

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**  
**LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**

**REMOTE MEETING – EAU CLAIRE, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Dave Dresel, Kevin Stelljes, Larry Jolivette  
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dave Carlson, Glory Adams, Sean Bohan  
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard (Land Conservation Division – P&D)  
OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Remington, Kristin Thompson, and Erika Lang (Landmark Conservancy)

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**1) Call to Order by Chair**

Chair Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m.

**2) Roll Call**

A roll call was taken; Koziel, Dresel, Stelljes, Jolivette were present. Carlson, Bohan and Adams were absent. A quorum was present.

**3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

**4) Public Comment Period**

None.

**5) Approve Minutes of December 2, 2020 meeting**

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

**6) Eau Claire River corridor event**

Rick Remington, Kristin Thompson, and Erika Lang provided information regarding the brochures being developed. Landmark Conservancy emphasis is on land preservation, not necessarily small land tracts. It will be desirable to keep the small tract landowners involved and informed. Would like to not to have to create new material but try to merge Stewardship and Landmark information. Pictures are best in landscape format. Kristin will compile material. Mid-March is still the target date.

**7) Alternative Access Considerations to former Browns Property**

Dressel reported he contacted Halversons and they are in favor of seeing an access point but not through their property. Koziel reported that at one time Hiawatha Road was believed to extend along the route of the previously proposed easement. There is no record of this with the Town of Lincoln. Leonard will contact the county surveyor for further information on roads and abandoned roads.

**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.”

**ACTION:** Motion by Stelljes to approve the revision and forward to the Land Conservation Commission a recommendation to approve the revision of the Land Stewardship Fund Policy & Procedures. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5-0-0.

**9) Stewardship Fund balances**

The review of all Land Conservation program funding has revealed that \$1,786.92 has been expended from the Watershed fund for Land Stewardship program activities. Leonard will be transferring funds from the Stewardship fund to the Watershed fund to properly credit that account. Stelljes and Koziel questioned if some of those expenditures were originally identified to come from Parks and Forest. Leonard will review minutes authorizing the expenditures to verify this.

**10) Member and Staff updates**

Stelljes reported the Parks and Forest Department is updating its 15-year forestry plan.

**11) Future agenda items**

Alternative access considerations and the Eau Claire River event will be continuing as items for the next agenda.

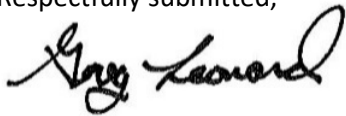
**12) Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2021 at 12:00 pm.

**13) Adjourn**

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, Subcommittee Clerk