

**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.

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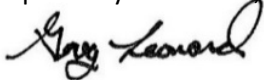
13) Set Date for next meeting

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