

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 Time: 1:00 P.M.

via remote access **ONLY.*

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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 December 20, 2021 meeting minutes **pages 2-3**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update **pages 4-5**
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements **pages 6-11**
8. Cost-share policy revision to incorporate economic hardship **page 12**
9. Farmland Preservation Program Golden Triangle AEA agreement **pages 13-19**
10. Cooperative Service Agreement Between Eau Claire County and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Aphis) Wildlife Services **pages 20-21**
11. Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee (COC) membership on LCC **pages 22-23**
12. Land & Water Resource Management Plan update
13. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
 - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition **page 24-25**
 - 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 **pages 26-27**
 - g. DNR-Forestry **pages 28-29**
 - h. UW-Extension
14. Future Agenda items
15. Set date for next meeting
16. Adjourn

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 2021

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Dean Solie, Glory Adams, Heather DeLuka, Tami Schraufnagel, Missy Christopherson, Ricky Strauch.

Members Absent: (none)

Staff Present: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, Tim Wucherer, and Holly Kuhl – Land Conservation Division; Rod Eslinger and Jared Grande – Planning and Development

Others Present: KaYing Vang – USDA NRCS; Ryan Peaslee – WI DNR; 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 November 15, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The November expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

7) Bond fund transfer to Chippewa County – Discussion/Action

Chippewa County will be able to utilize the available extra DATCP Bond funds. Transferring these funds to Chippewa County will prevent penalization within the granting award system.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the transfer of \$22,011.00 DATCP Bond funds to Chippewa County. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

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

The following Cost-Share applications were presented for approval.

- Douglas W. Farmer – Well Abandonment - \$300.00 (County Levy funds), \$300.00 (Landowner funds)
- Ryan & Sheanne Hediger – Well Abandonment - \$200.00 (County Levy funds), \$200.00 (Landowner funds)
- David & Patricia Hermundson – Subsurface Drains - \$4,092.52 (DATCP Bond funds), \$4,875.58 (MDV funds), \$2,950.00 (Landowner funds)
- Elk Creek Lake Rehabilitation & Protection District – Rock Lined Waterway - \$2,259.17 (MDV funds), \$93,740.83 (USDA and private funds)

The Elk Creek project is located on land within Dunn County. Dunn County Land and Water Conservation is assisting with design and installation of the project. The project will stop sediment from being deposited into Elk Creek Lake, which is in both Dunn and Eau Claire Counties.

ACTION: Motion by Christopherson to approve the cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

9) Farmland Preservation Program signatory authority – Discussion/Action

The Land Conservation Commission (LCC) has authority granted by ATCP 50.16 to determine conservation standards compliance for Farmland Preservation Program participants. In the past, the LCC has designated named staff members to be the designee to determine compliance. As staff members leave, new staff members must be reauthorized. DATCP is agreeable to the approach of designating staff positions.

ACTION: Motion by Solie to designate the Land Conservation Manager and the Conservation Technician-Agronomist positions to determine conservation standards compliance for Farmland Preservation Program participants. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

10) Cost-share policy revision to incorporate economic hardship – Discussion/Action

DATCP cost-share policies typically allow 70% cost-share for installation of Conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs). Eau Claire County policies allow up to 75%, which allows an additional 5% cost-sharing on top of the DATCP rate of 70%. ATCP 50.42(4) allows DATCP cost-share to increase to 90% for Economic Hardship if demonstrated as within ATCP 50.42. These specific requirements can be difficult for some landowners to meet. Staff are exploring the possibility to incorporate changes into the county policies to allow similar cost-sharing for proper closure of manure storage facilities. Funding could come from local levy or Multi-Discharger Variance funds.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to have staff work with Corporation Counsel to propose eligibility guidelines and bring proposed language revisions to the next meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

11) Approve County Membership to WI Land+Water and contribution to Wisconsin Envirothon – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve 2022 WI Land+Water \$1,784.00 dues, and \$55.00 for Wisconsin Envirothon and \$50.00 for the Great Lakes Committee, motion carried on a voice vote, 8-0-0

12) Land & Water Resource Management Plan update: Discussion

Staff have internally began organizing data for the plan update, with meetings to begin after the first of the year.

13) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The Coalition continues to meet remotely.
- **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** No report.
- **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** MDV funds were included in cost-share approvals.
- **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Payment is being processed for completed portions.
- **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee continues reviewing properties with Parks and Forestry.
- **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Vang reported on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).
- **DNR-Forestry:** Peaslee reported on activities with private lands.
- **UW-Extension:** No report.

14) Future Agenda Items.

Follow up on Cost-share policies.

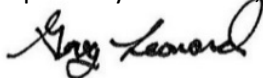
15) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

16) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:58 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.

December
Invoices

Vendor	Description	Account #	Amount
Voyager	Fuel	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 125.30
Register of Deeds	Water Quality Trading Agreement	207-00-23174-000-000	\$ 30.00
RM Schlosser Excavating LLC	City of Augusta Water Quality Trading Project (Erdmans)	207-15-57410-200-000	\$ 122,518.50
Douglas Farmer	WA-21-08	207-15-56924-390-703	\$ 300.00
Ryan and Sheanna Hedig	WA-21-09	207-15-56924-390-703	\$ 200.00
		Total	\$ 123,173.80

Deposits

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

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited
Multiple	Tree Sales	12/2/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 360.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	12/3/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 785.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	12/7/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 420.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	12/10/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 510.00
Southside EC Properties	SW-21-08	12/13/2021	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 3,050.00
Troy Myher	Tree Sales	12/14/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 30.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	12/17/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 195.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	12/20/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 520.00
Carmelita Hogan	Tree Sales	12/22/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 45.00
Willie Henning	Tree Sales	12/27/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 80.00
			Total	\$ 5,995.00

Land Conservation Division 2022 Bills

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

January

Vendor	Amount	Description	Account
National Association of Conservation District	\$ 125.00	2022 NACD Dues	100-15-56922-324-000
WI Land+Water	\$ 1,889.00	2022 WI Land+Water Dues	100-15-56922-324-000
WI Dept. of Financial Institu	\$ 20.00	Notary - Liz	100-15-56920-324-000
American Associates Notari	\$ 34.90	Notary Seal - Liz	100-15-56920-310-000
Country Today	\$ 52.00	Country Today Renewal	100-15-56922-320-000
Awards&More	\$ 137.58	Conservation Awards	100-15-56922-326-000
Amazon	\$ (19.91)	Office Supplies - Return	100-15-56920-310-000
Amazon	\$ 49.79	Office Supplies	100-15-56920-310-000
Total:	\$2,288.36		

2021 Bills:

Vendor	Amount	Descripition	Account
Voyager	\$ 214.56	Fuel	21-100-15-56920-330-000
Total Bills Pain in January:	\$214.56		
Total	\$2,502.92		

Deposits

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

Vendor	Amount	Description	Account	Date
Multiple	\$ 560.00	Tree Sales(2021 Revenue)	21-100-15-46810-000-701	1/3/2022
Marc Strangfeld	\$ 170.00	NTD-21-41 (2021 Revenue)	21-207-15-46820-000-720	1/3/2022
Hoeft Builders, Inc.	\$ 35,000.00	Huntsinger Farm Grain Site Financial Assurance (SW-21-05)	21-100-00-23172-000-000	1/4/2022
Multiple	\$ 705.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/7/2022
Multiple	\$ 2,115.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/11/2022
Scott Insteness	\$ 35.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/11/2022
Multiple	\$ 919.50	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/19/2022
Shirley Stassel	\$ 290.00	EC-21-30	22-100-15-46820-000-000	1/19/2022
Cliff Properties LLC	\$ 1,831.00	SW-22-01	22-100-15-46820-00-000	1/20/2022
Multiple	\$ 120.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/20/2022
Multiple	\$ 275.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/21/2022
Multiple	\$ 850.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/24/2022
Multiple	\$ 610.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/26/2022
Multiple	\$ 823.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/27/2022
Multiple	\$ 400.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/28/2022
Multiple	\$ 1,955.00	Tree Sales	22-100-15-46810-000-701	1/31/2022
Total:	\$ 46,658.50			

**WELL ABANDONMENT
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

LCD CSA #: WA - 21-10

DATE RECEIVED: 12/17/2021

OWNER INFORMATION

Name: <u>BRIAN CARLSON (ACTING AS AGENT FOR OWNER)</u>		Phone Number: <u>715-226-9911</u>
Mailing Address: <u>3307 31ST AVE</u>		
City: <u>ELK MOUND</u>	State: <u>WI</u>	Zip: <u>54739</u>
E-mail Address: <u>BRIANCARLSONSELLSHOMES@GMAIL.COM</u>		

MUNICIPALITY

<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Brunswick	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Drammen	<input 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 checked="" 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>4"</u> x <u>94'</u> Depth		
Closure Plans: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chipped Bentonite	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Grout
Other: _____		
Bags of Material: <u>13</u>	Cost: \$ <u>655.⁰⁰</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: 12/11/2021

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: _____

[Handwritten Signature] - LCC CLERK

Date: 21 DEC 2021

OFFICE USE ONLY

Total Project Cost	\$ <u>655.00</u>
Cost Share Rate	50%
Eligible Cost Share Amount up to \$400	\$ <u>327.50</u>

****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: _____

H & H Plumbing LLC

Invoice

P.O. Box 10
 200 Bremer Avenue Suite D
 Colfax, WI 54730
 (715)962-4155

Date	Invoice #
12/7/2021	22366

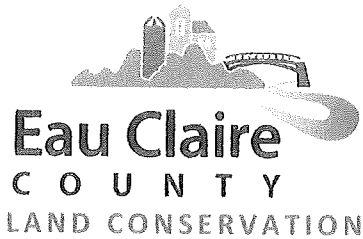
Bill To
Brian Carlson

P.O. Number	
Terms	Due on receipt

Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount
1	Well	Abandon Well located at 3515 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI Well Abandonment (Lump Sum)	655.00	655.00

*PO
 Check # 125
 12/9/2021*

Thank you for your business.	Subtotal	\$655.00
	Sales Tax (5.5%)	\$0.00
	Total	\$655.00



WELL ABANDONMENT
COST SHARE AGREEMENT

LCD CSA #: WA - 02

DATE RECEIVED: JAN 24 2022

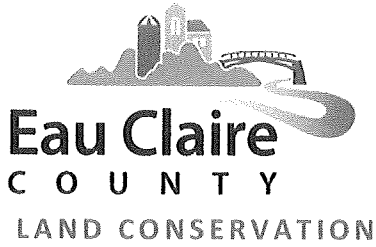
OWNER INFORMATION			
Name: <u>Stephen J. BARKA</u>		Phone Number: <u>715 579 5576</u>	
Mailing Address: <u>S7720 Sunrise Dr.</u>			
City: <u>Fall Creek</u>	State: <u>WI</u>	Zip: <u>54742</u>	
E-mail Address: <u>Sbarka2001@yahoo.com</u>			

MUNICIPALITY					
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Brunswick	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Drammen	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairchild	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln
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Closure Plans: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chipped Bentonite <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Grout <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Bags of Material: <u>16 bags</u>	Cost: \$ <u>900.00</u> Reimbursement will be 50% of the abandonment up to \$400

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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: <u>Stephen Barka</u>	Date: <u>01/19/2022</u>

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LCC Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Total Project Cost	\$ _____
Cost Share Rate	50%
Eligible Cost Share Amount up to \$400	\$ _____
**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: _____	



31569 150th Ave.
Cornell, WI 54732

Invoice # 153

Office: 715-667-3050
Mike: 715-577-1438 • Matt: 715-225-9766

Customer: Stephen Barka
Address: S 7720 sunrise Dr
City: Fall Green State WI Zip 54742
Telephone: _____

Qty	Discription	Total
①	Fill and seal existing well File paper work to the state	
	16 bags of bentonite	\$800.00
	1 hour of labor	\$100.00
	total	\$900.00
Thank You		TOTAL 900.00

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.



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Division of Agricultural Resource Management
P.O. Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911
(608) 224-4633

Farmland Preservation Program (ch. 91, Wis. Stats.)

**Modification of a Farmland Preservation Agreement
APPLICATION FORM**

EXISTING AGREEMENT NUMBER: 00648

APPLICANT (LANDOWNER) INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT AND SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE) (CORRECT LEGAL NAME OF LANDOWNER(S)):

MATTHEW D & DEBRA A KRENZ

APPLICANT STATUS (CHECK ONE):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LLC | <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRUST OR ESTATE | _____ |

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

MAILING ADDRESS: E 10645 W HILLSDALE DR, FALL CREEK, WI 54742

TELEPHONE: (715) 877-3413 **EMAIL IF ANY:** MATTANDEBBIEKRENZ@YAHOO.COM

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide reasonable clarification and documentation if needed. I understand that a material misrepresentation or omission in this application may be grounds for denying this application, for voiding a farmland preservation agreement created in response to this application, and for recovering any tax credits paid pursuant to the voided agreement.

Signed and certified this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Applicant/Authorized Representative (and spouse if applicable):

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

AFFECTED LAND:

FARM LOCATION:

PARCEL TAX ID #*	¼¼	¼	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES IN PARCEL	ACRES TO BE ENTERED	MUNICIPALITY
1802422608344200002	NW	SE	34	26N	8W	6.66	6.66	TOWN OF WASHINGTON
1802422608344300002	SW	SE	34	26N	8W	0.57	0.57	TOWN OF WASHINGTON
1802422608344400001	SE	SE	34	26N	8W	28.1	28.1	TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Please attach a copy of the most recent property tax statement for each affected tax parcel(s), to verify tax parcel number (ID # is the number used by register of deeds for recording documents). Attach additional sheet, if necessary.

REQUIRED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF COVERED LAND:

Please attach a copy of the farmland preservation agreement previously recorded on this land. Also attach all recorded documents showing the legal description of land sold from the original agreement.

REQUIRED MAP SHOWING FARM (AND COVERED LAND IF LESS THAN ENTIRE FARM):

Please attach the most recent aerial photo indicating land to be included, with parcel lines shown and/or most recent plat book map with parcels identified and structures and natural features indicated.

OTHER OWNERS, IF ANY:

NOTE: All owners must sign this application and the farmland preservation agreement.

OTHER OWNER NAME (PRINTED): _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

OTHER OWNER NAME (PRINTED): _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

LAND CONTRACTS, IF ANY:

NOTE: Land contract sellers must sign this application and the farmland preservation agreement, acknowledging that their interest is subject to the agreement.

LAND CONTRACT SELLER NAME(S) (PRINTED): _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

KEY CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

- Tax credits are paid as a flat amount per acre of covered land (\$5 per acre or \$10 per acre if the land is also covered by farmland preservation zoning).
- Landowners must pay a conversion fee, as provided in s. 91.66(1)(c), Wis. Stats. (2009), to release land from their agreement.
- Once an agreement is modified, landowners must comply with the state soil and water conservation standards in effect on the date the modified agreement is signed in order to claim tax credits on the covered land.
- Land covered by a Modified Agreement is restricted to the following uses as defined in Chapter 91, Wis. Stats.:
 1. Agricultural uses.
 2. Accessory uses.
 3. Undeveloped natural resource and open space uses.
 4. Minor pre-existing uses.

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Submit the complete application to the Land Conservation Department, or appropriate office, of the county in which the farm is located. The county will review for compliance with the law and submit an original copy of the county-approved application to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Check below to indicate the following have been included:

- APPLICATION FORM. *Please make sure that the application includes all required signatures.*
- PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT(S). *Please attach a copy of the most recent property tax statement for each affected tax parcel(s), to verify tax parcel number (ID # is the number used by register of deeds for recording documents).*
- LEGAL DESCRIPTION(S). *Please attach a copy of the farmland preservation agreement previously recorded on this land. Also attach all recorded documents showing the legal description of land sold from the original agreement.*
- MAP(S) SHOWING COVERED LAND. *Please attach the most recent aerial photo indicating land to be included, with parcel lines shown and/or most recent plat book map with parcels identified and structures and natural features indicated.*

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY:

County official checks appropriate box, signs, and distributes copies as shown below *within 60 days* after applicant files complete application with the County Clerk:

- COUNTY APPROVES.** By checking this box, the county finds that the land covered by this application meets the requirements for a modified farmland preservation agreement. The county also verifies that it has inspected the farm to confirm compliance with the soil and water conservation standards required in the existing agreement.

- COUNTY DISAPPROVES.** By checking this box, the county finds that this application fails to meet the requirements for a modified farmland preservation agreement.

For the County of _____ . Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Authorized signature: _____

Title: _____

NOTE: County distributes signed copies as follows (only if approved) and keeps a copy for its own records:

- *Original copy* to DATCP at the following address (if county *approves* application):
 - Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
 - Agricultural Resource Management Division
 - WORKING LANDS-Farmland Preservation Program
 - PO Box 8911
 - Madison, WI 53708-8911



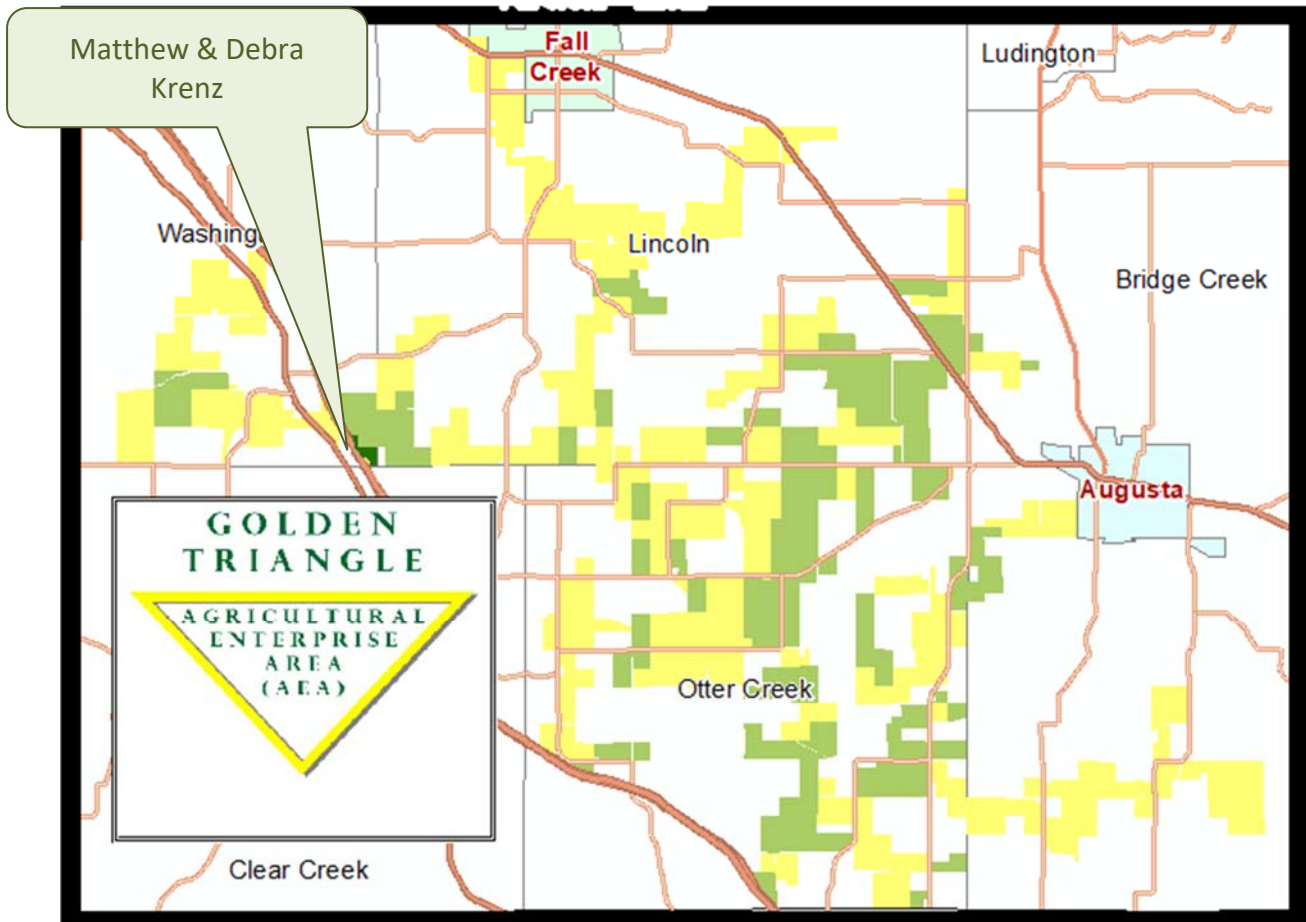
Farmland Preservation Golden Triangle AEA Agreement Application
Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division Staff Recommendation

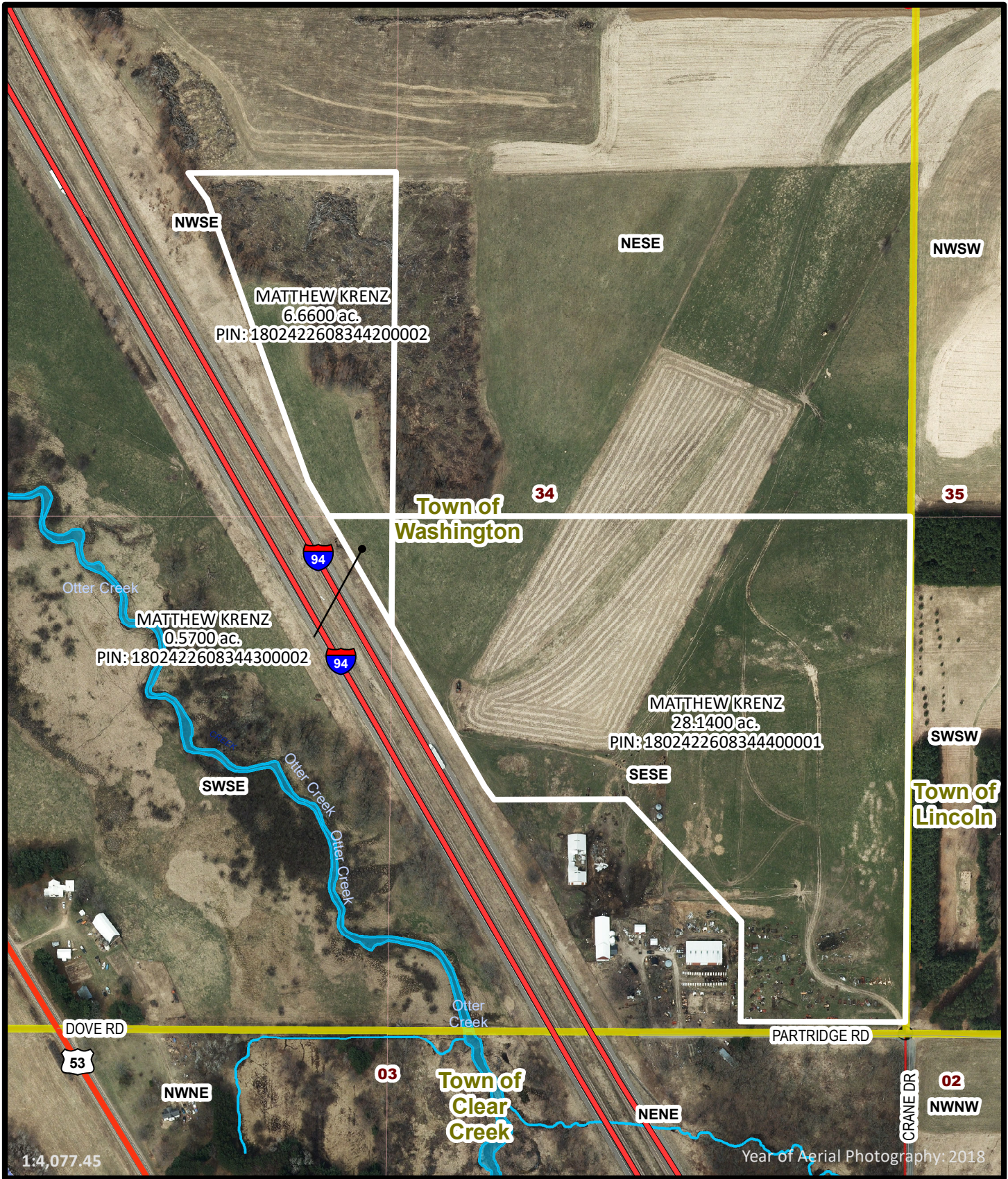
Staff Contact: Tim Wucherer, Conservation Technician II-Agronomist
Date: February 16, 2022
Applicant: Matthew and Debra Krenz
Life Estate holder: (none)
Land Contract holder: (none)
Total farm acres: 555.90 (Zoned AP, all within the AEA)
Acreage of application: 35.33
Excluded acres: (none)

Summary: This farm operated by the owner and is currently a dairy operation. Plans during the term of the Farmland Preservation Agreement (15 years) include maintaining the dairy operation.

Staff Recommendation: This farm is in compliance with the State's Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions, is within the Farmland Preservation area of the Eau Claire County Farmland Preservation Plan and is within the Golden Triangle AEA.

Staff recommends approval of the application.



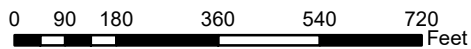


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 Land Conservation Division
 Planning & Development
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 Phone: (715) 839-6226
 Fax: (715) 831-5802
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Matthew and Debra Krenz

Address: E10645 W Hillsdale Dr, Fall Creek, WI 54742
 Phone Number: (715) 877-3413

35.37 acres
 Tax Credit: \$10/ac



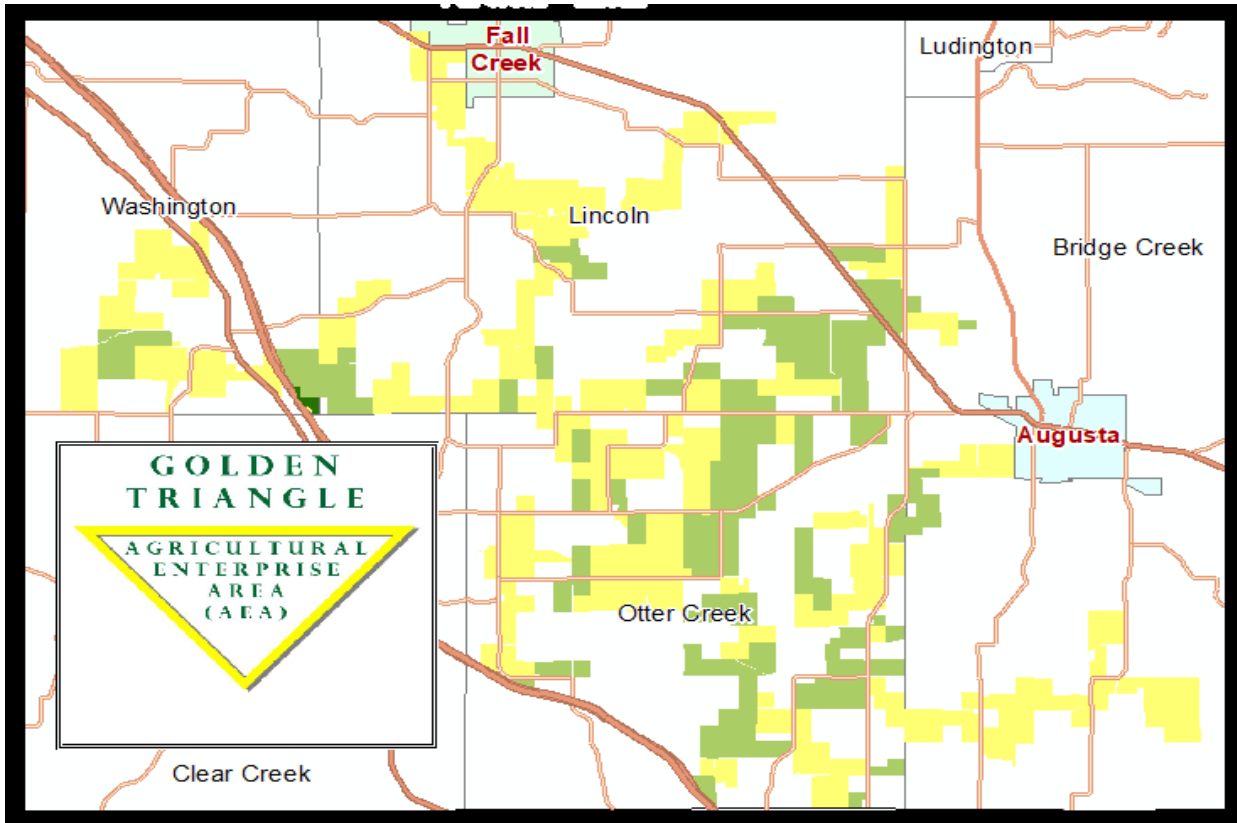


**Farmland Preservation
Golden Triangle AEA
Agreement Application Summary**

LCC meeting date: Monday, February 21, 2022

	Number of applications	Total Acres	Acres in AP zoning	Non-AP Acres	Increase in Tax Credit to Local Farms
Previous totals:	31	7,015.666	6,730.229	285.437	\$18,252.76
This month:	1	35.370	35.370	0.000	\$353.70
Grand Total:	32	7,618.273	7,292.466	290.437	\$20,226.08

Total Acres within the AEA: 21,786
 Percentage of AEA under Agreements: 34.97%



LEGEND	
Golden Triangle AEA	Yellow
New Agreement Applications	Green
Existing Agreements	Light Green

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT
between
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)
WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this agreement is to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project as described in the attached Work Plan.

ARTICLE 2

APHIS-WS has statutory authority under the Acts of March 2, 1931, 46 Stat. 1468-69, 7 U.S.C. §§ 8351-8352, as amended, and December 22, 1987, Public Law No. 100-202, § 101(k), 101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. § 8353., to cooperate with States, local jurisdictions, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions while conducting a program of wildlife services involving mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases, or animal species that are injurious and/or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and human health and safety.

ARTICLE 3

APHIS-WS and the Cooperator agree:

1. The Cooperator will provide payment at the time of service to "USDA, APHIS" in the amount of **\$1,000.00**.
2. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
3. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent APHIS-WS from entering into separate agreements with any other organization or individual for the purpose of providing wildlife damage management services exclusive of those provided for under this agreement.
4. The Cooperator certifies that APHIS-WS has advised the Cooperator there may be private sector service providers available to provide wildlife damage management services that the Cooperator is seeking from APHIS-WS.
5. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
6. The cooperating parties agree to coordinate with each other before responding to media requests on work associated with this project.

ARTICLE 4

This agreement is contingent upon the passage by Congress of an appropriation from which expenditures may be legally met and shall not obligate APHIS-WS upon failure of Congress to so appropriate. This agreement also may be reduced or terminated if Congress only provides APHIS-WS funds for a finite period under a Continuing Resolution.

ARTICLE 5

Pursuant to Section 22, Title 41, United States Code, no member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement or to any benefit to arise there from.

ARTICLE 6

APHIS-WS assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 USC 1346(b), 2401(b), 2671-2680). This agreement is not a procurement contract (31 U.S.C. 6303), nor is it considered a grant (31 U.S.C. 6304). In this agreement, APHIS-WS provides goods or services on a cost recovery basis to nonfederal recipients, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This agreement shall become effective January 1, 2022 and shall continue until December 31, 2022. This agreement may be amended or terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Further, in the event the Cooperator does not, for any reason, provide necessary funds, APHIS-WS is relieved of the obligation to provide services under this agreement.

As required by Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996:

Cooperator's Tax ID No.: Not Needed
APHIS-WS's Tax ID: 41-0696271

Eau Claire County LCC Chair
721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344
Eau Claire, WI 54703
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Dan Hirschert, State Director
USDA, APHIS, WS
P.O. Box 1064
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 369-5221

Cooperator Signature Date

APHIS-WS State Director's Signature Date

WORK PLAN

Wildlife Species: Black bear

Description of Damage: Identified black bear damage to agricultural crops

Location: Agricultural lands in Eau Claire County

Services Provided: The County will verify the occurrence of bear damage to agricultural resources and ensure that eligible producers are enrolled in the WDACP. Producers must be enrolled to receive program services. Once verified, agricultural bear damage complaints will be referred directly to USDA-WS by the County for implementation of trapping and relocation services.

Effective Dates

The work performed shall commence January 1, 2022 and shall end on December 31, 2022.

**FINANCIAL PLAN
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
2022**

Cost Element		Full Cost
Personnel Compensation		\$722.00
Travel		\$0.00
Vehicles		\$95.00
Other Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$18.00
Equipment		\$26.00
Subtotal (Direct Charges)		\$861.00
Pooled Job Costs [for non-Over-the Counter projects]	11.00%	\$0.00
Indirect Costs	16.15%	\$139.00
Aviation Flat Rate Collection		\$0.00
Agreement Total		\$1,000.00
The distribution of the budget from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement but may not exceed: \$1,000.00.		

Financial Point of Contact/Billing Address:

Cooperator Name

Greg Leonard
Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division
721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344
Eau Claire, WI 54703
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APHIS-WS State Office

Tina Stott, Budget Analyst
USDA-APHIS-WS
732 Lois Dr.
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
(608) 837-2727

January 24, 2021

Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission
721 Oxford Ave.
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dear Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission,

My name is Justin Burchett and I am the County Executive Director for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency in Eau Claire, Chippewa, Rusk, and Sawyer Counties.

Until very recently, the USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee (COC) always sent a member of the COC to the local Land Conservation Committee (LCC), or its equivalent, to serve as a representative from FSA and to act as a liaison.

Recently, this perspective of our relationship was clarified by our State Office and the Office of General Counsel. The COC member sent to the local LCC is not present at LCC meetings as a Farm Service Agency (FSA) liaison, and in fact should not be viewed or credited as an FSA representative in any way. Rather, per Wisconsin Statute 92.06, the COC member sent by the COC Chairperson is a fully-fledged member of the local LCC, with all the voting privileges of members that come to that office by other means and being due the same payment and mileage reimbursements afforded other LCC members. It would be appropriate to regard them simply as representatives of agriculture in the county that may have a greater than average knowledge of FSA programs and services.

With the above information in mind, up until now these FSA COC members that are also LCC members would provide updates regarding FSA programs and services to the LCC during their meetings. However, it has been made explicitly clear to our agency that these individuals should not represent themselves as FSA representatives, and therefore it may not be appropriate for them to provide an update regarding FSA programs and services while acting as LCC members at your meetings.

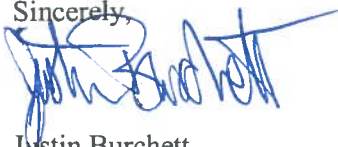
The local FSA COC would like to ensure that your LCC remains aware of the programs and services the USDA FSA makes available in your county, as well as the economic impact of those programs and services. To meet this need while avoiding any potential appearance or actual conflict of interest for COC members serving on the local LCC, I have determined it most appropriate for me to personally provide your committee with a quarterly update from FSA.

These updates may be provided in writing or in person. That said, I am available to appear and discuss any matter relating to FSA with the LCC upon request, with proper notice.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, the included FSA update, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly for clarification and/or assistance.

Thank you very much and have a great day.

Sincerely,



Justin Burchett

Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Rusk/Sawyer FSA County Executive Director

Phone: (715) 832-6547

Email: justin.burchett@usda.gov

MARCH 2022 WINTER WORKSHOP

FARMING PROFITABLY WITH COVER CROPS AND HEALTHY SOILS

TWO OPTIONS TO ATTEND - 10:00am to 2:30pm

MARCH 7 - AUGUSTA-BRIDGE CREEK FIRE STATION
745 Industrial Dr, Augusta, WI 54722

MARCH 9 - C.A.M. CENTER, THORP
W8872 Pine Rd, Thorp, WI 54771



LOCAL EXPERTS WILL PRESENT ON:

Pursuing Continuous Living Cover in WI Dairy Systems

Jason Cavadini, Agronomist, Extension Marshfield Area Research Station

Soil Health to Profitability

Paul Dietmann, Compeer Financial

Managing Soil Health & Manure on the Farm

Jamie Patton, Outreach Specialist, Extension Nutrient & Pest Management

— A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATIONS —

After lunch, attendees are invited to participate in a Q&A session with area farmers who will share their experiences in the field.

For meal count, please register by
calling Lisa Ruth at (715) 836-2918 or emailing lruth@wcvrwc.org



Eau Claire River
WATERSHED COALITION
Healthy Soils • Clean Water • Pass It On

This event is hosted by Clark and Eau Claire County Land Conservation and the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition, with support from the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

FARMING PROFITABLY WITH COVER CROPS AND HEALTHY SOILS

March 7th, 2022 | 10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Augusta-Bridge Creek Fire Department, 745 Industrial Dr., Augusta, WI 54722

10:00 Introduction

Greg Leonard, *Land Conservation Manager, Eau Claire Land Conservation Division*

10:05 Overview of Regenerative Agriculture Techniques

Jason Cavadini, *Agronomist and Assistant Superintendent, UW–Madison Div. of Extension, Marshfield Area Research Station*

10:55 Soil Health to Profitability

Paul Dietmann, *Senior Lending Specialist, Compeer Financial*

11:45 Lunch

12:30 Managing Soil Health & Manure on the Farm

Jamie Patton, *Senior Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Div. of Extension, Nutrient and Pest Management Program*

1:20 Panel Featuring Local Farmers

2:20 Wrap Up

(from Justin Burchett, FSA County Executive Director)

- New County Committee Members took office at the beginning of January.
 - Eau Claire County
 - Harley Hutchinson (new member)
 - Chippewa County
 - Pamela Licht (re-elected)
 - Rusk/Sawyer County
 - David Trott (re-elected)
 - Scott Pasanen (new member)
- January 31st is the deadline to submit an application for payment for 2021 losses for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (also known as ELAP). ELAP provides financial assistance to producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, Colony Collapse Disorder, and certain adverse weather events such as extreme cold and blizzards.
- January 31st is the deadline to request Marketing Assistance Loans for prior year wool and mohair and to request and/or submit eligibility documents for prior year wool, mohair, and unshorn pelt Loan Deficiency Payments. Marketing assistance loans or MALs provide interim financing at shearing time to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically low. Loan Deficiency Payments or LDPs are an alternative to MALs. An LDP is the difference the producer would have received if a loan was repaid at the lower market price, a direct benefit that does not need to be repaid.
- February 1st is the acreage reporting deadline for Maple Sap.
- February 4th is the deadline to sign up for the Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (also known as OTECP). This was extended from the previous deadline of January 7th. As a reminder, OTECP provides reimbursement for certified or transitioning organic operations for educational conferences, soil testing, program fees, and more.
- February 18th is the Dairy Margin Coverage and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage enrollment deadline. DMC provides eligible dairy producers with risk management coverage that pays producers when the difference between the price of milk and the cost of feed falls below a certain level.
- February 25th is the deadline to apply for the Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP). SMHPP provides assistance to hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale from April 16, 2020 through Sept. 1, 2020.
- March 15th is the deadline to apply for the Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) program, which assists agricultural producers when commodity prices are low.
- We are awaiting the announcement of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Sign-up, which should be coming soon. Continuous CRP is ongoing. Both programs assist agricultural producers and landowners with transitioning cropland into conservation planting practices while retaining the ability to earn an annual rental payment on the land.

- TOTAL USDA Farm Service Agency Program Payments to Producers During FY2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021), not including Commodity Loan Payments
 - Eau Claire County - \$7,407,294.67
 - Chippewa County - \$16,540,246.53
 - Rusk County - \$4,437,848.02
 - Sawyer County - \$956,329.33



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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Thank you for your participation in the WI Deer Donation Program. Since it's establishment in 2000, over 3.8 million pounds of venison have been distributed to families in need across the state. Something we couldn't accomplish without our great network of venison donation partners. We appreciate your involvement and support and hope your staff and families have a safe, warm and happy Holiday Season!



Happy Holidays from
the WDNR.