

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

**Date:** Monday, March 15, 2021 **Time:** 1:00 P.M.

*\*via remote access **ONLY**.*

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**[Greg.Leonard@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Greg.Leonard@co.eau-claire.wi.us) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the public comment period to make your comments.**

## **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 February 15, 2021 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 5-7**
8. Land Conservation Annual Report – Discussion
9. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
  - 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
10. Future Agenda items
11. Set date for next meeting
12. Adjourn

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Glory Adams

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, and Amanda Peters – Land Conservation Division;  
Rod Eslinger – Planning and Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Lindsay-USDA-NRCS, Mark Hagedorn, Ryan Peaslee-WI-DNR

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**1) Call to order by Chair**

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

**2) Roll call**

Roll call was taken; Gibson, Leary, DeLuka, Christopherson, Solie, Strauch and Schraufnagel were present. Adams 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 January 25, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action**

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

**6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update**

The January expenditures and revenues were reviewed. The majority of the expenses are 2020 activity.

**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 application was presented for approval:

Allyn Gunderson – Nutrient Management - \$236.00 (DATCP-NMFE funds)

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

**8) Land Stewardship Fund Policy & Procedures revision – Discussion/Action**

The request of the LCC was to have the proposed revisions reviewed by Corporation Counsel and the Committee on Finance & Budget. Leonard reported that Corporation Counsel would accept the revision as proposed by the Finance Department. The Committee on Finance & Budget accepted the revision. Specific revision recommendations from Finance are as follows: Section 3.0 “The Fund will be established as a non-lapsing ~~segregated special revenue~~ fund with dedicated revenue and expenditure accounts, funded through a variety of sources including public grants, private contributions, service or development fees, and other sources of revenue deemed appropriate by the County.” The Land Stewardship Subcommittee has made a recommendation to the LCC to amend the document as presented.

**ACTION:** Motion by DeLuka to revise the Land Stewardship Fund Policy & Procedures as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

**9) Request USDA-NRCS to appoint and locate a District Conservationist (DC) in the Eau Claire County Field Office-Discussion/Action**

Leonard reviewed that Eau Claire County NRCS office has had conservation staff rotating in and out of the Altoona Field Office for nearly 3 years, and one of the drawbacks is that studies have shown the farmers need to build trust with conservationist for them to accept them. Tammy Lindsay, District Conservationist for Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties, added that there have been staffing issues within NRCS, but there may be an effort to alleviate the shortages. Solie added that consistency within the Farm Service Agency is also desirable. DeLuka questioned if having the District Conservationist in Eau Claire at the same pay grade as adjoining counties could help keep the position filled, otherwise the staff transfer away from Eau Claire for greater compensation.

**No formal action taken.**

**10) No-Till Drill Update – Discussion**

Peters provided an update on the first year of the No-Till Drill program. This planter was purchased without local tax levy funding, and the planter's first year's use exceeded initial estimates

**11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates**

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Farm Technology Days:** Mark Hagedorn, former UW-Extension Ag Agent, provided an update for Farm Technology Days, which are scheduled for July 20-22, 2021. Planning is continuing for the event to occur.
- b) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** One of the EPA mini-grant workshops will be occurring next month.
- c) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** No report.
- d) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** An extension has been requested.
- e) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Planning on 2021 construction. Hi-Crush has indicated willingness to include their land in the project.
- f) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee is assisting Landmark Conservancy to develop brochure materials for the Eau Claire River.
- g) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Tammy Lindsay, NRCS, reported on the EQIP program. Solie reported on FSA staff changes.
- h) **DNR-Forestry:** Ryan Peaslee reported on private landowner forestry and timber sales activities.
- i) **UW-Extension:** No report.

**12) Future Agenda Items**

No specific items.

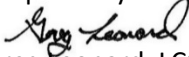
**13) Set Date for next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

**14) Adjourn**

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk

## Land Conservation Division

2021

### Bills and Deposits

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

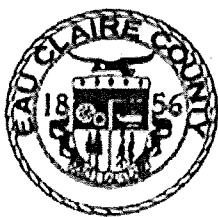
#### February

Vendor	Account #	Amount	Description
2020** Gabler Farms	207-15-56929-200-719	\$ 996.10	2020 Demo Farm Crop Reimbursement
2020**Mikes Star Market	100-15-56922-390-702	\$ 3,010.00	2020Deer DonationReimbursement
Berge, Chad	100-15-56922-340-000	\$ 21.28	CB Jan Expenses
Bush Brothers	207-15-56929-389-719	\$ 2,800.00	2021 Demo Farm Rent Payment
Gunderson, Allyn	207-15-56924-200-708	\$ 236.00	2021 NMFE Reimbursement
Rain to Rivers	100-15-56922-821-000	\$ 2,000.00	2021 Intergovernmental Agreement
WDATCP	100-15-56922-324-000	\$ 50.00	2021 Nursery Dealer License
WI Land + Water	100-15-56920-324-000	\$ 775.00	2021 WLW Conference GL, GA, CB, AP, LF
WI Assoc of the Lakes	100-15-56920-324-000	\$ 40.00	Conference LF
WI Land + Water	100-15-56920-324-000	\$ 120.00	SW Workshop
Amazon	100-15-56920-310-000	\$ 29.02	Folders
Amazon	100-15-56920-360-000	\$ 321.04	Video Equipment
Well N Tell	100-15-56922-905-000	\$ 1,008.00	2021 Data Service
Country Today	100-15-56922-320-000	\$ 52.00	1 year subscription
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,458.44</b>	

#### Deposits

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

Description	Amount Deposited	Date	Account Number
Tree sale	\$2,827.13	2/1/2021	100-15-46810-000-701
Tree sale	\$3,134.50	2/4/2021	100-15-46810-000-701
EC-21-03 BaDour	\$290.00	2/4/2021	100-15-46820-000-000
Tree sale	\$375.00	2/8/2021	100-15-46810-000-701
SW-01-21	\$2,270.00	2/17/2021	100-15-46820-000-000
City of Thorp-MDV	\$7,265.31	2/18/2021	207-15-43586-000-710
Village of Spring Valley-MDV	\$616.89	2/18/2021	207-15-43586-000-710
Tree sale	\$409.50	2/18/2021	100-15-46810-000-701
SW-04-20	\$761.08	2/18/2021	100-15-46820-000-000
City of Mondovi-MDV	\$507.60	2/26/2021	207-15-43586-000-710
Tree sale	\$388.00	2/18/2021	100-15-46810-000-701
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,845.01</b>		



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**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

NAME: Alan Henning TELEPHONE: 715-577-0909  
 ADDRESS: 8148 Mueller Rd. Fall Creek WI. 54742  
 FARM LOCATION: 26N B&W 29 Town of Washington  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

**AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

**1. COST SHARE DETAILS**

PRACTICE: 590 - Nutrient Management Plan ACRES: 228 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 40.00 /ACRE  
 COST SHARE SOURCE: SEG (DATCP) TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 9,120.00

**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:

Alan Henry  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

2-16-2021  
DATE

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

<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		ACRES
<b>COST SHARE RATE</b>	\$	PER ACRE
<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$	
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>		

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**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 UNITS \_\_\_\_\_

PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT PROVISIONS:**

1.	TOTAL:	DATCP	COUNTY	GRANTEE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ %
<u>ESTIMATED COST:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>ACTUAL COST:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Any practice cost estimated to exceed \$25,000 requires bids. The Land Conservation Division (LCD) will obtain these.

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

- A. Install the practice(s) listed above by \_\_\_\_\_. If NOT installed by November 1, 2021, I understand that cost share funds shall be withdrawn and reallocated to other projects, unless the parties in writing agree to an extension. A Nutrient Management Plan must be developed within one year of installation of other practices.
- B. Notify Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division (LCD) staff immediately if I decide to withdraw from this agreement.
- C. Operate and maintain the practice(s) for a period of ten (10) years from the time of installation.
- D. Repay the full amount of cost share funds to Eau Claire County, if:
  - 1) The practice(s) is rendered ineffective during its ten (10) year life span due to an action or neglect on my part.
  - 2) A change in ownership, land use, or management occurs –unless the new owner agrees in writing to assume operation and maintenance of the practice(s) for the rest of the agreement period or it can be demonstrated a change in land use or management affecting the installed practice(s) will not result in deterioration of soil and water resources.
- E. Hire a contractor for practice(s) estimated to cost less than \$25,000.
- F. Provide at least three (3) days notice to the LCD office that installation will occur.
- G. Install the practice according to the design, standards, and specifications provided by the LCD staff.
- H. Submit all receipts to the LCD office. Payment will be made after inspection and certification from LCD staff that the practice(s) was installed and completed according to the design.

**3. THE LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION AGREES TO:**

- A. Provide technical assistance for design, construction, and inspection for the practice (s).
- B. Obtain bids for practices estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.
- C. Pay the cost share rate when the receipts are received and the practices (s) is certified complete.

**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:

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

<p><b><u>LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENIED</b>
<p>_____</p> <p>LCC MEMBER</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>DATE</p>	
<p>LCC APPROVAL REQUIRED IF UPDATED COSTS EXCEED _____ %</p>		

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Practice _____	Units Installed _____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The above practice(s) & units were installed according to the Standards & Specifications:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Technician's Signature Date

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCURRED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

	DATCP	COUNTY	GRANTEE
COST SHARE RATE:	X _____ %	X _____ %	X _____ %
ELIGIBLE COST SHARE AMOUNT:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE DATE