

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

**MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 302
720 – 2ND AVENUE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Anna Mares, Glory Adams, Sham Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Vitale, Nathan Anderson, Mary Kenosian, Jennifer Eddy

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Steinbach and Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City-County Health Dept.); Greg Leonard and Liz Fagen (Eau Claire County Land Conservation); Jared Grande (Eau Claire County Planning & Development)

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Roufs

1. Call to order by Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunning at 4:10 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 July 22, 2019 minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Adams/S. Anderson to approve the July 22, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

5. Subgroups items related to State of the Groundwater Report – Discussion/Action

a. Technical subgroup – Steinbach reported interns are doing GIS data quality of DNR supplied data. Only 50% was good but they are working on improving this data.

b. Education subgroup – No update, but Steinbach reported on well testing with the offer of reduced testing costs.

c. Budget requests – Leonard reminded the members of the subgroups to keep in mind funding requests for projects and tasks which may be beyond current staff/departments abilities.

6. Request by Leonard Rice Engineering (LRE)-Discussion/Action

Dunning was recently contacted by Leonard Rice Engineering. The firm is proposing a groundwater project but is requesting what would Eau Claire County desire. Consensus of the group is the State of the Groundwater Report contains the Groundwater Advisory Committees goals and Dunning can refer the firm to that document and focus on the groundwater quantity section.

a. Potential joint meeting and topics with LRE, GW Committee, P&D and Land Conservation

A joint meeting with the Planning and Development Committee, and the Land Conservation Commission is tentatively planned for 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2019. Further details will follow.

7. Members, Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion /Action

a. Committee members – Coffey wondered if adding volunteers to the subgroups would be beneficial.

Leonard suggested that volunteers not exceed the number of committee members on the workgroups.

b. Regional Planning Commission – no report

- c. **Planning and Development** – Grande provided an update on the new development concept submitted with a community treatment system, not individual POWTS systems within the proposed Trilogy subdivision.
- d. **Land Conservation** – Leonard provided an update testimony at the House Speaker’s Water Quality Task Force public hearings, and the scoping statement for NR-151.
- e. **Health Department** – Steinbach reported that their lab fees will remain flat for next year, new staff within the Environmental Division, and the Groundwater and Wetlands presentation scheduled for October 17 at the Augusta Library with state hydrogeologist Ken Bradbury.

8. Next Meeting Date

In addition to the joint meeting scheduled for October 22nd, the next regular meeting date was set for November 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

9. Items for the Next Agenda

Technical and Education group updates will continue to be on the upcoming meeting agendas.

10. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Greg Leonard
Land Conservation Manager