

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES – December 16, 2021, 4:00 pm, Remote meeting via WebEx

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Sham Anderson, Glory Adams, Mark Kaeding, Anna Mares, Sarah Vitale

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Anderson, Mary Kenosian

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Steinbach and Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City/County Health Department), Regan Watts (Planning & Development)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Mohler (community member), Stacy Harbaugh (River Alliance of Wisconsin), Johnson Bridgwater (River Alliance of Wisconsin)

1. Call to order by Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunning at 4:02 pm.

2. Roll call of members present

A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Dunning confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4. Public Comment Period

Jane Mohler discussed her interest in contributing to items of concern in the area as a new resident with epidemiology and public health.

5. Review/approval of September 22, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Coffey/S. Anderson to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021 meetings as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

6. Presentation by Johnson Bridgwater (River Alliance of Wisconsin)

Bridgwater provided information on the opportunity to have a referendum placed on the April ballot and/or a county resolution asking the question “Should the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin?”

7. Resolution to Planning and Development, and the County Board, to place a Referendum on the April ballot for the “Right to Clean Water” – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Coffey/Vitale to forward a resolution to place a referendum on the April ballot for the “Right to Clean Water”. Members discussed what kind of data or planning for implementation/possible solutions would be required in bringing this to the board. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

8. Community septic systems policy - Discussion

Health Department staff shared basic background on community septic systems. Coffey shared information about concerns that have been raised about community septic systems regarding longevity, maintenance, assurance in the

case of failure. One community system is in place in the Trilogy development in Eau Claire County. Example policies for community systems exist from La Crosse and Waukesha.

9. Members, Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion/Action

- a. **Committee Members** – no report.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – no report.
- c. **Planning and Development**– no report.
- d. **Land Conservation**– no report.
- e. **Health Department** – Reported that Title 8 updates will be going forward to county board related to beekeeping, poultry, holding tanks for season occupancy structures, and changes to the well program delegation from the WDNR.

10. Set next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date was set for March 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Audrey Boerner
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