

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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, Jodi Lepsch, Missy Christopherson

Members Absent: Ricky Strauch

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Christina Rauh, Tim Wucherer, Zach Mohr – Land Conservation Division, Rod Eslinger (P&D)

Others Present: Kevin Stelljes (Land Stewardship Subcommittee), Candy Anderson (Mathy Construction)

1) Call to order by Chair

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

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 6 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

Berge introduced Zachary Mohr, the recently hired Conservation Technician I.

5) Review/Approval of August 1, 2022 and August 29, 2022, meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka 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 August 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

1:06 pm - Missy Christopherson arrived at the meeting.

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

No cost-share applications were previously authorized. The following cost-share applications were presented for approval:

- Ray Chapek – Well Abandonment - \$175.00 (County Levy Funds)
- Donald Steinke – Nutrient Management – \$1,000.00 (SEG) No action, agreement was previously authorized.
- Darin & Rachel Stanton – Nutrient Management - \$5,240.00 (SEG)

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

8) Proposed Resolution: File No. 22-23/059 Resolution accepting a land donation.

DISCUSSION: Kevin Stelljes provided a brief presentation describing the property, history, resolution, and an overview of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Leary posed a question as to the potential lost tax revenue. Stelljes estimated, after reviewing the current taxes, that approximately \$6,500.00 would be removed from the tax roll.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the resolution authorizing Corporation Counsel to enter into an agreement with Taylor Creek Development, Eau Claire Sand and Gravel, and Mathy Construction Co. to accept their offered donation of land. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

9) Review preliminary draft of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan

Berge led the review of the draft plan. None of the members had concerns regarding the draft plan.

10) Conservation Award nominees

Leary opened the discussion regarding conservation award nominees. It was requested by the members that a nominee bio be provided for the October meeting so the members could better vet the potential award nominees.

11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

Rauh attended the most recent meeting and provided an update.

b. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:

Berge provided an update that the LCD received an additional \$3,946.02 in staffing reimbursement and Regional Planning has closed the grant.

c. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

Projected 2023 funding according to the WI DNR is \$4,545.62.

d. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta:

Project is complete. Berge will provide a project review at a future meeting.

e. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

Mathy/Taylor Creek property donation moving forward with the Resolution being presented to the Committee on Parks and Forest on October 10, 2022, and the Committee on Administration on October 11, 2022.

f. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

No report.

g. DNR-Forestry:

No report.

h. UW-Extension:

No report.

12) Future Agenda Items.

Water Quality Trading presentation.

13) Set date for next meeting

The public hearing date to review the Land and Water Resource Management Plan is on October 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

The next LCC meeting was set for October 11, 2022, to be held immediately after adjourning from the public hearing. The November LCC meeting was set for November 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

14) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk