

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ricky Strauch, Glory Adams, Dean Solie

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, and Liz Fagen – Land Conservation Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Kraklow-USDA-NRCS, Jeff Seward

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Gibson called the remote meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken; Gibson, Leary, DeLuka, Christopherson, and Schraufnagel were present. Solie, Strauch, and Adams 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 December 20, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The December expenditures and revenues were reviewed. The expense for Matoon Rentals is return of the required Financial Assurance which was previously received for the Stormwater Permit.

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:

Tim Rogge – Well Abandonment - \$400.00 (County Levy funds), \$401.25 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to approve the Best Management Practice cost-share application. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5-0-0.

Paul & Emily Madsen – Streambank Protection & Grade Stabilization Structure - \$20,373.00 (DATCP bond funds), \$2,037.30 (County Levy funds), \$18,335.70 (Landowner funds)

This cost-share agreement includes a request to cost-share private engineering fees. This has been an option with DATCP funding but has not previously been utilized in Eau Claire County. Berge provided explanation on the calculations within state code ATCP 50. The request is below the allowable amount within ATCP 50.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the Best Management Practice cost-share application including the engineering fees. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5-0-0.

8) Land Stewardship Fund Policy & Procedures revision

Recent conversations with the Finance Department on the type of accounts used to hold the Land Stewardship funds have found a discrepancy between the type of accounts available and what is stated within the Policy & Procedures. 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 Leary to forward the revision to Corporation Counsel and the Committee on Finance & Budget for review. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5-0-0.

9) Stewardship Fund balance and Watershed Fund balance review

Leonard reviewed the Stewardship Fund Balance, the Watershed Fund Balance, and the need to properly to reimburse the Watershed Fund with funds from the Stewardship Fund for Stewardship program activities. The Watershed Fund Balance spreadsheet will be updated annually and shared with the LCC.

10) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **County Deer Advisory Committee recommendation:** We received a Thank You email from Bob Paddock for our support of the resolution last year.
- b) **Conservation Awards Presentation:** Will occur during the remote County Board session April 20, just before Soil Stewardship Week of April 25-May 2.
- c) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** One of the EPA mini-grant workshops will be announced soon.
- d) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** Eau Claire County applied for and was awarded an additional \$10,119.20 grant.
- e) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** An extension has been requested.
- f) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Planning on 2021 construction. Hi-Crush has indicated willingness to include their land in the project.
- g) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** Working on a story-map project.
- h) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** No report.
- i) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- j) **UW-Extension:** No report.

11) Future Agenda Items

Staff will request a Farm Technology Days update from Mark Hagedorn.

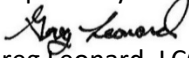
12) Set Date for next meeting

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

13) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk