

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

MEETING MINUTES – March 17, 2022, 4:00 pm, Rm 1277, 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Sham Anderson, Glory Adams, Mark Kaeding, Anna Mares, Nathan Anderson, Mary Kenosian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Vitale

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard (Land Conservation Division), Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City/County Health Department)

OTHERS PRESENT: (none)

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

None.

5. Review/approval of December 16, 2021, meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Coffey/Kaeding to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, meetings as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

6. Staff updates

Leonard announced that Jared Grande, former Land Use Manager, has taken employment elsewhere. Ben Bublitz has taken the Land Use Manager position. Leonard also announced that Liz Fagen, former Environmental Engineer, has taken employment elsewhere. Recruitment for this position is ongoing. Finally, Leonard announced his planned retirement in July.

7. PFAS update

Mares reported that the DNR suggested PFAS action levels to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, but the recommendation was not well received. The Natural Resources Board desires to follow the EPA levels. The City of Eau Claire's high testing wells are being pumped to waste. The primary concern for the City is to provide safe drinking water and not groundwater protection. Private well owners in that area of Eau Claire can contact the DNR for further information.

8. Groundwater Quality and Quantity Studies

The groundwater quality and quantity studies suggested in the State of the Groundwater Report are still in need of

action. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be requested to assist with these studies. Boerner reported the Health Department is currently developing an application for enhancing the lab which would allow additional water testing. Leonard will contact Vitale to discuss additional application options.

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

- a. **Committee Members** – no further report.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – no report.
- c. **Planning and Development**– no report.
- d. **Land Conservation**– no further report.
- e. **Health Department** – no further report.

10. Set next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date was set for Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard, Land Conservation Manager
Groundwater Advisory Clerk