

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ROOM 1301/1302, 721 OXFORD AVENUE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Heather Deluka, Missy Christopherson, Dean Solie, Glory Adams, Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch

MEMBERS ABSENT: (none)

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters, Liz Fagen and Chad Berge – Land Conservation

OTHERS PRESENT: (none)

1) Call to order by Chair pro tempore

Chair pro tempore Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2) Roll call

A roll call was taken; all members were present. A quorum was present.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Gibson confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Notice of County Supervisors appointed to Land Conservation Commission

Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka, and Missy Christopherson were appointed.

5) Notice of Appointment of Citizens to Commission for 3-year terms

Glory Adams and Ricky Strauch were appointed. Leonard noted that Dean Solie, as the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) representative member, is not appointed by the County Board but by the FSA committee.

6) Election of Commission Chair – Discussion/Action

Gibson called for nominations for the Commission Chair. Leary nominated Gary Gibson. DeLuka nominated Tami Schraufnagel. Gibson called if there were any more nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Gibson closed the nominations. Roll call vote, with each member stating the name of their desired vote. Gibson voted for Gibson, Leary voted for Gibson, Solie voted for Gibson, Adams voted for Gibson, DeLuka voted for Schraufnagel, Schraufnagel voted for Schraufnagel, Strauch voted for Gibson, Christopherson voted for Schraufnagel. Results are 5 votes for Gibson, 3 votes for Schraufnagel.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve the results of the vote and to elect Gary Gibson as Chair. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

Gibson thanked everyone for their support and assumed the Chair.

7) Election of Commission Vice Chair – Discussion/Action

Gibson called for nominations for the Commission Vice Chair. Gibson nominated Robin Leary. Gibson called if there were any more nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Gibson closed the nominations.

ACTION: Motion by Adams close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote and to elect Robin Leary as Vice Chair. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

Leary thanked everyone for their support.

8) Appointment of Commission Clerk – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to appoint Greg Leonard as Commission Clerk. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

9) Public Comment Period

None.

10) Review/Approval of February 20, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

11) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The February, March, and April expenditures and revenues were reviewed. Christopherson inquired about the venison program. Berge provided a program overview.

12) Authorization of Land Conservation Commission (LCC) Chair, LCC Vice-Chair, and/or Land Conservation Manager to temporarily approve Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action

The LCC has the authority to approve cost-share agreements. Under current policy, emergency repairs, contour strips and well abandonments up to \$1,000 may be approved by the LCD manager prior to LCC approval. This resolution will allow LCD staff to begin the installation process of time-sensitive conservation practices and allow continued oversight by the LCC.

ACTION: Motion by Solie to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

13) Approval of new and previously authorized Cost-Share agreements – Discussion/Action

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

Sarah Cater – Well Abandonment - \$225.50 (County funds) and \$225.50 (landowner funds)

James Higgins – Well Abandonment - \$375.00 (County funds) and \$375.00 (landowner funds)

Brian & Julie Wingad – Well Abandonment - \$325.00 (County funds) and \$325.00 (landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve the Best Management Practice cost-share applications. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

14) Resolution encouraging CDAC to establish harvest quotas to promote forest health – Discussion/Action

Berge provided background information as he is a member of the County Deer Advisory Committee (CDAC) as the agricultural representative. Gibson explained this resolution was also presented and adopted at the Parks & Forests Committee meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to adopt the resolution as presented and forward to County Board with a recommendation for adoption. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

15) Land Stewardship subcommittee appointments – Discussion/Action

Land Stewardship subcommittee appointments are on a staggered schedule. Current seats for consideration in the schedule include Dave Dresel, citizen member, and Kevin Stelljes, Parks & Forests Committee member. Parks & Forests appointment will come from within that committee. The Stewardship subcommittee recommended Dave Dresel to replace himself.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to appoint Dave Dresel to replace himself as a citizen member of the Land Stewardship subcommittee. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 8-0-0.

Leonard reviewed that there is another vacancy as the result of the passing of Doug Burrows in January. Included in the packet were recommendations from the subcommittee for filling this seat. Gibson stated the memo mentioned two possible persons and would like clarification from the subcommittee before action is taken by the LCC.

16) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- 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:**

17) Future Agenda Items

Land Stewardship member replacement will be on the next agenda.

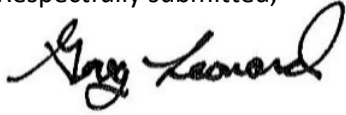
18) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, June 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

19) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.

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