

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023**

**AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104**

**227 – 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720**

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

Members Absent: Dean Solie

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

Others Present: Lyssa Seefeldt (UW Extension), Jamie Kraklow, Kolby Grint (NRCS), Lia Landowski (Beaver Creek)

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**1) Call to order by Chair**

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

**2) Roll call**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 7 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 December 12, 2022, meeting minutes**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** Motion by Christopherson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

**6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update**

**DISCUSSION:** The December 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 or presented for approval.

**8) Review of the 2022 and 2023 SWRM Grant balance.**

**DISCUSSION:** Berge led the discussion, reviewing the grant balance that includes both 2022 carried forward funds and unspent 2023 funds.

**9) Consideration of the 2023 WI Land & Water Annual Dues.**

**DISCUSSION:** Leary provided a historical perspective as to how the WI Land & Water Dues have been considered in the past. Berge provided an overview of the four programs offered by WI Land & Water and how they are relevant to Eau Claire County.

**ACTION:** Motion by Christopherson to support all four programs at a cost of \$2,290.00, after consultation with Eslinger, if the budget supports the funding. If there isn't funding for all programs, then only funding for the 2023 dues and SOC will be provided. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

**10) 2023 WI Land & Water Conference Overview.**

**DISCUSSION:** Leary led the discussion and encouraged members to attend the conference.

## 11) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

**a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:**

Berge shared that the next meeting is Thursday January 12, 2023.

**b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:**

2023 Funds were applied for. Berge working with the DNR to get a better understanding of the program and utilization of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 funds.

**c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:**

The Land Donation Special Committee meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023, at 2:00 pm. The agenda has been posted.

**d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:**

Kraklow provided a program update. The NRCS is currently fully staffed in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. EQIP offering two new programs, Climate Smart and Urban Agriculture Practices. 2023 funding will be at an all-time low.

**e. DNR-Forestry:**

No forestry report.

**f. UW-Extension:**

Seefeldt provided a program update.

**g. Beaver Creek Reserve**

Landowski reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report and the recently released, A Year in Review document.

## 12) Future Agenda Items.

2023 LCC Summer/Fall Tour

## 13) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for February 13, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

## 14) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk