

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Glory Adams, Tami Schraufnagel
MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Solie, Ricky Strauch
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters, Liz Fagen and Chad Berge – Land Conservation Division;
Rod Eslinger – Planning & Development Department
OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Peaslee – WDNR; Nicholas Besasie – USDA-NRCS

1) Call to order by Chair

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

2) Roll call

A roll call was taken; Gibson, Leary, DeLuka, Christopherson, Adams and Schraufnagel were present. Solie and Strauch were 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 August 10, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

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

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The August expenditures and revenues were reviewed. DeLuka asked about the deposit from the Natural Resources Fund. Leonard explained this is the grant program through Xcel Energy which supplied the bulk of the funding for the purchase of the no-till drill/planter, with the remainder of the funding coming from other grants and donations. No tax Eau Claire County tax levy dollars were used to purchase the planter.

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

No Cost-Share agreements were previously authorized. The following Best Management Practice (BMP) Cost-Share applications were presented for approval:

Joy Schumacher – Well Abandonment - \$278.50 (County funds) and \$278.50 (landowner funds)

Dave Schmidt – Well Abandonment - \$272.25 (County funds) and \$272.25 (landowner funds)

Leonard explained that Well Abandonment is typically cost-shared at 50%, with a maximum of \$400.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to approve the Best Management Practice cost-share applications. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 6-0-0.

8) Definitions of manure storage, manure transfer, and gutters in relation to Chapter 17.04 Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Storage – Discussion/Action

Leonard reviewed the items contained within the meeting packet, including the memo from Corporation Counsel's office regarding the current ability for enforcement/regulation of gutters. Based on Counsel's opinion, revision will strengthen the ordinance, but the existing policy would essentially be a stop gap position until the ordinance can be amended. Staff recommendation is to revise the ordinance to incorporate updated gutter definitions and other minor revisions at the end of the 2020 cropping season, so staff have time to commit to the revision. No formal action was taken at this time.

9) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The group continues to meet remotely. Website which is being developed with Regional Planning will be available soon.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** Large-Scale TRM- flyer recently sent to landowners in the Fall Creek watershed has generated interest.
- 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:** No report.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Nicholas Besasie reported on EQIP, including field boarders.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** Ryan Peaslee reported that tree seedling sales will begin soon and private lands outreach continues.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

10) Future Agenda Items

Considerations for conservation awards will be included on the next agenda.

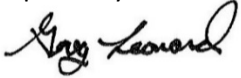
11) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

12) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk