

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**  
**LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

**AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 203**

**227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Heather DeLuka, Dave Dresel, Dave Carlson, Joe Knight, Larry Jolivette, Kevin Stelljes  
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tony Brooks  
STAFF PRESENT: Chad Berge (Land Conservation Division – P&D), Dean Roth (P&D),  
Charles Ellefsen (Corporation Council), Josh Pedersen (Parks & Forest)  
OTHERS PRESENT: Candy Anderson (Mathy Construction)

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**1) Call to Order by Chair**

Chair Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm.

**2) Roll Call**

A roll call was taken; members present are as noted above. A quorum was present with 7 members.

**3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

**4) Public Comment Period**

No public comment.

**5) Approve Minutes of July 29, 2022, meeting**

**ACTION:** Motion by Knight to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

**6) Update on the Eau Claire River Climate Resilient Protection Project with Landmark Conservancy – Rick Remington**

**DISCUSSION:** Rick Remington could not make the meeting. Koziel and Stelljes provided historical background regarding the project. The project looks to focus on the area called the upper Eau Claire River Barrens, the area upstream of Lake Altoona along the Eau Claire River.

**7) Review of the Mathy/Taylor Creek property Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted by Ayres, Title Search and Broker's Opinion.**

**DISCUSSION:** Koziel opened the discussion by having Dressel review the Broker's Opinion. Anderson mentioned the opinion sounded reasonable and met the companies' expectations. Ellefsen provided an update on the title search. He mentioned he was approximately 75% through the search and wasn't finding any information that was concerning. Roth provided historical information that he found during the preparation of the land descriptions. Koziel requested comments from the members as it related to the ESA. None of the members had concerns after reviewing the ESA.

**8) Consideration of the Mathy/Taylor Creek Land Donation.**

**DISCUSSION:** Koziel opened the discussion for consideration of the Mathy/Taylor Creek development. Anderson reminded the group that in the final agreement the company will be harvesting some trees for the installation of fish sticks as required by their Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Permit. Ellefsen clarified that the land transfer will need to be approved by Administration and the County Board. Stelljes presented a resolution on behalf of the committee authorizing Corporation Council to enter into an agreement with Taylor Creek Development, Eau Claire Sand & Gravel, and Mathy Construction Company to accept their offered donation of land.

**ACTION:** Motion by Jolivette, second by Knight, approving the resolution submitted by the Land Stewardship Subcommittee to move the resolution forward to Corporation Council for review. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

**9) Review remote meetings policy.**

**DISCUSSION:** Berge reviewed the remote meetings policy.

**10) Properties being considered update.**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Five Star – No update.
- Anderson Property – Pedersen was contacted by a new realtor representing the owners.
- Heartland Property – Pedersen hasn't heard back from the company. He mentioned the company is conducting an internal study.

**11) Stewardship Fund Balance**

**DISCUSSION:** The fund balance was reviewed. A \$250 donation was presented to the committee from NEI as a memorial to the late Gary Gibson.

**12) Future agenda items.**

None presented.

**13) Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was set for Wednesday October 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

**14) Adjourn**

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, Subcommittee Clerk