

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

REMOTE MEETING – EAU CLAIRE, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Dave Dresel, Kevin Stelljes, Dave Carlson, Larry Jolivette, Glory Adams
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sean Bohan
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard (Land Conservation Division – P&D)
OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Remington (Landmark Conservancy)

1) Call to Order by Chair pro tempore

Chair pro tempore Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2) Roll Call

A roll call was taken; Koziel, Dresel, Stelljes, Carlson, Jolivette, and Adams were present. Bohan was absent. A quorum was present.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

4) Notice of Appointment of Citizen to Subcommittee for remainder of 3-year term: Larry Jolivette

Larry Jolivet was appointed by the Land Conservation Commission (LCC) to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the late Doug Burrows. Everyone introduced themselves.

5) Election of Chair

Koziel called for nominations for the Chair. Stelljes nominated Rick Koziel. Koziel called if there were any more nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Koziel closed the nominations.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes/Carlson to close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote and to elect Rick Koziel as Chair. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain (Koziel).

Koziel thanked everyone for their support.

6) Election of Vice Chair

Koziel called for nominations for the Vice Chair. Dresel nominated Dave Carlson. Koziel called if there were any more nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Koziel closed the nominations.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes/Adams to close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote and to elect Dave Carlson as Vice Chair. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain (Carlson).

Carlson thanked everyone for their support.

7) Public Comment Period

None.

8) Approve Minutes of February 5, 2020 meeting

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 6-0-0.

9) Cascades Easement Consideration

Leonard provide an update. Leonard had been in contact with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin. As opposed to developing an easement for crossing the University lands to access the other public lands along the Eau Claire River, there are discussions from the University System of gifting the land to the Stewardship program.

This has been placed on hold by the Board of Regents to allow them to evaluate how this land, which may be part of the Land Grant University system, may be tied to original land treaties with the native Americans. Dave Carlson will reach out again to Cascades.

10) Eau Claire River Outreach and Protection, Rick Remington – Landmark Conservancy

Rick Remington, Landmark Conservancy, provided background information on the partnership with the Eau Claire County Stewardship Program and the efforts to begin an outreach program for riparian and near river landowners of the Eau Claire River. Landmark has a grant opportunity for these efforts. Ideas include building a “toolkit” to reach out to owners for protection and conservation. Leonard provided background information on efforts with the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition focusing on agricultural conservation within the watershed. These efforts will continue.

9) Stewardship Fund balances

There has been no changes in the Stewardship Fund balances.

10) Member and Staff updates

Nothing further was reported.

11) Future agenda items

Inviting Arvid Jereczek, owner of American Express Transport & Excavation, to a future in-person meeting will be the plan for discussions on the first right of refusal.

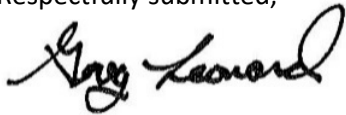
12) Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

13) Adjourn

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, Subcommittee Clerk

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