

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Solie

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

OTHERS PRESENT: KaYing Vang-USDA-NRCS

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, Strauch, Adams and Schraufnagel were present; Solie 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 March 15, 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 March expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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:

Launa Sullivan-Smith – Well Abandonment - \$372.50 (County funds), \$372.50 (Landowner funds)

Thomas & Sally Jo McAvoy - Nutrient Management - \$4,480.00 (DATCP-SEG funds)

Mark Milbee – Nutrient Management - \$2,120.00 (DATCP-SEG funds)

Derrick Nelson – Nutrient Management - \$4,706.00 (DATCP-SEG funds)

Gabler Farm, Ken Gabler – Grassed Waterway with stream crossing - \$13,327.30 (DATCP Bond funds),
\$951.95 (County funds), \$4,759.75 (Landowner funds)

The following application was approved but bid amounts have exceeded previously approved amounts. The new requested amounts are as follows:

Doug & Sheri Sorensen – Grassed Waterway - \$8,400.00 (DNR TRM funds), \$600.00 (County funds),
\$3,000.00 (Landowner funds)

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

8) **No-till drill program and Supplemental SEG grant award – Discussion**

DATCP earlier this year announced a new grant opportunity. Peters reviewed the grant application which was submitted. The request was for \$3,000 to offset part of the local farmers' costs associated with rental of the new no-till drill. Administration of the grant will be minimal. The application was successful.

9) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee appointments – Discussion/Action**

Land Stewardship Subcommittee appointments are staggered 3-year terms. Terms currently up for appointment and the status are:

- Larry Jolivette – Citizen member, will accept reappointment
- Glory Adams – LCC member, does not seek reappointment
- Sean Bohan – Citizen member, does not seek reappointment

Sean Bohan was recommended by the Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association, and this organization has not yet forwarded a recommended replacement.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to reappoint Larry Jolivette to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee for a 3-year term. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition.

Heather DeLuka volunteered to serve as the LCC member.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to appoint Heather DeLuka to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee for a 3-year term. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition.

10) **Lake Rehabilitation projects – Discussion/Action**

Lake Rehabilitation project cost-share requests applications were sent to local lake districts/associations with an application due date of April 15, 2021. The application from Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District was the only one received. The project is a total of \$200,000 with a 50% cost-share request of \$100,000, which is typically included as a capital improvement project in the County's budget.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to recommend approval of the request and submit the project as a capital improvement project. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

11) **Feedlots within Wellhead Protection Zones – Discussion**

Jared Grande has been in contact with David Bontrager regarding a potentially new feedlot with the Wellhead Protection District. This is in relation to a municipal well for the City of Augusta, with this site located in the Town of Bridge Creek. This information is for awareness at this time and will be an agenda item for the Groundwater Advisory Committee.

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

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The Coalition is working on reporting of activities.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** No report.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** Funds from calendar year 2020 have been received.
- d) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Planning on 2021 construction with bidding to occur soon.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee has not met recently.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** KaYing Vang, NRCS, reported on the CSP, EQIP, and CRP programs. Soil Health continues to be the emphasis.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

13) **Future Agenda Items**

No specific items.

14) **Set Date for next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

15) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk