

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday, December 21, 2020, 2020 **Time:** 1:00 P.M.

via remote access **ONLY.*

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AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chair
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of November 16, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action **Page 2-3**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion **Page 4**
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements – Discussion/Action **Page 5-8**
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10. Watershed-based plan (TRM) implementation funding request – Discussion **Page 11-12**
11. Approve County Membership to WI Land+Water and contribution to Wisconsin Envirothon – Discussion/Action **Page 13-15**
12. Wildlife Damage Program Cooperative Service Agreement with USDA-APHIS – Discussion/Action **Page 16-17**
13. Conservation Awards Considerations (Conservation Farmer, Water Quality Leadership, Special Recognition) – Discussion/Action **Page 18-20**
14. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
 - a. West Central Land+Water Conservation Association
 - b. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
 - c. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program
 - d. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program
 - e. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta
 - f. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
 - g. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - h. DNR-Forestry
 - i. UW-Extension
15. Future Agenda items
16. Set date for next meeting
17. Adjourn

Prepared by: Jenna Hazelton

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Glory Adams, Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch
MEMBERS ABSENT: Robin Leary, Dean Solie
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters, Liz Fagen, and Chad Berge – Land Conservation Division,
Rod Eslinger – Planning and Development
OTHERS PRESENT: (none)

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, DeLuka, Christopherson, Adams, Strauch, and Schraufnagel were present. Leary and Solie 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 October 19, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

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

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The October expenditures and revenues were reviewed. The deposit of \$79,401.38 is Financial Assurance for Stormwater BMPs.

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:

Andy Jepsen – Well Abandonment - \$250.00 (County Cost-share), \$250.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Strauch to approve the Well Abandonment cost-share application. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 6-0-0.

Wayne & Mary Nelson – Waste Facility Closure - \$1,400.00 (DATCP-Bond funds), \$100.00 (County Cost-share funds), and \$500.00 (Landowner funds)

Allyn Gunderson – Nutrient Management - \$1,520.00 (DATCP-SEG funds)

Matthew & Debra Krenz – Nutrient Management - \$4,552.00 (DATCP – SEG funds)

Thomas & Sally Jo McAvoyn – Grassed Waterway - \$13,906.9 (DATCP-Bond funds), \$993.35 (County Cost-share funds), and \$4,966.75 (Landowner funds)

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

8) DATCP Cost-Share Funds Transfer update – Discussion

Leonard reported that staff completed the finalization of grant fund balances needed and completed Bond transfer agreements with both Florence County (\$13,200.00) and Polk County (\$21,800.00) Eau Claire County had received Bond transfer funds from both of these counties in the past.

9) Golden Triangle AEA Farmland Preservation Program agreements – Discussion/Action

The following Farmland Preservation Program agreement applications were presented for approval:

David A Messerschmidt	new application	190.367 acres
Larry P & Marjorie A Messerschmidt	new application	80.000 acres
Matthew D & Debra K Krenz	modification of existing application	46.870 acres
Marvin W & Denise C Schwoch	new application	250.000 acres

DeLuka noted the number of parcels on the David Messerschmidt map does not match the number of parcels on the application worksheet. Peters noted the map and the 190.367 acres are correct; one parcel was inadvertently omitted from the worksheet. This will be corrected prior to submittal to the state. Christopherson asked why the various applicants' compliance review dates were not uniform. Peters noted the Farmland Preservation Program requires on-farm compliance reviews once every 4 years and as existing zoning participants apply for an agreement, staff can utilize the existing on-farm evaluation which would have different dates.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the Golden Triangle AEA Farmland Preservation Program applications with the correction of the worksheet for David Messerschmidt. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 6-0-0.

10) Conservation Awards Considerations (Conservation Farmer, Water Quality Leadership, Special Recognition) – Discussion/Action

Suggestions for award considerations were discussed. Gibson stated it is nice for award recipients to receive the awards in person before the County Board; due to COVID restrictions on in-person meetings, delaying selection will not hinder that process. Leonard provided background information on Doug Burrows, member and previous Chair of the Land Stewardship who was a member until his passing in January 2020.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to honor Doug Burrows with a special recognition award, and to delay further action on awards until the next meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 6-0-0.

11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **West Central Land+Water Conservation Association:** The area speaking/poster contest is scheduled; Feb. 1st posters are due, Feb. 9th is the scheduled area meeting.
- b) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The group continues to meet remotely.
- c) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** No additional report.
- d) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** No additional report.
- e) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Planning on 2021 construction.
- f) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** No additional report.
- g) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Nicholas Besasie from NRCS has been relocated. Ka Vang will be Acting Resource Conservationist for the next 3-4 months.
- h) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- i) **UW-Extension:** No report.

12) Future Agenda Items

Continuation for conservation awards and having a report on Farm Technology Days will be included on the next agenda.

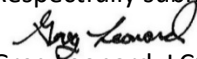
13) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

14) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk

**Land Conservation Division
2020 Bills and Deposits**

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

November

Vendor	Description	Amount	Account Number
Jepsen, Andy	WA-11-2020	\$ 250.00	207-15-56924-483-703
Krenz, Russel	TRM-19-01	\$ 1,017.50	207-15-56924-483-703
L&M	Tree Sale Mailer	\$ 389.11	100-15-56922-829-701
Northland Excavating	BD-19-05 Gregor Streambank	\$ 290.00	207-15-56924-483-703
Northland Excavating	BD-19-05 Gregor Streambank	\$ 4,060.00	207-15-56924-200-706
Peters, Amanda	Batteries for Weigh Pad	\$ 14.99	100-15-56920-390-000
	Total	\$6,021.60	

Deposits

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited
Debbie Kutzke	AWO-05-2020	11/16/2020	100-15-44902-000-000	\$ 220.00
Marlene Jannusch	Land Stewardship Donation	11/2/2020	100-15-48500-000-790	\$ 1,000.00
Tree Sale 11/10	Tree Sales	11/10/2020	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 923.00
Tree Sale 11/16	Tree Sales	11/16/2020	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 1,064.00
Tree Sale 11/4	Tree Sales	11/4/2020	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 885.00
			Total	\$4,092.00



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COST SHARE AGREEMENT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Calla Ville Dairy, LLC (Menno Otten) TELEPHONE: 715-937-4248

ADDRESS: E 10290 E Bunting Rd, Osseo, WI 54758

FARM LOCATION: T 26 N R 07 W S 23 Town of Lincoln
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: 590 - Nutrient Management Plan ACRES: 236.85 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 40.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: SEG (DATCP) - 2020 Funds TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 9,474.00

2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

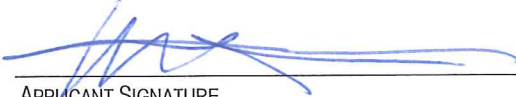
- a) Submit a copy of the certified Nutrient Management Plan and all materials, including current soil samples, by the end of the calendar year.
 - a. Soil Samples can be no older than 4 years.
 - b. Soil samples must be taken at a minimum rate of 1 sample per 5 acres.
- b) Implement and annually update the nutrient management plan once it has been approved by a Certified Nutrient Management Planner.
- c) Develop and implement a Conservation Plan that meets tolerable soil loss "T".
- d) Notify Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division staff immediately if I decide to withdraw from this agreement.

3. THE LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION AGREES TO:

- a) Reimburse the Applicant at the cost share rate (above) when:
 - a. The Land Conservation Commission has approved this Agreement;
 - b. A Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program Cost Share Contract has been signed by the Applicant and all Landowners (if applicable)
 - c. A Nutrient Management Plan has been submitted that meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 & Technical Note WI-1.

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

I request cost sharing for the practice (s) listed on Page 1 of this agreement and agree to install and maintain the practice(s) in accordance with the "Agreement Provisions" listed:



APPLICANT SIGNATURE

12-8-2020

DATE

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE	<input type="checkbox"/> DENY
_____ LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER	_____ DATE	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

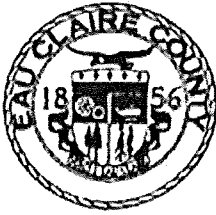
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TOTAL ACRES		ACRES
COST SHARE RATE	\$	PER ACRE
TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT	\$	
COST SHARE SOURCE		

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION MANAGER

DATE



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COST SHARE AGREEMENT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Steven Rindal TELEPHONE: 715-695-3166

ADDRESS: S 15555 Thompson Rd, Osseo, WI 54758

FARM LOCATION: T 25N R 08W S34 Town of Clear Creek
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: 590 - Nutrient Management Plan ACRES: 93 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 40.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: SEG (DATCP) TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 3,720.00

2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

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Steve Hill
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

12-7-20
DATE

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE	<input type="checkbox"/> DENY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER	DATE	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

DATE

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COST SHARE RATE	\$	PER ACRE
TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT	\$	
COST SHARE SOURCE		

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION MANAGER

DATE

2018 Funds (received March 2019)									
tracked in WAMS/BITS as "2018Funds_EauClaireWatershed Project"									
Watershed		Watershed Total funds	BMP funds (65% or more)	Support funds (up to 35%)	# add up?	Watershed plan due date	Plan completed?	Annual Report due date (funds to be expended by Mar 2021)	Report completed?
Lower Chippewa River	funds received	\$833.53	\$547.34	\$286.19	TRUE	3/1/2020	Yes	5/1/2021	No
	funds expended			\$291.74					
	balance	\$833.53	\$547.34	-\$5.55					
Eau Claire River	funds received	\$4,011.22	\$2,607.29	\$1,403.93	TRUE	3/1/2020	Yes	5/1/2021	No
	funds expended			\$1,403.93					
	balance	\$4,011.22	\$2,607.29	\$0.00					
Buffalo - Whitewater Rivers	funds received	\$3,471.85	\$2,256.70	\$1,215.15	TRUE	3/1/2020	Yes	5/1/2021	No
	funds expended			\$1,215.15					
	balance	\$3,471.85	\$2,256.70	\$0.00					

2019 Funds (received March 2020)									
tracked in WAMS/BITS as "Eau Claire 2019 MDV"									
Watershed		Watershed Total funds	BMP funds (65% or more)	Support funds (up to 35%)	# add up?	Watershed plan due date	Plan completed?	Annual Report due date (funds to be expended by Mar 2022)	Report completed?
Lower Chippewa River	funds received	\$1,552.03	\$1,008.82	\$543.21	TRUE	3/1/2021	Yes	5/1/2022	No
	funds expended			\$543.21					
	balance	\$1,552.03	\$1,008.82	\$0.00					
Eau Claire River	funds received	\$10,058.65	\$6,538.13	\$3,520.53	FALSE	3/1/2021	Yes	5/1/2022	No
	funds expended			\$3,520.53					
	balance	\$10,058.65	\$6,538.13	\$0.00					
Buffalo - Whitewater Rivers	funds received	\$1,949.33	\$1,267.06	\$682.27	TRUE	3/1/2021	Yes	5/1/2022	No
	funds expended			\$682.27					
	balance	\$1,949.33	\$1,267.06	\$0.00					

Call for Proposals

Watershed-Based Plan Implementation Technical Assistance

Overview

Locally led implementation of watershed-based plans is an efficient and effective approach to managing nonpoint source pollution. Such leadership requires dedication of time and resources at the local level. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has available up to \$60,621 through September 30, 2021 to support county-led implementation of watershed-based plans. Proposals are due December 18, 2020, and proposal instructions are provided below.

Total available funds are \$60,621 to be allocated to multiple counties. We anticipate fully or partially funding two to three projects (and may select more or fewer, including zero) depending on eligible proposals received and amounts of funds requested. These are Section 319 funds, so an approved watershed-based plan that meets the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nine key elements is required. Additionally, work performed with these funds must focus on nonpoint source pollution.

County land and water conservation departments (or equivalent) that have: a demonstrated need for local staff support to implement its watershed plan(s), and existing staff available to reallocate workload through September 30, 2021 to focus on watershed plan implementation, are encouraged to apply. The EPA/DNR-approved nine key element watershed-based plan should be active through September 30, 2021 or later. The county also must have an active Large-Scale Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant and/or Surface Water grant to implement that watershed plan. These funds are for county staff to provide local assistance that supports and complements objectives of the grant and corresponding watershed plan; the funds are not intended to be used directly for best management practice installation. Funding awards will be made through standalone contracts, so the TRM local assistance cap does not apply.

Proposal Instructions

Please submit proposals via email to Karl Gesch, DNR Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator, at karl.gesch@wisconsin.gov. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 18, 2020. Proposals should contain the sections identified below and are limited to three (3) pages.

1. **Capacity** – Demonstrate local need for county staff to lead implementation of a nine key element watershed-based plan. Indicate relevant staff position(s) and level of effort that will be used to provide local assistance to implement the watershed-based plan.
2. **Objectives** – Identify one or more objectives from the nine key element watershed-based plan and corresponding active TRM and/or Surface Water grant(s), and describe how the proposed technical assistance will support those objectives.
3. **Methods** – Specify work activities that will be conducted to implement the watershed plan. Technical assistance could include (but is not limited to): best management practice siting and/or implementation support, NR 151 compliance, tracking of watershed plan implementation, local education and outreach events or materials, coordination with producer-led groups, and other watershed-focused work.

4. **Deliverables** – Identify specific outputs that will be generated through providing watershed-focused technical assistance.
5. **Schedule** – Provide a clear timeline for performing the proposed work. Projects are anticipated to start by March 1, 2021 and should end no later than September 30, 2021.
6. **Budget** – Request total funds needed for county conservation staff to implement the proposed work activities. Include an itemized budget. Provide rationale for requested budget.

Evaluation Criteria

The following categories and rating system will be used to evaluate eligible proposals.

Factor	Details	Points
Capacity	County staff time is needed to implement nine key element watershed plan(s), and existing staff are available to reallocate workload.	0 to 20
Objectives	Proposed work is clearly linked to implementing nonpoint source objective(s) from nine key element watershed plan(s) and current TRM and/or Surface Water grant.	0 to 30
Methods	Specific work activities focused on nonpoint source pollution control in the watershed are identified.	0 to 10
Deliverables	Specific outputs are identified, and deliverables are reasonable in context of proposed schedule and budget.	0 to 10
Schedule	Timeline for completing activities and deliverables is simple and specific.	0 to 10
Budget	Amount requested is within acceptable range and is clearly linked to relevant staff position(s) and to proposed work.	0 to 20
Total		0 to 100

Timeline

Upon selection, a contract between DNR and the county will be developed. The anticipated timeline for the proposal process and project implementation is:

- December 4, 2020 – Call for proposals issued
- December 18 – Proposals due
- January 11, 2021 – Selected counties notified
- February 26 – Contracts executed
- April 30 – State fiscal year (SFY) quarter 3 invoice and report due
- July 6 – SFY quarter 4 invoice and report due
- September 30 – Project ends
- October 29 – Final invoice and report due

Please contact Karl Gesch (karl.gesch@wisconsin.gov) or your DNR [regional nonpoint source coordinator](#) with any questions.



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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December 9, 2020

Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division
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Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dear Supervisor Gibson & Land Conservation Manager Leonard,

We appreciate your past support of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water), which has allowed us to continue to evolve as a one of the most effective conservation organizations in the state. We will continue to serve and represent your department and your committee by providing the highest level of service, going forward. As such, I would like to ask you to please consider renewing your membership with WI Land+Water in 2021. An invoice indicating forthcoming dues for 2021 membership is attached.

As decision-makers in Wisconsin continue to examine legislative and policy approaches toward clean water, your membership to WI Land+Water is increasingly important to providing a unified voice for county-level conservation in the State Capitol. In the past year, your Association has acted as a strong voice for county conservation, ensuring elected officials understand the value and importance of our shared work, and continuing to build practical partnerships with agricultural and conservation groups alike, in support of our conservation priorities.

We've also provided training for local conservation staff and supervisors, in spite of the COVID pandemic necessitating a full overhaul of how we do our trainings.

WI Land+Water is proud of its 2020 accomplishments, achieved in spite of a global pandemic. Some highlights include:

- Together with our members and partners, we played a key role in successfully getting high-priority Water Quality Task Force bills through the State Assembly—most notably, AB 790, which proposed an annual increase of \$3.0 million for county conservation department staffing. Unfortunately, the Senate did not take up the bills. However, it was a tremendous opportunity for us to educate policymakers about the great investment county conservation represents for our state, and we intend to leverage that opportunity into results.
- With DATCP support, WI Land+Water's Training Program seamlessly adapted to a mostly virtual format, hosting three in-person trainings, and vastly increasing our online training library, offering 32 webinars (a 60% increase from 2019), and 14 pre-recorded webinars and videos. We supported two area trainings, and regularly promoted training opportunities through 23 editions of the SITCOM Conservation Training e-Newsletter.
- We successfully transitioned to a virtual Conservation Partnership and Land Conservation Committee trainings, extending our training services to new members whom we had not previously reached.

- Wisconsin Envirothon, coordinated by WI Land+Water, had to be cancelled in 2020 because of COVID but the dues from the counties will help us reduce our registration costs for schools for Envirothon 2021. Planning for a virtual 2021 Envirothon is in its early stages, with the goal of bringing in more schools to participate, who haven't had the chance to participate in this one-of-a-kind competition.
- The Standards Oversight Council (SOC), coordinated by WI Land+Water, continues to evaluate the team process and encourage broad public input to improve the quality and implementation of statewide conservation standards. In 2020, SOC teams completed two new standards: DATCP 01 Verification of Depth to Bedrock and DNR 1010 Proprietary Storm Water Filtration Devices. In 2021, we expect updates for several NRCS standards related to stream restoration projects, DNR horizontal directional drilling, and numerous minor changes. The SOC program also supports outreach and training efforts at the completion of standards. Next summer, SOC will again conduct the Technical Standards Assessment survey to understand the needs and opinions of standard users in planning for future updates.
- Our 67th Annual Conference back in early March was a great success, growing in both attendance (over 450 attendees) and stature, with conservation leaders from across the state—in counties, and beyond—making it a priority to attend and engage on important conservation topics of the day.

In 2021, Wisconsin will develop a new biennial budget. With many critical conservation issues of the day yet to be determined (“Year of Clean Drinking Water” follow-ups, county conservation staffing grant funding), it will be critical for us to continue to present a consistent, unified voice in advocating for locally led conservation, and the protection of natural resources.

In 2021, we will also transition away from our Source Water Protection program (though we will continue to provide training on the topic) and toward supporting counties dealing with the impacts of climate change, such as increased extreme weather events (floods, droughts), changes in agricultural production, invasive species, and more.

With your dues payment, you ensure that WI Land+Water can continue to provide the resources and support needed to implement the local priorities identified in your Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and can promote (at both the federal and state levels) LCCs and LCDs as the primary local delivery mechanism to bring conservation practices to the land and landowners.

Thank you, again, for your support. Please feel free to contact me with questions or if there is something we can do to make WI Land+Water a more valuable resource for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Krueger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Krueger, Executive Director

Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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TO:
Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division 721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344 Eau Claire, WI 54703

Invoice

Please remit total amount due to the letterhead address. If your records differ from ours, please call Penny Pohle at (608) 441-2677 immediately.

		INVOICE NO.	DATE	TERMS
	Tax ID # 39-1448749	1518	12/9/2020	Due 03/05/2021
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
County Dues	2021 WI Land+Water Dues	N/A	N/A	\$1776
Envirothon	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$55 dues (or more) for Wisconsin Envirothon.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
SOC	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$350 dues (or more) for the Standards Oversight Council.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
GLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$50 dues (or more) for the Great Lakes Committee.	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
			TOTAL	\$ _____

Make check payable to: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.

Thank you for your support!

Phone #	Fax#	E-mail	Web Site
608-441-2677	608-441-2676	penny@wisconsinlandwater.org	www.wisconsinlandwater.org

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT
between
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)
WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this agreement is to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project as described in the attached Work Plan.

ARTICLE 2

APHIS-WS has statutory authority under the Acts of March 2, 1931, 46 Stat. 1468-69, 7 U.S.C. §§ 8351-8352, as amended, and December 22, 1987, Public Law No. 100-202, § 101(k), 101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. § 8353. , to cooperate with States, local jurisdictions, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions while conducting a program of wildlife services involving mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases, or animal species that are injurious and/or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and human health and safety.

ARTICLE 3

APHIS-WS and the Cooperator agree:

1. The Cooperator will provide payment at the time of service to “USDA, APHIS” in the amount of **\$1,000.00**.
2. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
3. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent APHIS-WS from entering into separate agreements with any other organization or individual for the purpose of providing wildlife damage management services exclusive of those provided for under this agreement.
4. The Cooperator certifies that APHIS-WS has advised the Cooperator there may be private sector service providers available to provide wildlife damage management services that the Cooperator is seeking from APHIS-WS.
5. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
6. The cooperating parties agree to coordinate with each other before responding to media requests on work associated with this project.

ARTICLE 4

This agreement is contingent upon the passage by Congress of an appropriation from which expenditures may be legally met and shall not obligate APHIS-WS upon failure of Congress to so appropriate. This agreement also may be reduced or terminated if Congress only provides APHIS-WS funds for a finite period under a Continuing Resolution.

ARTICLE 5

Pursuant to Section 22, Title 41, United States Code, no member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement or to any benefit to arise there from.

ARTICLE 6

APHIS-WS assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 USC 1346(b), 2401(b), 2671-2680). This agreement is not a procurement contract (31 U.S.C. 6303), nor is it considered a grant (31 U.S.C. 6304). In this agreement, APHIS-WS provides goods or services on a cost recovery basis to nonfederal recipients, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This agreement shall become effective January 1, 2021 and shall continue until December 31, 2021. This agreement may be amended or terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Further, in the event the Cooperator does not, for any reason, provide necessary funds, APHIS-WS is relieved of the obligation to provide services under this agreement.

As required by Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996:

Cooperator’s Tax ID No.: Not Needed
APHIS-WS’s Tax ID: 41-0696271

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Cooperator Signature Date

APHIS-WS State Director’s Signature Date
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WORK PLAN

Wildlife Species: Black bear

Description of Damage: Identified black bear damage to agricultural crops

Location: Agricultural lands in Eau Claire County

Services Provided: The County will verify the occurrence of bear damage to agricultural resources and ensure that eligible producers are enrolled in the WDACP. Producers must be enrolled to receive program services. Once verified, agricultural bear damage complaints will be referred directly to USDA-WS by the County for implementation of trapping and relocation services.

Effective Dates

The work performed shall commence January 1, 2021 and shall end on December 31, 2021.

**FINANCIAL PLAN
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
2021**

Cost Element		Full Cost
Personnel Compensation		\$722.00
Travel		\$0.00
Vehicles		\$95.00
Other Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$18.00
Equipment		\$26.00
Subtotal (Direct Charges)		\$861.00
Pooled Job Costs [for non-Over-the Counter projects]	11.00%	\$0.00
Indirect Costs	16.15%	\$139.00
Aviation Flat Rate Collection		\$0.00
Agreement Total		\$1,000.00
The distribution of the budget from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement but may not exceed: \$1,000.00.		

Financial Point of Contact/Billing Address:

Cooperator Name

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Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission "Award Recipients"

Year	Conservation Farmer	Forestry Award	Special Recognition	Water Quality
1982	Howard Johnson	---	---	---
1983	Dale Noel	---	---	---
1984	Eldor and Allan Henning	---	---	---
1985	Steve Haldeman	---	---	---
1986	---	---	---	Forde Farm
1987	---	---	---	Wes and Greg Restad
1988	Mueller Hilltop Farms	---	---	Tom & Kristie Cousin
1989	Dale Noel Family	---	---	Schwoch Farms
1990	Seguin Valley View Acres	---	---	Everette and Jim Stenson
1991	Joe & Marian Smith	---	---	Arlen & June Johnson
1992	Russ Krenz Family	---	---	Wallace & Myrtle Smith
1993	Iner Stenson Jr. and Family	---	---	Richard & Donna Cleasby
1994	Marv & Dione Sell	---	---	Harley & Pam Hutchingson
1995	Ken & Roselyn Dowiasch	---	---	Ken Vance
1996	Gabler Farms	---	---	Dennis & Tami Schacht Family Farm
1997	Mike and Roland Fischer	---	---	Kindercrest Farm
1998	Ron & Donna Steinke and Family	---	---	Geske Farms
1999	Jim & Bonnie Jackson	---	---	Jim & Barb Nicolet
2000	Dutter Farms	---	---	Jerry Stenson
2001	Merv & Gloria Lemmon	---	---	Ristau Farm
2002	Zimmerman Farms	---	---	Skyglo Farms
2003	Bischoff Family Farm	Mark & Barb Goings	---	Robert and Ron Perry
2004	Bill and Joel Matz	Thomas, Bradley, Peter Grewe	John Paddock, John Luechrson, John Tinker and Joe Smith	Todd Stanek
2005	Don and Matt Krenz	Bill Nielsen and Sarah Burgess	Marlo Orth	Larson Dairy
2006	Jim Volbrecht	Marlo Orth	WRR Environmental Service	Evergreen Organic Dairy (Andy & Bonny Glodowski)
2007	Greg & Jennifer Stanek	Forrest & Jill Schoen	Bob Bosold, WAXX Radio	Wier Farms-- Armond & Kay Wier
2008	Greg Erickson	---	Mahlon Peterson	Chad Doberstein
2009	Ricky Strauch	Richard Myren	Rod Zika	Bears Grass Dairy
2010	Fedie Farms	Randy Risler	Greg Erickson	Castle Rock Organic Dairy

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2011	Dan & Pamela Boettcher and Matt & Rebekah Fendry	---	Marlo Orth	Marlo Orth, Fred Poss and Rod Zika
2012	Jim and Ben Books	---	Gary Osborne and Mahlon Peterson	Bush Brothers & Co.
2013	the Anderson Family	---	---	Mayo Clinic Health Systems
2014	James Hampton	---	John Staszczuk and Mike Torud	Rod Zika
2015	Scott & Angela Graff	---	Bears Grass Diary and Dave Carlson	Steve Maciosek
2016	Vic & Mary Price	---	Fred Poss	Dan Zerr
2017	Steve & Leslie Strey	---	Bruce Willett	Mark Zuber
2018	Dan & Dawn Von Haden	Robert Paddock	Christine Yellowthunder and Patrick "Buzz" Sorge	Chris Straight
2019	---	---	---	---

Land Conservation Award Considerations

Name(s)	Category	Accomplishments/Considerations/comments
Larry Wathke	Conservation Farmer	FPP Participant; updated 590; TRM cost share for rye cover crop in 2020
Aaron & Jody Wilhelm	Water Quality Leadership	
Mike Lea	Water Quality Leadership	Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District Chairman
Lori Betchel	Water Quality Leadership	Lake EC Association (Friends of Lake EC) president
Brian Mahoney	Water Quality Leadership	UWEC Geology professor, mud lake study, member of Watershed Institute?
Sarah Vitalae	Water Quality Leadership	member of Groundwater Advisory Committee, UWEC Geology professor
Chuck Huth	Conservation Farmer	none; received manure spreading complaint winter 2020
Mark Karow	Conservation Farmer	Updated NMP.
Robin Walsh	Water Quality Leadership	Active member of Lake Eau Claire
Doug Burrows	Special Recognition	Member of LCC-Land Stewardship subcommittee April 2013 until his passing in Jan 2020... see LT article and obit info in this folder
Doug Graff	Conservation Farmer	long time no-tiller, updates his 590, living with urban sprawl
William Henke		land in CRP, supportive of Beaver Creek Reserve in some fashion
Doug/Derrick & Miranda Nelson	Conservation Farmer	
Gary Wehling	Conservation Farmer	
Gordon Waller	Conservation Farmer	maybe for special recognition