

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary (arrived at 1:13), 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: (none)

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 December 20, 2021 meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 6-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The December 2021 and January 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.
(Leary arrived)

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

The following Cost-Share applications were presented for approval.

- Brian Carlson – Well Abandonment - \$327.50 (County Levy funds), \$327.50 (Landowner funds)
- Stephen Barka – Well Abandonment - \$400.00 (County Levy funds), \$500.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Solie to approve the cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

8) Cost-share policy revision to incorporate economic hardship

Staff are still exploring options to make determinations of eligibility for economic hardship.

9) Farmland Preservation Program Golden Triangle AEA agreement

Wucherer provided a staff recommendation for approval of the Matthew & Debra Krenz application for modification of a Farmland Preservation Agreement. The Krenzes have purchased an additional 35.33 acres and wish to include it in their existing agreement.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the agreement modification as presented, motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0

10) Cooperative Service Agreement Between Eau Claire County and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services

This agreement allows APHIS to provide black bear damage program assistance.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve the agreement, motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0

11) Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee (COC) membership on LCC

Correspondence from Justin Burchett, County Executive Director for FSA was reviewed. USDA-FSA County Committee members will not act as an FSA liaison.

12) Land & Water Resource Management Plan update

All staff were working on the plan update as a team in anticipation of an upcoming retirement. Liz Fagen announced she has taken an employment opportunity and her last day with Eau Claire County will be February 25. Staff are reevaluating the plan update process.

13) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The Coalition will be hosting 2 cover crop workshops.
- **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** No report.
- **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** No report.
- **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** Remaining practices are still scheduled for spring construction.
- **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee is discussing a potential property donation to the County.
- **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** FSA provided a written report.
- **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- **UW-Extension:** No report.

14) Future Agenda Items.

Follow up on Cost-share policies.

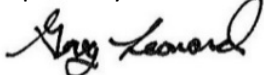
15) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

16) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk