

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTER – ROOM AG103 – ALTOONA, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Heather Deluka, Ray Henning, Dean Solie, Glory Adams
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard and Chad Berge – Land Conservation
OTHERS PRESENT: County Board Chair Nick Smiar and Dane Zook

1) Call to Order

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:01 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

Dane Zook introduced himself. He has recently been active with the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition and is heading up the Fall Creek inland lake district. Everyone welcomed Dane.

4) Approve Minutes of January 27, 2020 meeting

ACTION: Motion by Gibson/Adams to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

5) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The January expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

6) Land Conservation Commission Citizen Members

Citizen members Adams' and Strauch's terms continue until April. They have been mailed renewal information from the County Administrators office. Solie's membership is determined by Farm Service Agency as outlined in state statute.

7) Water Quality Task Force/ Recent Legislation

Leonard led a discussion on the recent legislation package as a result of the Water Quality Task Force. Members directed Leonard to review with Wisconsin Land+Water which pieces of legislation will need the most support.

8) Cover Crops & Healthy Soils workshop update

Staff provided an update on the recent workshop. Nearly 50 people attended the Augusta workshop hosted by Eau Claire County, and approximately 40 attended the Thorp workshop hosted by Clark County. Adams attended the Augusta workshop and was impressed.

9) Manure storage, manure transfer systems, and barn gutters

Leonard provided a review; no significant updates to the issue.

10) Area meeting and Poster & Speaking Contest

Adams and staff provided an update.

11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief updates were provided as follows.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** Dane Zook provided additional information from his perspective.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** Nothing further was reported.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** Nothing further was reported.

- d) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Berge provided an update.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee is searching for a candidate to recommend for replacing Doug Burrows.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** The new FSA director is scheduled to begin the first part of March.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** Nothing further was reported.
- h) **UW-Extension:** It was noted that the Fair will occur one week after Farm Technology Days.

12) Future agenda items

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

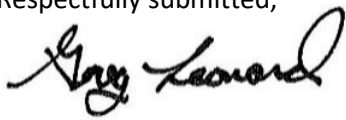
13) Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 103 of the Ag Center.

14) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk