

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

**MEETING MINUTES – February 25, 2019
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 302
720 – 2ND AVENUE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nathan Anderson (arrived at 4:10), Nancy Coffey, Anna Mares, Glory Adams, Sham Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Kenosian, Jennifer Eddy, Sarah Vitale

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

OTHERS PRESENT: (none)

1. Call to order by Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunning at 4:02 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Dunning confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Review/Approval of January 14, 2019 minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Adams/S. Anderson to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

5. ThinkWater School activities related to Groundwater Advisory Committee Tasks Report--Discussion

Fagen reviewed the systems thinking program map being utilized in the ThinkWater School and questioned the committee if there were any gaps in the perspectives or if the impacts/outcomes were in the right place.

(Nathan Anderson arrived)

Steinbach and Fagen continued the review of the ThinkWater system, which has confirmed many of the goals of the State of the Groundwater report but brings them together in a different process. Programs were developed through the process, as well as discussion of other roles of the committee to take proactive steps to protect groundwater.

Mares stated for the DNR, nitrates are the primary area of concern within the region. Discussion on possibility of a well maintenance program similar to the POWTS maintenance program. Well data disclosure is a concern for such a program. Dunning will send question on the role of the committee and the ThinkWater matrix out to members to see if there are perceived gaps.

(Mares was excused from the meeting, 5:10)

6. Develop Action Items per State of Groundwater Document and ThinkWater – Discussion/Action

This item was included in the discussion of Item #5.

7. Additional Tasks for Consideration by the Groundwater Advisory – Discussion/Action

This item was included in the discussion of Item #5.

8. Update of Ag Ordinance Review special Committee--Discussion/Action

Leonard provided an overview of the Large-Scale Livestock Moratorium and the Special Committee's process to date.

9. Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion /Action

- a. **Regional Planning Commission** – no report
- b. **Planning and Development** – Leonard provided update on the Title 18 update process.
- c. **Land Conservation** – no additional report was provided.
- d. **Health Department** – Steinbach reported on the staff involvement with the Ag Ordinance Review process, and upcoming Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) education

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for March 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

11. Items for the Next Agenda

ThinkWater actions and technical group set up will be on the next meeting agenda.

12. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Greg Leonard
Land Conservation Manager