

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** *Ag Resource Center, Room-103  
227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, Altoona, WI 54720*

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 January 27, 2020 meeting – Discussion/Action **Page 2-3**
5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion **Page 4**
6. Land Conservation Commission Citizen Members – Discussion
7. Water Quality Task Force/ Recent Legislation– Discussion/Action **Page 5**
8. Cover Crops & Healthy Soils workshop update
9. Manure storage, manure transfer systems, and barn gutters – Discussion/Action
10. Area meeting and Poster & Speaking Contest update – Discussion
11. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
  - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
  - b. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program
  - c. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program
  - d. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta
  - e. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
  - f. USDA-NRCS / FSA
  - g. DNR-Forestry
  - h. UW-Extension
12. Future agenda items
13. Set dates for next meeting – Discussion/Action
14. Adjourn

Prepared by: Jenna Hazelton

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020  
AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTER – ROOM AG103 – ALTOONA, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Heather Deluka, Ray Henning, Tami Schraufnagel, Dean Solie, Glory Adams, Ricky Strauch  
MEMBERS ABSENT: (none)  
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, Amanda Peters and Liz Fagen-Land Conservation  
OTHERS PRESENT: Lyssa Seefeldt-UW-Extension; Ryan Peaslee-WI DNR

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**1) Call to Order**

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**2) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

**3) Public Comment Period**

None.

**12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates**

To facilitate advisors schedules and hearing no objections, Leary moved Agency Updates up on the agenda.

**h) UW-Extension**

Seefeldt provided an update on the upcoming Farm Technology Days, July 21-23, 2020.

**g) DNR-Forestry**

Peaslee provided an update on the increased participation for landowners wanting forestry outreach, tree planting plan development, and fire academy training.

**4) Approve Minutes of December 16, 2019 meeting**

**ACTION:** Motion by Gibson/Henning to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

**5) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update**

The December expenditures and revenues were reviewed

**6) Land Stewardship subcommittee vacancy**

Leonard reported that the recent passing of Doug Burrows has left a vacancy in the Land Stewardship subcommittee. His absence will be greatly missed. Leonard reported that he had reviewed vacancies procedures with Corporation Counsel. There is not a pressing requirement to fill the vacancy. The Land Stewardship subcommittee will be searching for candidates.

**7) CREP contract termination**

Berge reported that FSA terminated Dennis Goss's CREP contract on August 8, 2019. The contract went into effect on October 1, 2017. It is the LCD's understanding that the contract was terminated due to the fields not being seeded by the contract deadline. When FSA terminates a CRP contract, the LCD is required to terminate the CREP agreement. The participant is required to pay back all payments plus a 25% termination fee. It is at the discretion of the LCD whether the termination fee will be sought. The 25% Termination Fee due to Eau Claire Land Conservation would be \$1,590.07. It is a recommendation of staff that the termination fee be reduced to cover the cost of staff time associated with the local contract administration, which would equal \$400. Discussion followed on the program requirements and the knowledge participants would have prior to signing contracts.

**ACTION:** Motion by Gibson to request the full 25% Termination Fee as outlined within the CREP program. Motion carried, 8-0-0.

**8) Manure storage, manure transfer systems, and barn gutters**

Strauch reported that a group of Amish farmers recently attended a Bridge Creek Town meeting and were requesting support of having manure storage less than 1,500 gallons exempt. Leonard explained that the Eau Claire County ordinance has never had a lower size limit, therefore all manure storage facilities are required to have a permit. Staff have not yet been invited to visit the hog operations with the "gutters" which can help with determinations if these farms have storage. Leonard has been in contact with Wisconsin Land+Water, and no one else has heard of any exemption requests. Staff will continue to reach out to these farmers to get an invitation to visit these farms.

**9) Wildlife Damage Program update**

There is a proposal to have the Wildlife Damage Program administered by the Wisconsin DNR beginning in January 2022.

**10) County and Area Poster & Speaking Contest**

Tami Schraufnagel and Glory Adams will be attending the Area Meeting and Contests and will assist with Speaking Contest.

**11) 2020 WI Land+Water Conference**

Leonard reminded members the registration deadline is approaching and to contact Jenna if attending. Adams is planning on attending.

**12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates**

Brief updates were provided as follows.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** Upcoming Winter Workshop will be held in Thorp-Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and Augusta-Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Subgrants have also been announced.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** Nothing further was reported.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** The no-till drill which will utilize some of these funds has been ordered. The no-till drill will be purchased without any tax-levy dollars.
- d) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** The project is continuing with cost-estimates being generated.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee is working on a possible future land donation.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Nothing further was reported.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** Was previously reported.
- h) **UW-Extension:** Was previously reported.

**13) Future agenda items**

Manure Storage/barn gutters will be on the next meeting agenda.

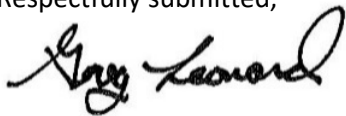
**14) Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Rm 103 of the Ag Center.

**15) Adjourn**

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, Subcommittee Clerk

**Land Conservation Division  
2020 Bills**

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

**January**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Account
NACD	\$ 125.00	2020 NACD Dues	56922-324-000
Blue Ribbon Express	\$ 33.80	2020 Speaking Contest Ribbons	56922-324-000
Carlson, Steve	\$ 3,160.00	2020 SEG Reimbursement	56924-200-707
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,318.80</b>		

**2019 Bills:**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Account
Carlson, Steve	\$ 3,890.00	2019 SEG Reimbursement	56924-200-707
Voyager	\$ 74.93	Dec Fuel	56922-330-000
Leonard, Greg	\$ 25.84	Dec Expense	56922-340-000
Lake Eau claire	\$ 41,971.80	Sediment Removal/Aeration CS	57730-820-000
Volbrecht, Zachary	\$ 7,020.00	2019 SEG Reimbursement	56924-200-707
Everyday Surveying	\$ 280.00	EC Fee Refund-Huntsinger Lot 22	46820-000-000
Gregor, Pete	\$ 2,100.00	2019 SEG Reimbursement	56924-200-707
Lake Eau claire	\$ 7,852.43	Sediment Removal/Aeration CS	57730-820-000
Schmidt, Dave	\$ 528.00	2019 NMFE Reimbursement	56924-200-708
Vonhaden, Dan	\$ 6,110.00	2019 SEG Reimbursement	56924-200-707
<b>Total Bills Paid in January:</b>	<b>\$69,853.00</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,171.80</b>		

**Deposits**

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

Description	Account Number	Amount Deposited	Date
Tree Sale	46810-000-701	\$1,731.58	1/15/2020
Tree Sale	46810-000-701	\$2,121.50	1/17/2020
Tree Sale	46810-000-701	\$2,676.50	1/27/2020
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,529.58</b>	



# WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE

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*“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.”*

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**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.