

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Ricky Strauch, Glory Adams, Heather DeLuka, Tami Schraufnagel, Missy Christopherson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Solie

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Liz Fagen and Holly Kuhl – Land Conservation Division; Rod Eslinger– Planning and Development

OTHERS PRESENT: KaYing Vang – USDA-NRCS, Michele Skinner – Lake Altoona, Lia Landowski – Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator - Beaver Creek Reserve

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, Strauch, Adams, DeLuka, Schraufnagel, and Christopherson were present. Solie 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 September 20, 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 September expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

The following Cost-Share applications were presented for approval.

Darrin & Amy Nelson – Well Abandonment - \$124.43 (County Levy Funds), \$124.42 (Landowner funds)

Scott Geske – Nutrient Management Plan - \$6,520.00 (DATCP – SEG funds)

The following Cost-Share application was previously approved, but the cost has exceeded the original approval. The updated request is as follows:

Larry Sprague – Waste Facility Closure - \$11,208.40 (DATCP-bond funds), \$800.60 (County Levy funds),
\$4,003.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve the new and updated cost-share agreements. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

8) Transfer of 2021 DATCP SEG funds to Chippewa County– Discussion/Action

Chippewa County has requested SEG funds to provide cost-share assistance for a Chippewa County farmer’s nutrient management plan which includes farmland within Eau Claire County. The balance of uncommitted SEG funds available to transfer is \$1,016.00. Chippewa County has already authorized the transfer.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to authorize the transfer of \$1,016.00 of DATCT SEG funds to Chippewa County. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

9) Aquatic Invasive Species program agreement with Beaver Creek Reserve – Discussion/Action

Beaver Creek Reserve provided Lake Monitoring and Protection Network programming utilizing DNR grant funds for Eau Claire and surrounding counties. Lia Landowski, Beaver Creek Reserve, provided an update of the first year of this program. The grant application for 2022 is now available.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to enter into a cooperative agreement with Beaver Creek Reserve acting as a designated agent to provide Lake Monitoring and Protection Network programming. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

10) NACD donation/dues– Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to authorize \$125.00 payment to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for 2022. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

11) Conservation Technician-Agronomist position update – Discussion

Eslinger and Leonard provided an update to the recruitment. Interviews have been completed.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** EPA grant was discussed.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** A one-year extension has been requested from DNR for the Large Scale project; the Small Scale project will require an administrative extension request.
- c) **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** Staff are finalizing distribution of MDV funds.
- 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 will meet on Wednesday of this week with several new properties to consider with the Parks and Forestry Department.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Vang reported the EQIP sign-up deadline is November 19. CRP sign-up is complete with many native plantings included. Leonard reported some of this year’s CRP native planting projects utilized the No-Till drill for establishment.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) **UW-Extension:** No report.

13) Future Agenda Items.

EPA grant ideas and Conservation awards will be on the agenda.

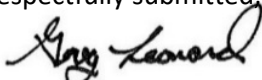
14) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

15) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk