

Eau Claire County
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2019 • 1:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1st Street West • Room AG203
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Glory Adams, Heather DeLuka, Ray Henning (arrived at 1:05), Dean Solie, Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent: Robin Leary

Staff Present: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, Amanda Peters and Liz Fagen-Land Conservation; Lyssa Seefeldt-UW-Extension

Others Present: (none)

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Gibson confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Input Session (15 minutes maximum) – Discussion

Lyssa Seefeldt introduced herself as the new Agricultural Educator and will provide an update later. Everyone welcomed Lyssa,

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

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve the November 18, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion

The November expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

(Henning arrived)

6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action

The following Best Management Practice Cost-Share applications were presented for approval:

Steve & Jody Lou Carlson – Nutrient Management - \$3,890.00 (2019 DATCP SEG funds) and
\$3,160.00 (2020 DATCP SEG funds)

Jane Mueller – Waste Facility Closure - \$11,900.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$850.00 (County funds),
\$4,250.00 (landowner funds)

Patrick Schaffer – Waste Facility Closure - \$3,500.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$250.00 (County funds),
\$1,250.00 (landowner funds)

Thomas McAvoy – Grassed Waterway - \$3,505.50 (DATCP Bond funds), \$250.39 (County funds),
\$1,251.97 (landowner funds)

Kevin Wang – Stream Crossing - \$7,475.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$747.50 (County funds),
\$6,727.50 (landowner funds)

Pete & Sally Gregor – Streambank Protection - \$4,200.00 (DATCP Bond funds), \$300.00 (County funds),
\$1,500.00 (landowner funds)

Peters explained the Carlson Nutrient Management Cost-Share application will commit the remaining 2019 DATCP SEG funds, with the 2020 funds providing cost-share to complete the nutrient management plan.

ACTION: Motion by Strauch to approve the Best Management Practice Cost-Share applications. Motion carried, 7-0-0.

7. Extension request for SWRM grant (Bond funds) – Discussion/Action
Staff provided an overview of the 2019 DATCP Bond funded conservation practices which Eau Claire County wishes to extend into 2020.
ACTION: Motion by Adams/Henning to approve the extension request of the 2019 Bond Cost-Share contracts to 2020, and authorize the Land Conservation Manager to prepare and sign required documentation. Motion carried, 7-0-0.
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 2019 grant funding into 2020.
ACTION: Motion by Henning to approve the extension request of the 2019 NMFE grant funding into 2020. Motion carried, 7-0-0.
9. 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 2020 are \$1,778.00. For 2019, 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 to approve payment of 2020 dues and to include a \$55.00 contribution to the Wisconsin Envirothon. Motion carried, 7-0-0.
10. Expansion of CREP eligible area within Eau Claire County
Currently within Eau Claire County, only the Town of Fairchild and the Northeast portion of the Town of Bridge Creek are not eligible for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Surrounding counties are requesting additional areas to be considered for inclusion and now would be an opportunity to include those portions of Eau Claire County that are excluded now.
ACTION: Motion by Solie to request DATCP to include the Town of Fairchild and the Northeast portion of the Town of Bridge Creek in the CREP program. Motion carried, 7-0-0.
11. 2020 WI Land+Water Conference
The conference will be in Green Bay, March 4-6. Details of the conference were provided by as part of the packet.
12. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
Staff provided brief updates on the following:
 - 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 – no update
 - f. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - g. DNR-Forestry – no update
 - h. UW-Extension – Lyssa Seefeldt again introduced herself as the new Agriculture Educator and provided an overview of her role in UW-Extension.
13. Future agenda items
Barn gutters will be on the next meeting agenda.
14. Set dates for next meetings.
The next regular LCC meeting was set for Monday, January 27, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Ag Center.

15. Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:44 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 initial "G".

Greg Leonard
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission