

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY JUNE 27, 2022

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Dean Solie, Glory Adams, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Jodi Lepsch, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent: (none)

Staff Present: Greg Leonard, Chad Berge, Christina Rauh, and Tim Wucherer – Land Conservation Division; Rod Eslinger – Planning & Development

Others Present: Jamie Kraklow – USDA-NRCS

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with all members present.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

None.

5) Review/Approval of May 16, 2022, meeting minutes

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

6) Staff updates

Eslinger announced that Chad Berge has been selected to replace Greg Leonard as the Land Conservation Manager. Berge will formally begin the assignment on July 5. Leonard introduced Christina Rauh as the new Environmental Engineer. Eslinger stated the upcoming vacancy of Berge's position will soon be posted.

7) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The May 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

No Cost-Share applications were previously authorized. The following Cost-Share application was presented for approval.

- Harley Hutchinson – Nutrient Management - \$916.00 (DATCP-NMFE funds-2021 extension)

Wucher explained this will commit the final amount of the Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) grant funds extended from 2021.

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

9) Update of Tree & Shrub and Native Plant sale program

The program report was reviewed.

10) Land Stewardship subcommittee policy update – Subcommittee size

The Land Stewardship subcommittee is wondering about the subcommittee size and the procedure to increase the size. The existing Land Stewardship Fund Policy and Procedures for Program Administration sets out the makeup of the subcommittee, but does not specifically mention the size. The consensus was to not dictate the size of the subcommittee as this may restrict it. If there is interest in an individual to be included in the subcommittee, this can be acted upon at the next meeting of the LCC. No action taken.

11) Land & Water Resource Management Plan update

Leonard and Berge provided a summary of the responsibilities for the plan drafting. Leonard will review/update the background data, and Berge with staff will continue with the goals sections. An additional LCC meeting next month may be needed to continue on the timeline for plan completion.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a. **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:** The tour for is June 29th in Eau Claire County, and another one will be held the day before in Clark County. Registration numbers are nice.
- b. **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** Small scale TRM project is scheduled for completion this year, and the Large scale project will terminate at the end of 2022.
- c. **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:** Funds have been received from participants and projects will be planned.
- d. **Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:** The project construction is completed, and required reports will be completed soon.
- e. **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** No further report.
- f. **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Jamie Kraklow introduced herself as the new Resource Conservationist for Eau Claire County. Tammy Lindsey is still the District Conservationist.
- g. **DNR-Forestry:** No report
- h. **UW-Extension:** No report

13) Future Agenda Items.

Budget updates and review the Land Stewardship Subcommittee request.

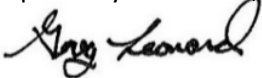
14) Set date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, August 1, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

15) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk