

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 **Time:** 1:00 P.M.

via remote access **ONLY.*

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Meeting ID: 2595 578 6205, Password: MDhgMrnV898

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Audio conference: 1-415-655-0001, Access Code: 2595 578 6205

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AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chair
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of November 15, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action **pages 2-3**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion **page 4**
7. Bond fund transfer to Chippewa County – Discussion/Action **page 5**
8. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements – Discussion/Action **pages 6-16**
9. Farmland Preservation Program signatory authority – Discussion/Action **pages 17-18**
10. Cost-share policy revision to incorporate economic hardship – Discussion/Action **page 19-24**
11. **Approve County Membership to WI Land+Water and contribution to Wisconsin Envirothon – Discussion/Action **page 25-27****
12. Land & Water Resource Management Plan update – Discussion
13. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
 - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
 - b. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program
 - c. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program
 - d. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta
 - e. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
 - f. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - g. DNR-Forestry
 - h. UW-Extension
14. Future Agenda items
15. Set date for next meeting
16. Adjourn

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Dean Solie, Glory Adams, Heather DeLuka, Tami Schraufnagel, Missy Christopherson.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ricky Strauch
STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, Tim Wucherer, Liz Fagen, and Holly Kuhl – Land Conservation Division;
Rod Eslinger– Planning and Development
OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Skinner – Lake Altoona Protection & Rehabilitation District

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. 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 October 18, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

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

6) Conservation Technician-Agronomist position update – Discussion

Tim Wucherer was introduced as the new Conservation Technician-Agronomist. Everyone welcomed Tim and introduced themselves.

7) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The October expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

The following Cost-Share applications were presented for approval.

Eliza Smith – Well Abandonment - \$400.00 (County Levy Funds), \$450.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve the well abandonment cost-share agreement. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

Scott Geske – Grassed Waterway - \$7,000.00 (DNR – TRM funds), \$500.00 (County Levy Funds),
\$2,500.00 (Landowner Funds)

ACTION: Motion by Solie to approve the grassed waterway cost-share agreement. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

Gerard Hanson – Stream Crossing - \$13,750.00 (DATCP-bond funds), \$1,375.00 (County Levy funds),
\$12,375.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve the stream crossing cost-share agreement. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

9) Land & Water Resource Management Plan update: Advisory Committee Members– Discussion/Action

The Land & Water Management Plan update process will begin soon. LCC members can serve on the Advisory Committee. Solie’s term on the LCC will end with his term ending on the FSA committee.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to appoint Robin Leary as a LCC member, and Dean Solie as a citizen member, to the Land & Water Resource Management Plan update committee, motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

10) Conservation Awards – Discussion/Action

Conservation Award categories and potential recipients were discussed.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to nominate William Henke to receive a special recognition for his work with Beaver Creek Reserve, motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to nominate Derrick & Maranda, and Doug Nelson to receive the conservation farmer award, motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to nominate Robin Walsh to receive the water quality leadership award, motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition-EPA Grant:** EPA grant and possible project ideas were discussed.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** The one-year extension has been approved by the DNR for the Large-Scale project; the Small-Scale project will require an administrative extension request.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** Distribution of MDV funds was discussed.
- d) **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Part of the project will be completed this year and the remainder completed next spring.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee is reviewing several new properties with the Parks and Forestry Department.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Solie reported on FSA yield reporting and the CRP program.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

12) Future Agenda Items.

(none)

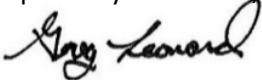
13) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, December 20, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

14) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk

Land Conservation Division

2021 Bills and Deposits

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

November

Invoices

| Vendor | Description | Account # | Amount |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Northland Excavating LLC | Hermundson Subsurface DATCP | 207-15-56924-200-706 | \$ 4,092.52 |
| Northland Excavating LLC | Hermundson Subsurface MDV | 207-15-56927-390-710 | \$ 4,757.48 |
| Northland Excavating LLC | Hermundson Bid Bond | 100-00-23172-000-000 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Voyager | Fuel | 100-15-56920-330-000 | \$ 192.23 |
| Northland Excavating LLC | Gabler Grassed Waterway / DATCP | 207-15-56924-200-706 | \$ 5,449.59 |
| Northland Excavating LLC | Gabler Grassed Waterway / MDV | 207-15-56927-390-710 | \$ 9,145.41 |
| Northland Excavating LLC | Bid Bond - Gabler | 100-00-23172-000-000 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Eliza O Smith | Well Abandonment (WA-2021-07) | 207-15-56924-390-703 | \$ 400.00 |
| Register of Deeds | Water Quality Trading Agreement | 207-00-23174-000-000 | \$ 30.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 26,067.23 |

Deposits

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

| Vendor | Description | Date | Account Number | Amount Deposited |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/1/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 905.00 |
| Alvin Kohlhepp | NTD-21-34 | 11/1/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 226.00 |
| Tarheel Dairy | NTD-21--35 | 11/1/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 570.00 |
| David Bailey | Tree Sales | 11/2/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 150.00 |
| Dennis Boda | Tree Sales | 11/3/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 30.00 |
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/5/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 415.00 |
| Jeremy Hollister | Tree Sales | 11/8/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 175.00 |
| William Gabler | NTD-21-38 | 11/8/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 226.00 |
| Steve Strey | NTD-21-37 | 11/6/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 370.00 |
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/10/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 500.00 |
| Scott Brown | NTD-21-39 | 11/11/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 298.00 |
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/12/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 240.00 |
| DNR State of Wisconsin TRM Grant | WT Tech Asst. | 11/15/2021 | 207-15-43586-000-719 | \$ 5,273.11 |
| Paul Pendergast | Tree Sales | 11/18/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 80.00 |
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/18/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 250.00 |
| William Gabler | NTD-21-40 | 11/18/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 250.00 |
| Matt Keyes | Tree Sales | 11/19/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 135.00 |
| Pretasky Rentals | SW-21-07 (Accent Paint) | 11/19/2021 | 100-15-46820-000-000 | \$ 765.13 |
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/22/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 725.00 |
| Multiple | Tree Sales | 11/29/2021 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 870.00 |
| Greg Stanek | NTD-21-42 | 11/29/2021 | 207-15-46820-000-720 | \$ 74.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 12,527.24 | |



Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
Agricultural Resource Management Division
2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911
Madison WI 53708-8911
Phone: (608) 224-4648 or (608) 224-4610

**Soil and Water Resource
Management Program**

DATCP Received: 11/30/2021

Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement

Submit transfer requests no later than
December 1st of the grant year

| | | |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Grant Year: <u>2021</u> | Fund Type: <u>Bond</u> | TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRANSFER: <u>\$22,011</u> (whole dollars only) |
| County Transferring Cost-Share Funds: <u>Eau Claire</u> | | County Receiving Cost-Share Funds: <u>Chippewa</u> |

It is understood and agreed that:

- Bond and SEG revenue funds for conservation practices allocated to counties for the grant year indicated above may be transferred from, or to, any county consistent with the terms in the annual grant contracts and ss. ATCP 50.28 (as modified by department waiver), 50.34 and 50.36. A county may not transfer redirected cost-share funds originally awarded as an annual staffing grant.
- The county transferring the cost-share funds ("Transferring County") certifies that it has an uncommitted portion of its cost-share allocation equal to or greater than the transfer amount listed above, has not previously extended the grant funds which are the subject of the transfer, and has approval of its Land Conservation Committee to make these funds available for transfer.
- The county receiving the cost-share funds ("Receiving County") certifies that it has made a commitment to use the transferred funds on one or more specific projects, and has the approval of its Land Conservation Committee to accept the transferred funds for cost-sharing on the specific projects.
- The Transferring County agrees to the transfer of funds in the amount listed above to the Receiving County to be used to cost-share projects involving appropriate practices.
- The transfer must be approved by DATCP, consistent with the recommendation of the Land and Water Conservation Board. DATCP will not approve a transfer that exceeds the Transferring County's current available cost-share grant allocation as shown in DATCP's records for the grant year indicated above.
- DATCP is authorized to modify the allocation plan and amend the grant contracts for the Transferring and Receiving Counties to carry out the terms of this AGREEMENT.
- The counties signing this AGREEMENT are responsible for tracking their cost-share balances and accurately calculating transfer amounts. Reimbursement requests submitted to DATCP will be processed in accordance with the revised cost-share amounts authorized by this AGREEMENT. Reimbursement request(s) submitted by either the Transferring County or Receiving County that would create an overage of the revised cost-share grant allocation will not be paid.
- Funds transferred by this Agreement to the Receiving County may be extended into the subsequent grant year for the same project, subject to s. ATCP 50.34(6).

Gary G. Lee
LCC Chair, County Board Chair, Executive, or Administrator from Transferring County

11/22/21
Date

Ruby Salvey
LCC Chair, or County Board Chair, Executive, or Administrator from Receiving County

11.29.21
Date

After both the transferring county and receiving county have signed this agreement, the receiving county should e-mail it to: datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov

For DATCP use

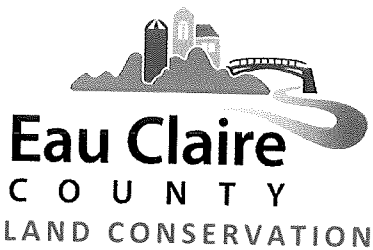
The LWCB recommended approval of this transfer of funds on November 30, 2021 (through its delegated representative Sara Walling) [Strike if this does not apply]

Approval of cost-share funds transfer of \$ 22,011.00 from Eau Claire County to Chippewa County to be reflected in the Final Allocation Plan for the grant year indicated above. This Agreement hereby serves as a fully executed amendment to the grant contracts of the two counties signing this Agreement for the grant year indicated above.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2021.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Sara Walling on behalf of
Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, Secretary



WELL ABANDONMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

LCD CSA #: WA - 2021-08

DATE RECEIVED: 11/16/2021

OWNER INFORMATION

| | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name: <u>Douglas W. Farmer</u> | | Phone Number: <u>(715) 334-2606</u> |
| Mailing Address: <u>513175 N. Center Rd.</u> | | |
| City: <u>Fairchild</u> | State: <u>WI</u> | Zip: <u>54741-8331</u> |
| E-mail Address: <u>dougandkayfarmer70@gmail.com</u> | | |

MUNICIPALITY

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Brunswick | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Drammen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairchild | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otter Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Seymour | <input type="checkbox"/> Union | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson |

WELL INFORMATION

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Type of Well: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drilled | <input type="checkbox"/> Dug | <input type="checkbox"/> Driven |
| Dimensions of Well: Diameter <u>6"</u> x <u>60'</u> Depth | | |
| Closure Plans: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chipped Bentonite | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Grout |
| Other: _____ | | |
| Bags of Material: <u>17</u> | Cost: \$ <u>600.00</u> | Reimbursement will be 50% of the abandonment up to \$400 |

AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING

As a Cost Share recipient, I agree to:

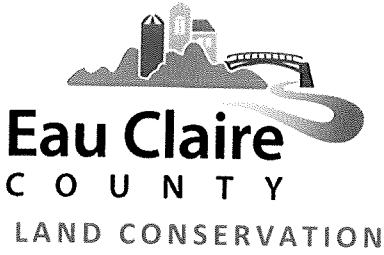
1. Properly abandon the well, in accordance with specifications and provisions of the Natural Resources Chapter of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
2. Provide evidence of abandonment, including the completed DNR Form 3300-5B, "Well/Drill Hole/Borehole Abandonment" and receipts for materials and labor.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: 11/16/2021

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Land Conservation Division
 Attn: Well Abandonment
 721 Oxford Avenue Suite 3344
 Eau Claire, WI 54703



**WELL ABANDONMENT
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

The County Agrees to Cost Share the Well Abandonment once receipts and proper certification have been received:

Land Conservation Commission Action: Approved Denied

LCC Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Total Project Cost \$ 600.00

Cost Share Rate 50%

Eligible Cost Share Amount up to \$400 \$ 300.00

****Form 3300-5B and receipts are attached**

The applicant has met all program requirements and is eligible to receive the cost share pay from Eau Claire County in the amount shown above:

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

OIUM WELL DRILLING
License #8217

N50021 MISSELL ROAD
PO BOX 96
STRUM, WI 54770

Invoice

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Date | Invoice # |
| 11/10/2021 | 5973 |

| |
|---|
| Bill To |
| DOUGLAS FARMER S13175 N CENTER RD FAIRCHILD, WI 54741 |

| | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Terms | Due Date | Project |
| Due on receipt | 11/10/2021 | WATER WELL 2021 |

| Qty | Description | Rate | Amount |
|-----|---|----------|----------|
| | RE: WATER WELL & PRESSURE SYSTEM INSTALLED AT S13175 N CENTER RD, TOWN OF FAIRCHILD, EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, FAIRCHILD WI | | |
| 60 | 60' 6" DRILLING | 20.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 33 | 33' ASTM A53B.280 USA STEEL CASING | 35.00 | 1,155.00 |
| 1 | 10" UPPER ENLARGED DRILL HOLE | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| 14 | 14 BAGS OF NEAT CEMENT GROUT POURED, MIXED, & PUMPED THROUGH TREMIE PIPE | 20.00 | 280.00 |
| 1 | 6" DRIVE SHOE (HARDENED) | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| 1 | SANITIZE/SAMPLE/REPORT | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| 1 | TEST PUMP & DEVELOP | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| 1 | TRAVEL/SET-UP/FUEL | 325.00 | 325.00 |
| 1 | VERMIN PROOF CODE APPROVED WELL CAP | 80.00 | 80.00 |
| 1 | STATE DNR PERMIT | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| 1 | EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PERMIT | 85.00 | 85.00 |
| | WELL ABANDONMENT & REPORT FILED WITH DNR | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 1 | 1/2 HP PRESSURE SYSTEM COMPLETE WITH 5 YEAR WARRANTY | 2,600.00 | 2,600.00 |
| | All systems include: Sta-Rite submersible pump - piping- pitless adapter - pressure tank (WX202) -tank tee - pressure switch - gauge - valves - sample faucet - boiler drain (all brass stainless or plastic underground) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Miscellaneous fittings - equipment - labor | | |
| | EXCAVATING - UP TO 25' | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| | ATRATZINE TESTING - REQUESTED BY CUSTOMER | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| | EAU CLAIRE SALES TAX | 5.50% | 0.00 |

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------|
| Thank you for your business. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice via cash, check, or credit card. | Total | \$7,850.00 |
| ACCOUNTS PAST 30 DAYS CHARGED 1.5% INTEREST PER MONTH | Payments/Credits | \$0.00 |
| | Balance Due | \$7,850.00 |

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Phone # | Fax # | E-mail | Web Site |
| 715-287-3525 | 715-695-3885 | oiumwell51@gmail.com | |



Eau Claire County
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND
 DEVELOPMENT**

Land Conservation Division
 227 First Street West, Altoona, WI 54720
 Phone: (715) 839-6226 ♦ Fax: (715) 839-6277
 www.co.eau-claire.wi.us

Housing & Community
 Development
 839-6240
 Emergency Services Management
 839-4736
 County Surveyor
 839-4742
 Planning & Development
 839-4743
 Building Inspection
 839-2944

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
 LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION (address above)
 QUESTIONS? CALL (715) 839-6226**

COST SHARE APPLICATION FOR WELL ABANDONMENT

NAME Ryan + Sheanne Hediger TOWNSHIP Washington
 TELEPHONE 715-429-0607 Section # NW-NE, Sect. 33
 LOCATION 8965 US 12, Fall Creek 1/4, 1/4 SECTION T27N, R8W

TYPE OF WELL (CHECK ONE): DRILLED DUG DRIVEN (SAND POINT)

DIMENSIONS OF WELL: 4" x 77'
 DIAMETER DEPTH

CLOSURE PLANS: MATERIAL (CHECK ONE): CHIPPED BENTONITE CONCRETE GROUT
 OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

BAGS OF MATERIAL: 11

ESTIMATED COST: \$ 400

(REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE 50% OF THE COST OF ABANDONMENT UP TO \$400.00)

AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING

- AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:
1. Properly abandon the well, in accordance with specifications and provisions of the Natural Resources Chapter of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
 2. Provide evidence of abandonment, including the completed Form 3300-5B, "Well/Drill Hole/Borehole Abandonment", and receipts for materials and labor.

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION
COST SHARE APPLICATION FOR WELL ABANDONMENT**

I request cost sharing for the Well Abandonment listed on Page 1 of this agreement and will provide the appropriate paperwork per the "Agreement for Cost Sharing":

SIGNATURE Shawn Hedejn DATE 11/24/21
ADDRESS 8965 US HWY 12 Fall Creek WI 54742
MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

THE COUNTY AGREES TO COST-SHARE THE WELL ABANDONMENT ONCE RECEIPTS AND PROPER CERTIFICATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:

APPROVED

DENIED

LCC MEMBER

DATE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCURRED BY APPLICANT:

\$ 400.00

COST SHARE RATE:

X 50 %

ELIGIBLE COST SHARE AMOUNT:

\$ 200.00

(Form 3300-5B and receipts are attached)

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Invoice

Invoice Number:
11855

Invoice Date:
Oct 6, 2021

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Ken Olson Well Drilling & Pump Svc, Inc
10224 20th Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54703

715-832-7272

Permit #215

Customer:

Ryan Hediger
8965 US Hwy 12
Fall Creek, WI 54742

Contractor:

Ryan Hediger
8965 US Hwy 12
Fall Creek, WI 54742

Customer ID

HEDIGER RYAN

We Cannot Guarantee
Quality or Quantity of Water

Payment Terms

DUE UPON RECEIPT

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price | Extension |
|----------|--|------------|-----------|
| 48.00 | Ft. of 6" steel casing & drill hole | 56.00 | 2,688.00 |
| 55.00 | Ft. of 6" drill hole below casing | 22.00 | 1,210.00 |
| 3.00 | Bentonite to seal around well casing | 15.50 | 46.50 |
| 1.00 | 6" drive shoe | 155.00 | 155.00 |
| 1.00 | Well development, Water test, chlorination, and test pumping | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 1.00 | 6" state approved well cap assembly | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| 1.00 | State and County Well Permit | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 1.00 | 1 HP 15 GPM Grundfos Constant Pressure System (see below*) | 4,250.00 | 4,250.00 |
| 1.00 | abandonment | 400.00 | 400.00 |

* Complete pump job excluding digging to basement:
15gpm constant pressure pump, transducer and CU-301 controller, Wall mounted manifold system, second check valve, 1" PVC schedule 80 drop pipe, cable guards pump wire, pitless adaptor, entrance pipe and wire (up to 20'), WX-101 pressure tank, valve, sample faucet, ready for plumber an electrician.

pd. Check 3449
Thank you!

Check No

Total Invoice Amoun

9,259.50

Payment Received

0.00

TOTAL

\$9,259.50

A service charge of 1-1/2% per month (18% per annum) will be added to all past due charges.
A 3% charge will be add to payments made by credit card.



**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

NAME David & Patricia Hermundson

PRACTICE Subsurface Drain (606)

TELEPHONE 715-864-1566

ADDRESS 2249 Hatch St, Eau Claire, WI 54701

PRACTICE _____

UNITS 5 each

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS:

| 1. | TOTAL: | MDV | DATCP COUNTY | GRANTEE |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | <u>40,318</u> | <u>34,682</u> | |
| | | X <u>75</u> % | X <u>0</u> % | X <u>25</u> % |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$ <u>6,500.00</u> | \$ <u>4,875.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>1,625.00</u> |
| ACTUAL COST: | \$ <u>11,800.⁰⁰</u> | \$ <u>4,757.48</u> | \$ <u>4,092.52</u> | \$ <u>2,950.⁰⁰</u> |

Any practice cost estimated to exceed \$25,000 requires bids. The Land Conservation Division (LCD) will obtain these.

2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

- A. Install the practice(s) listed above by November 1, 2021. If NOT installed by December 31, 2021, I understand that cost share funds shall be withdrawn and reallocated to other projects, unless the parties in writing agree to an extension. A Nutrient Management Plan must be developed within one year of installation of other practices.
- B. Notify Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division (LCD) staff immediately if I decide to withdraw from this agreement.
- C. Operate and maintain the practice(s) for a period of ten (10) years from the time of installation.
- D. Repay the full amount of cost share funds to Eau Claire County, if:
 - 1) The practice(s) is rendered ineffective during its ten (10) year life span due to an action or neglect on my part.
 - 2) A change in ownership, land use, or management occurs –unless the new owner agrees in writing to assume operation and maintenance of the practice(s) for the rest of the agreement period or it can be demonstrated a change in land use or management affecting the installed practice(s) will not result in deterioration of soil and water resources.
- E. Hire a contractor for practice(s) estimated to cost less than \$25,000.
- F. Provide at least three (3) days notice to the LCD office that installation will occur.
- G. Install the practice according to the design, standards, and specifications provided by the LCD staff.
- H. Submit all receipts to the LCD office. Payment will be made after inspection and certification from LCD staff that the practice(s) was installed and completed according to the design.

3. THE LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION AGREES TO:

- A. Provide technical assistance for design, construction, and inspection for the practice (s).
- B. Obtain bids for practices estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.
- C. Pay the cost share rate when the receipts are received and the practices (s) is certified complete.

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION
COST SHARE AGREEMENT (PAGE 2 OF 2)**

I request cost sharing for the practice(s) listed on Page 1 of this agreement and agree to install and maintain the practice(s) in accordance with the "Agreement Provisions" listed:

SIGNATURE: Patricia Hermundson DATE 9-27-2021

ADDRESS 2249 Hatch St Eau Claire WI 54701
MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION: **APPROVED** **DENIED**

[Signature] LCC CLERK 17 MAY 2021
LCC MEMBER DATE

[Signature] 17 Nov 2021 For COSTS EXCEEDANCE.
LCC APPROVAL REQUIRED IF UPDATED COSTS EXCEED 150 %

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Practice Subsurface Drain (606) Units Installed 2 each

The above practice(s) & units were installed according to the Standards & Specifications:

Chad Berge 10/21/21
Technician's Signature Date

Remarks: _____

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCURRED: \$ 11,800.00

| | <u>MDV</u> | <u>DATCP</u> <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>GRANTEE</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| COST SHARE RATE: | <u>X 40.318 %</u> | <u>X 34.682 %</u> | <u>X 25 %</u> |
| ELIGIBLE COST SHARE AMOUNT: | <u>\$ 4,752.48</u> | <u>\$ 4,092.52</u> | <u>\$ 2,950.00</u> |

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

[Signature] 17 Nov 2021
ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE DATE

From: [Gary Gibson](#)
To: [Greg Leonard](#)
Subject: Re: Authorization on this
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:16:38 PM
Attachments: [20211116121029309.pdf](#)

Just got home, left you a VM. Yes I do approve.

Thank You,
Gary Gibson
District 1 Eau Claire County Supervisor

On Nov 16, 2021, at 12:04 PM, Greg Leonard <Greg.Leonard@co.eau-claire.wi.us> wrote:

Hey Gary,

I just left you a voice mail. It is in relation to this previously approved agreement. Chad just handed this to me today. The cost exceeds what was previously authorized, but we have plenty of grant funds to cover this. As per our policy, we (you and I) can pre-approve this and then take it back through the next committee meeting.

Do you approve?

Thanks and have a great rest of your day, Greg

Greg Leonard

Land Conservation Manager

Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division

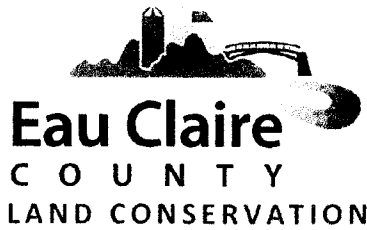
Planning & Development Department | 721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344 | Eau Claire, WI 54703

Phone: (715) 839-4784 | Fax: (715) 831-5802

Email: Greg.Leonard@co.eau-claire.wi.us

Web: [Eau Claire County Land Conservation](#) Facebook: [Eau Claire County Land Conservation](#)

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.” *Aldo Leopold*



**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

NAME ELK CREEK LAKE REHABILITATION + PROTECTION DISTRICT
 TELEPHONE (715) 797-4745 OR (715) 495-9926
 ADDRESS PO Box 1963, Eau Claire, WI 54702
 UNITS _____

PRACTICE ROCK LINED WATERWAY -468

 PRACTICE _____

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS:

| | | | | |
|----|------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | TOTAL: | <u>MDV</u> | COUNTY | GRANTEE |
| | <u>\$96,000</u> | <u>X 75 %</u> <u>UP TO</u> <u>\$ 2,259.17</u> | <u>X</u> _____ % | <u>X</u> _____ % |
| | ESTIMATED COST: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| | ACTUAL COST: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

Any practice cost estimated to exceed \$25,000 requires bids. The Land Conservation Division (LCD) will obtain these. *

2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

- A. Install the practice(s) listed above by March 1, 2022. If NOT installed by March 1, 2022, I understand that cost share funds shall be withdrawn and reallocated to other projects, unless the parties in writing agree to an extension. ~~A Nutrient Management Plan must be developed within one year of installation of other practices.~~
- B. Notify Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division (LCD) staff immediately if I decide to withdraw from this agreement.
- C. Operate and maintain the practice(s) for a period of ten (10) years from the time of installation.
- D. Repay the full amount of cost share funds to Eau Claire County, if:
 - 1) The practice(s) is rendered ineffective during its ten (10) year life span due to an action or neglect on my part.
 - 2) A change in ownership, land use, or management occurs—unless the new owner agrees in writing to assume operation and maintenance of the practice(s) for the rest of the agreement period or it can be demonstrated a change in land use or management affecting the installed practice(s) will not result in deterioration of soil and water resources.
- E. ~~Hire a contractor for practice(s) estimated to cost less than \$25,000. *~~
- F. ~~Provide at least three (3) days notice to the LCD office that installation will occur. *~~
- G. Install the practice according to the design, standards, and specifications provided by the LCD staff.
- H. Submit all receipts to the LCD office. Payment will be made after inspection and certification from LCD staff that the practice(s) was installed and completed according to the design.

3. THE LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION AGREES TO:

- A. ~~Provide technical assistance for design, construction, and inspection for the practice (s). *~~
- B. ~~Obtain bids for practices estimated to cost \$25,000 or more. *~~
- C. Pay the cost share rate when the receipts are received and the practices (s) is certified complete.

* - These services are being provided by Dunn County Land & Water Conservation

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION
COST SHARE AGREEMENT (PAGE 2 OF 2)**

I request cost sharing for the practice (s) listed on Page 1 of this agreement and agree to install and maintain the practice(s) in accordance with the "Agreement Provisions" listed:

SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* DATE 11-25-2021
 ADDRESS PO Box 1963 EAU CLAIRE CITY WI STATE 54702
MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION: | | <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED | <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| LCC MEMBER | | DATE | |
| LCC APPROVAL REQUIRED IF UPDATED COSTS EXCEED _____ % | | | |

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Practice _____ Units Installed _____

The above practice(s) & units were installed according to the Standards & Specifications:

Technician's Signature **Date**

Remarks: _____

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCURRED: \$ _____

| | COUNTY | GRANTEE |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| COST SHARE RATE: | <u>X</u> _____ % | <u>X</u> _____ % |
| ELIGIBLE COST SHARE AMOUNT: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

 ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE DATE

Greg Leonard

From: Smith, Katy A – DATCP <Katy.Smith@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 7:40 AM
To: Greg Leonard
Cc: Tim Wucherer
Subject: RE: FPP signing authority

WARNING!! This email originated outside Eau Claire County. Do not click any links or attachments unless you know the sender.

Hi Greg & Tim,

I don't see anything in ATCP 50.16 that would preclude you from requesting that the Agronomist position (instead of a specific person) have the authority to act in the capacity as the LCC's designee for signing CoCs, NoNs, and Cancel NoNs. The concept of a designee first comes up in the note under ATCP 50.16(1). It's a clever approach as long as the LCC agrees.

Give me a shout if you have any other questions!

Thanks,
Katy Smith
608-224-4621
Katy.Smith@wisconsin.gov

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Visit our survey at <http://datcp.w>

From: Greg Leonard <Greg.Leona
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 20
To: Smith, Katy A – DATCP <Katy.S
Cc: Tim Wucherer <Tim.Wuchere
Subject: FPP signing authority

ATCP 50.16 Farmland preservation program; conservation standards compliance. (1) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided in par. (d) and sub. (2), a landowner claiming farmland preservation tax credits shall comply with the standards and practices in s. ATCP 50.04.

Note: The soil and water conservation standards are promulgated by the department under ss. 92.05 (3) (c) and (k), 92.14 (8), and 281.16 (3) (b) and (c), Stats. See also s. 91.80, Stats. A county land conservation committee or its designee determines whether a landowner is in compliance with conservation standards. A determination of compliance is one component of the requirements a landowner must satisfy to claim a farmland preservation tax credit. Landowners are responsible to determine whether they meet all the eligibility requirements to claim the benefits of compliance.

Good afternoon Katy,

Back in 2017 when Amanda started in Eau Claire County, we had the LCC give her authority to sign required FPP documents (CoC, NoN, etc.). Now that Amanda has left our office, we need to give authority to our new Agronomist, Tim Wucherer.

My question is can we have the LCC give authority to the position? This would allow us to automatically transfer that signing authority to the new person in the position.

Let me know what you think. I need to put this on our next LCC agenda.

Thanks and have a great rest of your day, Greg



Greg Leonard

Land Conservation Manager
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839-4743
Building Inspection
839-2944

August 14, 2017

Katy Vosburg – Farmland Preservation Program Manager
Bureau of Land & Water Resources - Division of Agricultural Resource Management
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53708

RE: Farmland Preservation Program signatory authority

Katy,

On behalf of the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission (LCC), I would like to provide you with an update of persons authorized to sign on behalf of the Eau Claire County LCC in relation to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program.

Eau Claire County LCC, at the August 14, 2017 meeting, made a motion to authorize Amanda Schultz, Conservation Technician II-Agronomist, to sign Certificates of Compliance, Notice of Non Compliance, and Cancellation of Notice of Non Compliance forms for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. This action was carried.

Please note that authority was previously granted to Greg Leonard, and he will continue to have this authority in his new role as the Land Conservation Manager.

If you have any questions in regards to this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Leary, Eau Claire County LCC Chair

Item 10: Cost-share policy revision to incorporate economic hardship

We've had several manure pit closures within the county over the past several years; these are considered a high priority. However, when these pits are at properties that are no longer part of an active farm, there can be an increased financial burden in order to close them.

LCD staff is proposing changes to cost share rates from 75% to 90% for manure pit closures, when there is expressed financial hardship (ie. Land owner retired/no longer farming, bankruptcy, etc.).

The DATCP requirements for the increase in cost share follow [Wisconsin Legislature: ATCP 50.42\(4\)](#)

- (4) ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. A landowner of a farm operation qualifies for economic hardship treatment if all the following apply:
- (a) A certified public accountant or accredited financial institution certifies all the following to the county land conservation committee, based on a farm financial statement prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles:
 - 1. The landowner is unable to make the cost-share contribution normally required of a landowner under sub. (1).
 - 2. The landowner will be able to pay the balance of the cost to install the cost-shared practice if the landowner receives cost-sharing at the economic hardship rate.
 - (b) The landowner certifies, in a sworn affidavit to the county land conservation committee, that the landowner has provided to the certified public accountant or accredited financial institution under par. (a) a full and true disclosure of the landowner's financial condition, including a copy of the landowner's latest federal tax return. The landowner shall make the affidavit on a form provided by the department.
- (5) REVIEW OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DETERMINATION. The department may review of an economic hardship determination under sub. (4). The landowner and the person certifying the economic hardship shall make available for department inspection or copying, at the department's request, documents used to support the economic hardship determination. The department may invalidate a determination that fails to comply with standards under sub. (4).
- Note:** The department will not copy records inspected under sub. (5) unless the department contests the validity of a determination under sub. (4) based on those records. If it becomes necessary for the department to copy records under sub. (5), the department will seek to protect those records from public disclosure.
- History:** CR 01-090: cr. Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10-1-02; CR 08-075: am. (2) (b) to (d) Register April 2009 No. 640, eff. 5-1-09; CR 13-016: cr. (1) (bm), (dg), (dr), am. (4) (intro.) Register February 2014 No. 698, eff. 5-1-14; CR 16-083: am. (2) (g) Register January 2018 No. 745, eff. 2-1-18.

These requirements can be difficult to obtain if the landowner is not an active farm without a CPA. In addition, most banks won't "certify" that an individual will, or can, pay unless they have a line of credit.

This recommended revision to our cost-share policy is not to alter the cost share rate of DATCP funds, but allow our office to use other funding sources to increase the cost share rate to 90% in order to close manure pits that are no longer being use. Examples of funding sources include County Levy funds or Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) funds.

There are approximately 4 pits that are in our records system that have not been evaluated as to whether they are in use or not. These pits, if no longer being used, are a high priority for proper closure.



Eau Claire County Conservation Cost Share Program

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION



1. Objectives: The Primary Objectives of this program are:

- A. To provide for the wise use of appropriated public funds for conservation of our natural resources.
- B. To provide financial incentives to install needed conservation practices.
- C. To reduce soil erosion and improve water quality in Eau Claire County.

2. Policies:

A. Administrative:

The program oversight will be provided by the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission (LCC) and supervised by the Land Conservation Division (LCD) staff.

B. Technical Assistance:

LCD staff will provide technical assistance for the survey, design, construction supervision, and certification of installed practices. All practices installed must meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Standards and Specifications as described in the Technical Guide.

C. Applicant Eligibility:

- i. All landowners and projects within Eau Claire County are potentially eligible for this program.
- ii. Any eligible applicant will have the opportunity to request cost sharing regardless of race, sex, creed, color, age, national origin, or handicap.

D. Eligible Projects & Priority:

- i. The following practices are eligible for cost-sharing and ranked as "High" or "Low" priority based on significance of reducing erosion or pollution, or bringing a site into compliance with the Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions contained within Chapter 17.04. (Other practices described in the NRCS Technical Guide must be approved by the LCC to be eligible):

| <u>Practice</u> | <u>Priority</u> |
|---|-----------------|
| Grassed Waterways, Diversions & Crossings * | High |
| Erosion Control Structures (rock chutes, dams, grade stabilization, etc.) * | High |
| Stream Bank Protection (rip rap, fencing, crossings, sloping & seeding) | High |
| Contour Strip Cropping | High |
| Well Abandonments | High |
| Fuel Storage Containments | High |
| Barnyard Run-off (filter walls, filter strips, roof run off management, land shaping, concrete) # | High |
| Cattle Waterers | High |
| Managed Grazing Systems | High |
| Manure Storage Facilities | High |
| Manure Storage Abandonments | High |
| Nutrient Management (590) Plans | High |
| Critical Area Treatment | Low |
| Tree Planting & Windbreaks | Low |
| Woodland Fencing | Low |

* 50% of the uplands must be treated (cropland to "T", woodlands protected from grazing) to prevent filling in of these practices
 # Must have significant runoff, as determined using the "Barny" runoff model.

- ii. Cost sharing is NOT authorized for: portable irrigation pumps and equipment, building or modifications to buildings, wildlife ponds, spreading animal waste, no-till planting, black dirt/top soil mining in waterways, practices installed for the operator's convenience, or for installation of practices that have started prior to Land Conservation commission (LCC) approval.
- iii. Emergency repairs, contour strips and well abandonments up to \$1,000 may be approved by the LCD manager prior to LCC approval. *(update May 2020: Additional approval authorization was granted. See Resolution, page 5.)*
- iv. A Nutrient Management (590) Plan is required for barnyard systems approved under this program and/or barnyard and livestock facilities. The Nutrient Management Plan must be signed by a certified plan preparer and implemented by the cost share recipient, effective July 1, 1995.

E. Cost Share Rates & Limits:

- i. Cost share rates and limits are as follows:
 - 1. All projects: 75% maximum cost share rate on the total project cost, excluding those listed as follows:
 - a. Strip cropping, tree planting, Nutrient Management (590) Plans, and fencing can be based on a unit rate, such as acres or rods and are consistent with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP) rates.
 - b. Fuel storage: 50% cost share rate, up to a \$500 maximum payment.
 - c. Well abandonment materials and labor: 50% cost share rate, up to a \$400 maximum payment.
- ii. Cost sharing may be authorized for projects signed up under Federal or State Cost-Share Programs. Maximum cost share will not exceed rates and limits listed above.
- iii. Eau Claire County LCC cost containment procedures will be followed.

F. Variances

The LCC may authorize a variance from these policies when, upon showing by the applicant, unnecessary hardship would result from being denied cost share funds. The granting of a variance for unnecessary hardship must be based on findings by the LCC that:

- i. The plight of the applicant is due to unique circumstances and not to the general conditions of the area, and;
- ii. The conditions authorized by the variance will not have significant off-site impacts.

G. Practice Lifespan, Maintenance, Restoration & Payback

- i. Practice lifespan is a minimum of ten years.
- ii. The practice will be maintained by the property owner for its lifespan. Random spot checks will be made by the LCD staff to determine if the practice is being operated and maintained for the purpose intended.
- iii. Restoration of the practice may be authorized by the LCC for cost sharing where the practice was installed with cost sharing from this program and failed for reasons beyond the control of the landowner.
- iv. Cost share payback will be required if the practice is not maintained for the designated lifespan. The payback amount will be determined by the LCC based on the extent to which

- the practice is deemed non-functional. If ownership, land use, or management changes during the practice lifespan, payback of the amount cost-shared will be required, unless:
- a. The new owner, in writing, will assume operations and maintenance of the practices.
 - b. It is demonstrated that the change in land use or management will not increase soil erosion or deteriorate water quality.

3. PROCEDURES

A. Servicing

- i. The LCD will screen application for eligibility and feasibility.
- ii. Within one month of application, the LCC will review applications and staff recommendations. The LCC may approve, deny, or request additional information at that time. Cost estimates will be included with applications.
- iii. Applicants will be notified in writing of the LCC's decision regarding their request.

B. Construction Supervision & Compliance Check

- i. All cost share projects must be supervised during construction by LCD staff. All construction must follow the design standards and specifications.
- ii. LCD staff will conduct a construction check when the project is completed to verify compliance with the design.

C. Certification & Payment

- i. LCD staff will certify that the project is complete and has met standards and specifications. Any exceptions must be approved by the LCC.
- ii. The applicant must submit all bills and/or receipts to the LCD Manager for payment. County procedures will be followed to process payment.
- iii. Partial payment may be made provided the landowner has signed an agreement to complete the practice in the next program year.

D. Extensions

- i. Applicants may request an extension, in writing, if they were unable to install their approved project during the calendar year they signed up in. Extensions will be granted for one year.
- ii. The Manager will cancel projects for which extensions have not been filed or approved. The Manager may also cancel projects at the landowner's request.

E. Annual Report

The LCD will submit to the LCC and the Eau Claire County Board an annual report containing the following:

- i. Number and types of practices installed.
- ii. Total cost share amount for each project.

F. Records & Documents

All records, documents, field notes, design, and certification information for each project will be kept on file in the LCD Office.

G. Other

The LCC may review and amend these policies and procedures as deemed necessary. Current NRCS or WI DATCP policies may be used as guidelines in reviewing policies and procedures.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission (LCC) Chair, or LCC Vice-Chair, with the Land Conservation Division (LCD) Manager to act on behalf of LCC to approve Cost-Share applications for the installation of Best Management Practices.

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County LCC has adopted Soil and Water Conservation Requirements and Agricultural Performance Standards for the protection and improvement of the soil and water resources of Eau Claire County; and

WHEREAS, installation of Conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs) often utilize federal, state, and county funds available through cost-share programs which require approval of the Eau Claire LCC; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County LCC authorizes the LCC Chair or LCC Vice-chair, in addition to the Land Conservation Manager, to act on behalf of the Eau Claire County LCC to:

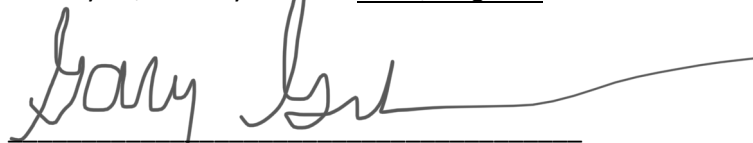
- Approve and enter into cost-share agreements, including those which may contain economic hardship provisions, utilizing federal, state, or county funds within the cost-share program guidelines and granting authority;
- Approve and enter into cost-share agreement amendments which require LCC approval;
- Authorize cost-share payment to landowner/operator after payment is requested, evidence of contractor payment by landowner/operator has been received, and grantee has verified proper BMP installation;
- Sign and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation;
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Conservation Manager will report all actions taken under this authorization to the LCC at their next meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eau Claire County LCC shall comply with all state and federal laws, regulations and permit requirement pertaining to the installation of BMPs and to fulfillment of any grant document provisions.

ADOPTED:

I certify that the foregoing correctly represents the action taken by the undersigned commission on May 18, 2020 by a vote of 8 for, 0 against.



Gary Gibson, Chair
Land Conservation Commission



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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(608) 441-2677 · Fax: (608) 441-2676 · wisconsinlandwater.org

December 10, 2021

Eau Claire County Land Conservation
Division
721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dear Supervisor Gibson & Land Conservation Manager Leonard,

We are grateful for your past support of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water), which has allowed us to continue to evolve into one of the most effective conservation organizations in the state. Going forward, we pledge to continue to serve and represent your department and your committee by providing the highest level of service. As such, I would like to ask you to please consider renewing your membership with WI Land+Water in 2022. An invoice indicating forthcoming dues for 2022 membership is attached.

In the past year, your Association has acted as a strong voice for county conservation, ensuring elected officials understand the value and importance of our shared work, and continuing to build practical partnerships with agricultural and conservation groups alike, in support of our conservation priorities.

WI Land+Water is proud of its 2021 accomplishments, achieved in spite of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, which has challenged many of our in-person events. Some highlights include:

- Leading an effort, along with our members and partners, to secure much-needed increases in the state biennial budget for county conservation staff funding. Through the DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Program budget, county conservation departments will receive an additional \$2,065,900 in 2021-22, and \$2,315,900 in 2022-23.
- Hosting our 68th Annual Conference, but our first-ever “virtual” one, attended by over 400 conservation professionals and highlighted by a keynote address from Oklahoma farmer and soil health guru Jimmy Emmons.
- Launching a Climate Resilience Program to support counties in adapting to and preparing for climate impacts.
- Unveiling a new website that will better meet our members’ needs, including the one-stop-shop “Members Hub” that houses a searchable membership directory, events calendar, on-demand trainings, information for committees and area associations, and much more.
- With DATCP support, WI Land+Water’s Conservation Training Program provided professional development and training opportunities to over 2,000 participants through holding 25 webinars, one in-person tour, and one Area Interagency Training Committee training, as well as 23 SITCOM Conservation Training e-newsletters.



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- Wisconsin Envirothon, coordinated by WI Land+Water, plans to hold an in-person Envirothon in 2022. After organizing our first virtual event in 2021 we are excited to engage more schools in 2022. Dues from the counties will help us reduce our registration costs for schools for Envirothon 2022 and reach new schools that have never participated before. Your support helps us bring this one-of-a-kind competition to schools across the state and engage students in conservation education.
- The Standards Oversight Council (SOC), coordinated by WI Land+Water, implements a collaborative process and encourages broad public input to improve the quality and implementation of statewide conservation standards. In 2021, SOC teams completed five new standards: DNR 1008 Permeable Pavement, and NRCS 395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 582 Open Channel, and 584 Channel Bed Stabilization. In 2022, we expect ongoing teamwork to be substantially completed for DNR horizontal directional drilling and high-performance dry storm water basins standards, and NRCS conservation crop rotation and windbreak-shelterbelt establishment and renovation standards.

In 2021, decision-makers in Wisconsin will continue to examine legislative and policy approaches toward pressing issues such as water quality improvement, farmland and working lands preservation, and building a more resilient landscape. The expertise contained in county conservation departments and committees is instrumental to offering solutions to these challenges, and many more. It will be critical for us to continue to present a consistent, unified voice in advocating for locally led conservation, and the protection of natural resources.

With your membership dues payment, you ensure that WI Land+Water can continue to provide the resources and support needed to implement the local priorities identified in your Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and can promote (at both the federal and state levels) LCCs and LCDs as the primary local delivery mechanism to bring conservation practices to the land and landowners.

Thank you, again, for your support. Please feel free to contact me with questions or if there is something we can do to make WI Land+Water a more valuable resource for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Krueger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Krueger, Executive Director



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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| TO: |
| Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division 721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344 Eau Claire, WI 54703 |

Invoice

Please remit total amount due to the letterhead address. If your records differ from ours, please call Penny Pohle at (608) 441-2677 immediately.

| | | INVOICE NO. | DATE | TERMS |
|---|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Tax ID # 39-1448749 | | 1518-2022 | 12/10/2021 | Due 03/03/2022 |
| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | QTY | RATE | AMOUNT |
| County Dues | 2022 WI Land+Water Dues | N/A | N/A | \$1784 |
| Envirothon | <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$55 dues (or more) for Wisconsin Envirothon. | N/A | N/A | \$ _____ |
| SOC | <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$350 dues (or more) for the Standards Oversight Council. | N/A | N/A | \$ _____ |
| GLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$50 dues (or more) for the Great Lakes Committee. | N/A | N/A | \$ _____ |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ _____ |
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