

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2020, 4:00 pm, Remote meeting via WebEx

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Anna Mares, Mary Kenosian, Sarah Vitale, Sham Anderson, Jennifer Eddy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Anderson, Glory Adams

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Steinbach and Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City-County Health Dept.); Greg Leonard and Liz Fagen (Eau Claire County Land Conservation)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jordan Fraser

1. Call to order by Chair pro tempore

The meeting was called to order by Chair pro tempore Dunning at 4:06 pm. A roll call was taken. Present included Dunning, Coffey, Mares, Kenosian, Vitale, S. Anderson, and Eddy. Absent included N. Anderson and Adams. A quorum was present.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Dunning confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Comment Period

Dr. Jordan Fraser is attending remotely and has an interest in groundwater related topics.

4. Notice of County Supervisors appointed to Groundwater Advisory Committee:

James Dunning, Nathan Anderson, and Nancy Coffey were appointed.

5. Notice of Appointment of Citizens at Large to Committee for 3-year terms:

Glory Adams and Dr. Sarah Vitale were appointed.

6. Election of Committee Chair – Discussion/Action

Dunning called for nominations for the Committee Chair. Coffey nominated James Dunning. Dunning called if there were any more nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Dunning closed the nominations.

ACTION: Motion by Coffey close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote and to elect James Dunning as Chair. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

Dunning thanked everyone for their support and assumed the Chair.

7. Election of Committee Vice Chair – Discussion/Action

Dunning called for nominations for the Committee Vice Chair. Eddy/S. Anderson nominated Nancy Coffey. Dunning called if there were any more nominations 3 times. Hearing none, Dunning closed the nominations.

ACTION: Motion by Eddy close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote and to elect Nancy Coffey as Vice Chair. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

Coffey thanked everyone for their support.

8. Appointment of Committee Clerk – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Dunning to appoint Greg Leonard as Committee Clerk. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

9. Review/Approval of February 12, 2020 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by S. Anderson to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

10. Groundwater Advisory Goals – Discussion/Action

- a. **Capital Improvement Project funding** – Budget requests for Groundwater related projects, including groundwater quality/quantity studies, have been requested in the past, but have not been funded.

ACTION: Motion by Kenosian/Eddy to request Capital Improvement funding as in previous budget cycles. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

- b. **PFAS and Forever Chemicals** – Kenosian asked if there is currently testing in Eau Claire County of PFAS chemicals. Boerner provided information. Eau Claire County is a lower risk. There was some testing of public water supplies in Eau Claire and there were non-detects for UCMR (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule) chemicals.

11. Grant opportunities with Land Conservation and/or others – Discussion/Action

With COVID-19 affecting the economy, additional opportunities may be limited. No action taken.

12. Update on Aquifer Mapping (Vitale)-Discussion/Action

Vitale provided an update that without students and with travel restrictions this project is currently on hold.

Primary focus on the project is groundwater quantity and storage capacity, in partnership with Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. A fall start is a possibility. No action taken.

13. Subgroups items related to State of the Groundwater Report – Discussion/Action

- a. **Technical Subgroup** – Boerner reported the Health Department was working on updating the well location information within their office. This is currently on hold due to COVID-19.
- b. **Education Subgroup** – no report.
- c. **Budget requests** – no further report as items were discussed previously.

14. Members, Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion /Action

- a. **Committee members** – no report.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – no report.
- c. **Planning and Development** – Leonard provided an update on Planning and Development staffing reductions as a result of decreased sales tax revenue due to COVID-19.
- d. **Land Conservation** – no further report.
- e. **Health Department** – Boerner provided COVID-19 information.

15. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date was tentatively set for August 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

16. Items for the Next Agenda

Technical and Education group updates will continue to be on the upcoming meeting agendas.

17. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "G".

Greg Leonard
Land Conservation Manager