

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

**REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ricky Strauch

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters, Liz Fagen and Chad Berge – Land Conservation Division; Rod Eslinger and Jared Grande – Planning & Development Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Veronica Blount – USDA-NRCS

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**1) Call to order by Chair**

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2) Roll call**

A roll call was taken; Gibson, Leary, DeLuka, Christopherson, Solie, Adams and Schraufnagel were present. Strauch was absent. A quorum was present.

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

Gibson confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

**4) Public Comment Period**

None.

**5) Review/Approval of May 18, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action**

Berge noted that under Item 14 his role on the CDAC is “agricultural representative”, not “county staff representative”. The correction was made.

**ACTION:** Motion by Leary to approve minutes as corrected. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

**6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update**

The May expenditures and revenues were reviewed. Gibson noted based on revenue from the no-till drill, it must be a successful program. Staff noted in this first spring they are happy with the use of the planter.

**7) State Runoff Rules – NR 151 – Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions – Discussion**

Leonard provided a brief overview of the Ag Performance Standards and Prohibitions contained within Wisconsin Administrative Rule NR 151. These rules were incorporated last year into county code during the revision of our Manure Storage ordinance. The majority of the cost-share programs funds go towards bringing farmers and landowners into compliance with these standards.

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

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

Dale & Geraldine Erdman Trust – Grassed waterway/critical area - \$6,720.00 (DNR-TRM funds), \$480.00 (County funds) and \$2,400.00 (landowner funds). This application was previously authorized.

Joseph Matz – Nutrient Management - \$4,472.00 (DATCP-SEG funds)

Edwin Berry – Streambank Stabilization - \$8,400.00 (DATCP-Bond funds), \$600.00 (County funds) and \$3,000.00 (landowner funds)

Ed & Kristie Gorell – Waste Facility Closure - \$7,000.00 (DATCP-Bond funds), \$500.00 (County funds) and \$2,500.00 (landowner funds)

Garth & Deb Kutzke – Waste Facility Closure - \$7,000.00 (DATCP-Bond funds), \$500.00 (County funds) and \$2,500.00 (landowner funds)

Larry Sprague, Sprague Acres – Waste Facility Closure - \$7,000.00 (DATCP-Bond funds), \$500.00 (County funds) and \$2,500.00 (landowner funds)

Peters reported the Waste Facility Closures are a result of the updated Manure Storage ordinance and our office reaching out by letter to potentially affected landowners.

**ACTION:** Motion by Adams to approve the Best Management Practice cost-share applications. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

#### **9) Small Scale TRM grant amendment (extension, scope, and budget changes)– Discussion/Action**

This DNR grant is to bring one farm into compliance with the NR 151 barnyard runoff rules. The grant was previously approved, but this amendment will extend the installation period to December 31, 2021, change the scope which will allow a different BMP to be installed, and an increase in the grant request. This was approved by DNR. Included is the landowners Best Management Practice Cost-Share application.

Kenneth Schick – Barnyard Runoff Control System-Roof - \$152,100.00 (DNR-TRM funds), \$0.00 (County funds) and \$16,900.00 (landowner funds). County funds are not authorized as the landowner will be receiving 90% cost-share from the DNR-TRM program.

**ACTION:** Motion by Leary to approve the Best Management Practice cost-share application. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

#### **10) Capital Improvement Projects – Discussion**

Included in the meeting packet were the Capital Improvement Projects which have been submitted through the Planning and Development Committee. Eslinger provided information on the Capital Improvement Projects within the budget process.

#### **11) Land Stewardship subcommittee appointments – Discussion/Action**

Leonard reviewed that there was clarification concerning the subcommittee recommendation to fill the seat of the late Doug Burrow. The recommendation is for Larry Jolivet to be appointed.

**ACTION:** Motion by Adams to appoint Larry Jolivet to fill the vacant Land Stewardship subcommittee seat. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

#### **12) Hosting field days/events ideas – Discussion**

Staff discussed with the members options and ideas for hosting field days and events.

#### **13) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates**

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The group continues to meet remotely.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** Large-Scale TRM-working with DNR and Clark County to plan an extension.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** No report.
- d) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Planning on 2021 construction.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** Landmark Conservancy has received a grant to host an event within the Eau Claire River watershed.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Blount reported her interim appointment will soon be completed, and Eau Claire County should be receiving a District Conservationist soon. NRCS continues to be short-staffed, and staff are still COVID restricted. EQIP signup continues to June 26. Solie reported that FSA is performing crop reporting via mail with paper maps being mailed to farmers.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

#### **14) Future Agenda Items**

Follow up of the unanswered manure storage closure letters will be on the next meeting agenda.

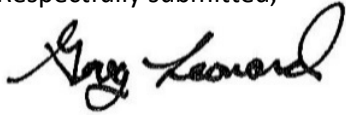
**15) Set Date for next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

**16) Adjourn**

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:07 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, LCC Clerk