

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Schraufnagel

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, and Amanda Peters – Land Conservation Division; Jared Grande – Land Use Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Anthony Books

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 Strauch (arriving at 1:03 pm) were present; Schraufnagel 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.
(Strauch arrived)

5) Review/Approval of June 21, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

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

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The June expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

One (1) Cost-Share agreement for a manure pit closure which was previously approved in June of 2020 is being presented for re-approval. The original total cost estimate was for \$10,000, but bids were received for \$14,680. This project funding from DATCP was extended from 2020 into 2021, and there are sufficient available county funds available.

Larry Sprague – Sprague Acres – Waste Facility Closure - \$10,276.00 (DATCP Bond fund), \$734.00 (County funds), \$3,670.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve the revised cost-share agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

8) Conservation Reserve Program signing of plans – Discussion/Action

Leonard reviewed that he was recently questioned by Justin Burchett, Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, if Land Conservation wanted to continue signing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) plans. The programs do not require Land Conservation signatures. Christopherson asked how much time does this take, and is there a benefit. Leonard replied a couple of hours, and the process allows Land Conservation to be aware of CRP activities occurring.

ACTION: Motion by Solie to continue to have Land Conservation sign CRP plans provided there is not a delay in

program payment to CRP participants. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

9) Land Stewardship member appointment – Discussion/Action

Anthony Brooks (Brooks Home Renovations LLC), Builder Director for the Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association is being recommended by the Land Stewardship Subcommittee to replace Sean Bohan.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to appoint Anthony Brooks to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee until March 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

Everyone welcomed Brooks to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee.

10) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** Nothing further to report.
- 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 conservation plan for the threatened and endangered species was submitted to the DNR. The process now includes a public comment period until the end of July.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** Nothing further to report.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Ka Vang provided an email report on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Solie reported the FSA committee is meeting again in person and crop reporting is completed.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

Recent detections within the City of Eau Claire’s municipal well water system of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) was discussed. This has been a topic of the Groundwater Committee for some time already.

11) Future Agenda Items.

No specific items.

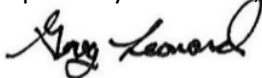
12) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

13) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk