

**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.

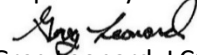
13) Set Date for next meeting

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