westlund, UW-Eau Claire Students, who are working on a service project for an Honors Class. They would like to provide information on Clean Drinking Water at the polling places in 2020. Committee members reminded them of maintaining the proper distance from the polling places and thanked them for the efforts they will be putting forth.

6. Leonard Rice Engineering (LRE) presentation at Joint meeting – Discussion/Action

Boerner reported that the Technical subgroup has met since the joint meeting, and the subgroup felt Phase-1/Phase-2 work be of most value. Vitale added that the southwest part of the state is getting emphasis, which may lead to increased attention for groundwater mapping.

7. Village of Fall Creek municipal well abandonment – Discussion/Action

The Village of Fall Creek has abandoned one of its municipal wells, which will change the Wellhead Protection Zones which extend beyond the Village’s boundaries. The Village has developed updated Wellhead Protection maps and have updated their ordinance. An amendment to the County’s Wellhead Protection Ordinance and maps will need to be completed to match the Village’s update.

ACTION: Motion by Kenosian/Adams to forward a recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee and the County Board to approve the amended Wellhead Protection ordinance and maps. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

8. Subgroups items related to State of the Groundwater Report – Discussion/Action

a. Technical subgroup – Exploring avenues to include groundwater testing on the Demonstration Farm in the Eau Claire River Watershed.

b. Education subgroup – No update.

c. Budget requests – No update.

9. Members, Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion /Action

a. Committee members – Dunning asked how the Demo Farm could include Carbon Neutrality.

b. Regional Planning Commission – no report

c. Planning and Development – Grande provided an update on the ordinance update process.

d. Land Conservation – no further report.

e. Health Department – Steinbach reported he is planning on attending the Discovery Farms conference.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date was set for February 12 at 4:00 p.m.

11. Items for the Next Agenda

Technical and Education group updates will continue to be on the upcoming meeting agendas.

12. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Greg Leonard
Land Conservation Manager

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**2019/2020
Groundwater Advisory Committee Members**

MEMBER NAME	REPRESENTATION	TERM EXPIRES
James Dunning	Co Board Rep	04/2020
Nancy Coffey	Co Board Rep	04/2020
Nathan Anderson	Co Board Rep	04/2020
Glory Adams	Citizen Member	04/2020
Mary Kenosian	Citizen Member	04/2021
Anna Mares	DNR – Water Quality Division representative	04/2020
Dr. Jennifer Eddy	Board of Health	04/2021
Sarah Vitale	Citizen Member - expertise in groundwater related field	04/2020
Sham Anderson	Towns Association	04/2020

GW/Committee List/Members
Updated 02/05/2020



WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE

- 14 Hearings • 70 Stakeholder Groups
- 100+ Hours of Testimony • 2,353 Miles

“While there is no one silver bullet that will solve all of our state’s water quality issues at once, we are pleased to recommend a strong bipartisan package of legislation that addresses many of the top concerns we heard about at our hearings around the state.”

LRB 3915 (Novak/Testin) - \$2,960,900/Year – Current law directs DATCP to attempt to fund 3 positions per county at 100%, 70%, and 50% respectively. This legislation will almost fully fund this statutory directive.

LRB 4717 (Tranel/Cowles) - \$851,200/Year – Funds several important programs to help farmers implement conservation practices such as managed grazing, producer-led watershed grants, and certification in the Water Stewardship Program.

LRB 4716 (Shankland/Testin/Krug) - \$1,500,000/Year – Includes several provisions that support ongoing work within UW System and provide staffing and financial assistance to counties who wish to conduct a well testing and mapping study.

LRB 4751 (Kitchens/Cowles) - \$1,000,000/Year – Creates a nitrogen optimization pilot program to aid farmers in reducing nitrogen loading. Collaboration among UW, DATCP, and farmers will provide recommendations on improvements to state programs.

LRB 4304 (Krug/Jacque) – Extends the sunset of the POWTS grant program from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2023. This program provides a reimbursement of eligible costs for the remediation or replacement of a failed POWTS system.

LRB 4360 (Summerfield/Bernier) - \$150,000/Year – Creates a competitive grant process to conduct bio manipulation projects on waters listed on DNR’s impaired waters list.

LRB 4489 (Ramthun/Cowles) - \$250,000/Year – Requires DATCP to administer or contract to a third party a program to collect and store or dispose of voluntarily surrendered firefighting foams that contain PFAS.

LRB 5062 (Shankland/Testin/Krug) - \$1,000,000/Year – Provides additional funding and necessary changes to the existing Well Compensation Grant Program. This program assists households with the costs of well treatment, replacement, or remediation.

LRB 4806 (Felzkowski/Jacque) – Requires DNR and DHS to provide notice and a 21-day public comment period when establishing groundwater standards.

LRB 3651 (Kitchens/Cowles) – Prohibits the sale of coal tar based sealant products and high PAH sealant products beginning January 1, 2021 and prohibits the use of such products beginning July 1, 2021.

LRB 4984 (Brooks/Marklein) – Requires that eligible projects under the Municipal Flood Control Grant program receive equal consideration and that loss of tax base and cost effectiveness is taken into account.

LRB 5061 (Novak/Darling) - \$2,000,000/Year – Creates the UW Freshwater Collaborative which expands research opportunities and builds undergraduate capacity to prepare our workforce for the fastest growing sector of the world’s economy – water.

LRB 4931 (Kurtz/Jacque) - \$150,000/Year – Creates an Office of Water Policy that will work to facilitate collaboration amongst agencies and serve as a clearinghouse for information as we continue our work to address water quality.