

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday January 9, 2023 **Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Ag Resource Center, Room-103 & 104

227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

Join WebEx Meeting:

<https://eau Claire County.webex.com/eau Claire County/j.php?MTID=m1e6416b99d5dddef2c0ccfdc5d8c5243>

Meeting number: 25964710599, Password: VSi233K23JN

*Meeting audio can be listened to using this Audio conference dial in information.

Audio conference: 1-415-655-0001, Access Code: 25964710599##

For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Chad Berge at chad.berge@eau Claire County.gov at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of December 12, 2022, meeting minutes. (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-3**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update. (Discussion) **Page 4**
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements. (Discussion/Action)
8. Review of the 2022 and 2023 SWRM Grant balance (Discussion) **Page 5**
9. Consideration of the 2023 WI Land & Water Annual Dues (Discussion/Action) **Pages 6-8**
10. 2023 WI Land & Water Conference Overview (Discussion)
[Wisconsin Land and Water | Annual Conference \(wisconsinlandwater.org\)](https://www.wisconsinlandwater.org)
11. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates **Page 9**
 - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
 - b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program
 - c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
 - d. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - e. DNR-Forestry
 - f. UW-Extension
 - g. Beaver Creek Reserve
12. Future Agenda items
13. Set date for next meeting
14. Adjourn

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Dean Solie, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Glory Adams,
Ricky Strauch – arrived at 1:10 pm

Members Absent: Jodi Lepsch

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Christina Rau, Tim Wucherer, Zach Mohr – Land Conservation Division

Others Present: Liz Osborne (WI DNR), Lyssa Seefeldt (UW Extension)

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

No comments.

5) Review/Approval of November 14, 2022, meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion by Christopherson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 6-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The November 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

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

- Matt & Debra Krenz – Trails & Walkways - \$22,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Matt & Debra Krenz – Stream Crossing - \$2,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Roburt & Kristin Waldow – Stream Crossing - \$20,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)

Strauch arrived at 1:10 pm.

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

8) Review of the Land & Water Conservation Board Meeting – Heather DeLuka.

DISCUSSION: DeLuka led the discussion by providing a synopsis of the presentation presented by DeLuka and Berge. Heather mentioned the Board members were mainly interested in the completed Water Quality Trading Project and had clarifying questions regarding the project. The members unanimously recommended approval of the plan.

9) Lake Altoona County Park – Parking Lot Renovation Stormwater Review Comments

DISCUSSION: Rauh provided an update to the committee regarding the preliminary review of the Lake Altoona County Park Parking Lot Renovation Project. Rauh summarized by sharing that the City of Altoona has stormwater permitting jurisdiction. She shared that the plan does have some stormwater controls, which include catch basins and a biofilter.

10) Conservation Award recipients update.

DISCUSSION: Berge provided an update. All the recipients have been contacted and are planning to attend the County Board Meeting. Plaques are ordered and will be ready for the meeting.

11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

Rauh attended the previous meeting and provided an update to the LCC.

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

January 1, 2023 is the deadline to apply for the funds.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

The Land Donation Special Committee members were in attendance and scheduled the first meeting for January 11, 2023.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

No report.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No forestry report.

f. UW-Extension:

Seefeldt provided a program update.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

No report.

12) Future Agenda Items.

None.

13) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for January 9, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

14) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk

Land Conservation Division

2022 Bills and Deposits

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

December

Invoices

| Vendor | Description | Account # | Amount |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Jacobs Well Church | Financial Assurance Release | 100-00-23172-000-000 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Voyager | November Fuel | 100-15-56920-330-000 | \$ 176.09 |
| Dudley Smith | NMFE-2021 Extension | 207-15-56924-200-708 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | Partial Financial Assurance | | |
| Hoeft Builders Inc | Release | 100-00-23172-000-000 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| ECC Highway | November Fuel | 100-15-56920-330-000 | \$ 179.71 |
| Synergy Cooperative | NTD Labor& Service | 207-15-56930-370-720 | \$ 444.50 |
| Days Inn & Suites - Pcard | Chad Berge - LWRM Madison | 100-15-56920-340-000 | \$ 89.00 |
| Days Inn & Suites - PCard | Heather DuLuka - LWRM Madison | 100-01-51110-340-122 | \$ 89.00 |
| In-Situ - PCard | Refunds | 100-15-56924-368-000 | \$ (1,045.65) |
| Thunder Bay - PCard | Christina Rauh - Conference | 100-15-56920-340-000 | \$ 22.85 |
| Holiday Inn - PCard | Christina Rauh - Conference | 100-15-56920-340-000 | \$ 190.00 |
| Awards&More - Pcard | Conservation Awards | 100-15-56922-326-000 | \$ 262.64 |
| Fleet Farm - Pcard | CREP Supplies | 100-15-56920-390-000 | \$ 34.95 |
| In-Situ - PCard | River Gauges - Update Equip. | 100-15-56924-368-000 | \$ 1,351.00 |
| | Total | | \$ 42,794.09 |

Deposits

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

| Vendor | Description | Date | Account Number | Amount Deposited |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Rusty Brand | Tree Sales | 12/1/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 165.00 |
| Menards | EC-05-19 | 12/1/2022 | 100-15-46820-000-000 | \$ 244.90 |
| <i>Multiple</i> | Tree Sales | 12/2/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 530.00 |
| <i>Multiple</i> | Tree Sales | 12/5/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 910.00 |
| Kent Bauer | Tree Sales | 12/8/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 195.00 |
| <i>Multiple</i> | Tree Sales | 12/12/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 260.00 |
| Simon Borntreger | EC-22-30 | 12/12/2022 | 100-15-46820-000-000 | \$ 290.00 |
| Richard Arnold | Tree Sales | 12/14/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 200.00 |
| <i>Multiple</i> | Tree Sales | 12/16/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 335.00 |
| <i>Multiple</i> | Tree Sales | 12/21/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 220.00 |
| Paul Tubbs | Tree Sales | 12/22/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 195.00 |
| <i>Multiple</i> | Tree Sales | 12/27/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 365.00 |
| Michael Isaacson | Tree Sales | 12/29/2022 | 100-15-46810-000-701 | \$ 105.00 |
| Scott Bertrang | SW-22-09 | 12/29/2022 | 100-15-46820-000-000 | \$ 817.87 |
| | | | | |
| | | | Total | \$ 4,832.77 |



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December 9, 2022

Eau Claire County Land Conservation
Division
721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dear Supervisor Leary & County Conservationist Berge,

We are grateful for your past support of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water), which has allowed us to continue to evolve into one of the most effective conservation organizations in the state. Going forward, we pledge to continue to serve and represent your department and your committee by providing the highest level of service. As such, **I would like to ask you to please consider renewing your membership with WI Land+Water in 2023.** An invoice indicating forthcoming dues for 2023 membership is attached.

In the past year, your Association has acted as a strong voice for county conservation, ensuring elected officials understand the value and importance of our shared work, and continuing to build practical partnerships with agricultural and conservation groups alike, in support of our conservation priorities.

WI Land+Water is proud of our 2022 accomplishments. Some highlights include:

- Hosting our 69th Annual Conference, virtually attended by over 300 conservation professionals and highlighted by a keynote address from North Dakota farmer and soil health specialist Jay Fuhrer.
- Expanding our Conservation Training Program membership services by adding a new staff Statewide Training Coordinator position, funded by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Bolstering farm landscapes and livelihoods to withstand extreme weather events through our Climate Resilience Program. Along with other partners, our staff worked to plant 1,100 trees on a Monroe County farm, providing co-benefits that sequester carbon, increase animal comfort, build soil, and improve water infiltration. Similar work will occur in the coming years, supported by funding from the McKnight Foundation.
- Transitioning our newsletters to an electronic format that enjoys wide readership, allowing us to reach more people in telling the good stories of county conservation in action.
- Convening with “nontraditional” partners to advance our conservation policy goals, via the “Clean Water Initiative,” where we are collectively pursuing policy and legislative solutions to achieving clean water and resilient farms.
- Acting as a member of the Inter-Agency Water Quality Steering Group, comprised of leaders from the Wisconsin departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and UW-Madison Division of Extension.



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- With DATCP support, WI Land+Water's Conservation Training Program provided professional development and training opportunities to over 3,500 participants through holding over 40 webinars, 15 in-person trainings, and supporting 11 Area Interagency Training Committee trainings, as well as 23 SITCOM Conservation Training e-newsletters.
- Made exciting strides with our Youth Education Program, hosting a virtual Conservation Awareness Poster and Speaking Contest, a "hybrid" Wisconsin Envirothon, and launching a new conservation camp for middle schoolers, in partnership with UW Division of Extension's Upham Woods.
- The Standards Oversight Council (SOC) program, coordinated by WI Land+Water, continued to serve as an innovative model for facilitating the development of technical conservation standards. In 2022, we completed the DNR 1072 Horizontal Directional Drilling standard and facilitated related training. SOC teams are currently working on improvements to NRCS standards for conservation crop rotation and windbreaks and the creation of a new DNR standard for enhanced dry treatment systems. SOC also launched a new website to better communicate ongoing progress.

In 2023, decision-makers in Wisconsin will continue to examine legislative and policy approaches toward pressing issues such as water quality improvement, farmland and working lands preservation, and building a more resilient landscape. They will also determine via the 2023-25 state biennial budget the amount of financial support to provide to county conservation department staff, and related conservation programs. It is a critically important time for us to present a consistent, unified voice in advocating for locally led conservation.

With the support of your membership dues payment, WI Land+Water can continue to provide the resources and support needed to implement the local priorities identified in your Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and can promote (at both the federal and state levels) LCCs and LCDs as the primary local delivery mechanism to bring conservation practices to the land and landowners.

Thank you, again, for your support. Please feel free to contact me with questions or if there is something we can do to make WI Land+Water a more valuable resource for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Krueger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Krueger, Executive Director



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| TO: |
| Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division 721 Oxford Ave., Suite 3344 Eau Claire, WI 54703 |

Invoice

Please remit the total amount due to the letterhead address. If your records differ from ours, please call or email Isabelle Paulsen immediately.

| | | INVOICE NO. | DATE | TERMS |
|---------------------|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Tax ID # 39-1448749 | | 1518-2023 | 12/9/2022 | Due 03/03/2023 |
| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | QTY | RATE | AMOUNT |
| County Dues | 2023 WI Land+Water Dues | N/A | N/A | \$1835 |
| Envirothon | <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$55 dues (or more) for Wisconsin Envirothon. | N/A | N/A | \$ _____ |
| SOC | <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$350 dues (or more) for the Standards Oversight Council. | N/A | N/A | \$ _____ |
| GLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your county would like to include \$50 dues (or more) for the Great Lakes Committee. | N/A | N/A | \$ _____ |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ _____ |

Make check payable to: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.

Thank you for your support!

| Phone # | E-mail | Web Site |
|--------------|--|--|
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2022 — A Year in Review

Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin & Rusk Counties

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

- **4,366** People Contacted
- **2,077** Boats Inspected
- **790** Hours Spent at Landings

Landing Blitz

- **376** People Contacted
- **187** Boats Inspected
- **50** Hours Spent at Landings

Snapshot Day

- **1** Volunteer Trained
- **6** Access Points Surveyed
- **0** New Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Found

Early Detection

- **16** Streams Surveyed with **8** Confirmed Restricted Sp.
- **12** Incident Reports Filed of **12** Previously Unreported AIS Populations

Education & Programs

- **3** Stream Studies
- **3** Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Programs
- **8** AIS Volunteer Trainings
- **7** AIS Presentations
- **5** Aquatic Ecology/Grant/Lake Group Programs
- **3** AIS Newsletters
- **2** AIS Outreach Letters

Other Projects

- Conducted Water Access Inspections at **20** Boat Landings
- Released **~800** Biocontrol Beetles on Island Chain of Lakes
- Assisted with **43** Exotic Animal Surrenders at the Exotic Pet Surrender Event
- Assisted and Conducted **6** Targeted AIS Lake Surveys
- Contact **6** Dock Service Providers

To learn more about the Lake Management and Protection Network accomplishments for the Lower Chippewa Region, please contact:

Lia Landowski | Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

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