

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel, Glory Adams, and Dean Solie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ricky Strauch

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, Liz Fagen, and Amanda Peters – Land Conservation Division; Jared Grande – Land Use Division; Regan Watts – Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator

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

Roll call was taken; Gibson, Leary, DeLuka, Christopherson, Adams, Solie, and Schraufnagel were present; Strauch 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 May 17, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The May expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

7) Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements – Discussion/Action

One (1) Cost-Share agreement was previously authorized.

Fredrick Howard – Well Abandonment - \$112.50 (County funds), \$112.50 (Landowner funds)

The following Best Management Practice (BMP) Cost-Share applications were presented for approval:

Doug Graff - Nutrient Management - \$8,400.00 (DATCP-SEG funds)

Doug Graff - Nutrient Management - \$496.00 (DATCP-NMFE funds)

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

8) Introduction of Regan Watts, Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator– Discussion

Regan Watts, Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator provided a short presentation on current and future activities.

9) Farm Technology Days – Discussion

Land Conservation will have a “booth” at Farm Technology Days, which will have the no-till drill. The booth is being planned to be manned or un-manned. A sign-up will be available soon. Members are encouraged to attend as this may replace the annual tour.

10) Watershed Fund (Fund 207) and Financials – Discussion

Leonard provided an overview of the end of 2020 Watershed Fund financials. This is now being updated and reviewed with the Finance Department annually. Leonard also provided a handout which shows the LCD's contributions to the county budget and economy as a result of the programs administered. For each of the past 3 years, for every \$1.00 spent of Eau Claire County tax levy, the Land Conservation Division brings in over \$3.00 from outside sources to the local economy. This does not include any multiplier effects.

11) Land & Water Resource Management Plan – Due December 2022 – Discussion

The Land and Water Resource Management Plan is scheduled to be presented to the state Land and Water Board in December 2022. The approximate 12-month timeline for plan preparation was included in the meeting packet. This process will begin in December 2021 and will include community members.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** A field day was hosted at the Demo Farm.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** BMP installation continues.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** No report.
- d) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** The bidding is completed but there is a delay with permitting for the project due to threatened/endangered species presences. Staff is working with the DNR for solutions.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee will be reviewing some properties based on recommendations from the Parks and Forest Committee.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** No report.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

13) Future Agenda Items.

No specific items.

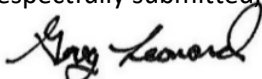
14) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

15) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk