

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent:

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

Others Present: Lia Landowski (Beaver Creek Reserve), Liz Osborne (WI DNR)

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

No comments.

5) Review/Approval of September 29, 2022, meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to approve minutes as presented along with a spelling change of “DeLuka” under agenda item #5. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The September 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

No cost-share applications were previously authorized or presented.

8) Review Lake Monitoring & Protection Network application and agreement with Beaver Creek Reserve.

DISCUSSION: Berge introduced Lia Landowski with Beaver Creek Reserve. Landowski offered to address any questions of the commission regarding the agreement. Schraufnagel was wondering if Beaver Creek Reserve could assist with the Lake Altoona algae issues. The consensus was Landowski’s role was not appropriate to assist with algae issues. Berge shared a comment from Corporation Council requesting that the roles and responsibilities in the agreement are reviewed and that the LCD ensures they can be met. Other than acknowledging the responsibilities, Corporation Council approved the agreement.

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve signing the contract with Beaver Creek Reserve with the condition of addressing Corporation Counsel’s concern regarding each parties’ responsibilities. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

9) Review and approval of Resolution 22-23/063 Approval of the 2022-2032 Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

DISCUSSION: Berge presented the following corrections to the plan:

1. Consideration of DeLuka comments.
2. Addition of an electronic link to the Eau Claire County MS4 Permit.
3. Addition of the Eau Claire County Stormwater Management Plan to “Related Plans” section.
4. Add a citations page to the appendix.

There were no further comments from the members regarding the Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve the 2022-2032 Eau Claire County Land and Water Resource Management Plan as presented including the following edits:

1. Consideration of DeLuka comments.
2. Addition of an electronic link to the Eau Claire County MS4 Permit.
3. Addition of the Eau Claire County Stormwater Management Plan to “Related Plans” section.
4. Add a citations page to the appendix.

Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

10) Review of the Land and Water Conservation Board questions pertaining to the 2022 Land & Water Resource Management Plan revisions.

DISCUSSION: The Land and Water Conservation Board questions were presented and reviewed by the committee.

11) Selection of Conservation Award nominees

DISCUSSION: The following 2022 Conservation Award nominees were selected by the committee:

Gordon & Joyce Waller: Conservation Farmer

Greg Leonard: Special Recognition

Wildlands School Founders: Special Recognition

Michele Skinner: Water Quality Leadership

The members discussed changing the Forestry award for 2023 to Forestry and Habitat Award.

12) National Association of Conservation Districts Membership Dues

DISCUSSION: The committee held a discussion regarding the membership and chose to participate as a bronze member donating \$115.00.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve the donation of \$115.00 to the National Association of Conservation Districts. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0.

13) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

Nothing to report.

b. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:

Berge provided an update.

c. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

Nothing to report.

d. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

Land donation resolution is moving through committees with the last committee voting October 11, 2022.

e. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

No report.

f. DNR-Forestry:

No report.

g. UW-Extension:

No report.

h. Beaver Creek Reserve

Landowski shared she has been awarded a grant to study mussels in local streams.

14) Future Agenda Items.

Water Quality Trading presentation.

15) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for November 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

16) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad Berge".

Chad Berge, LCC Clerk