EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Jim Stensen, Heather DeLuka, Missy Christopherson, Glory Adams,

Ricky Strauch

Members Absent: Jodi Lepsch

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

Others Present: Liz Usborne (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 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) Welcome Farm Service Agency Representative.

Jim Stensen introduced himself and will be the Farm Service Agency Representative moving forward.

6) Review/Approval of January 9, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: The January 9, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed.

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

7) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The December 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

8) 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:

- Ronald Anderson NMP/Soil Sampling \$976.00 (NMFE)
- David W. Schmidt NMP/Soil Sampling \$584.00 (NMFE)

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

9) Review of the 2023-25 Wisconsin biennial budget and WI Land & Water Priorities.

DISCUSSION: Berge led the discussion and shared the two budget priorities being addressed by WI Land and Water. The two priorities are \$18.7 million in stable core funding support for county conservation programs and to improve and modernize the Farmland Preservation Program.

10) Review of the letter submitted to LCC from Attorney Thorson.

DISCUSSION: Leary opened the discussion and Strauch offered to lead the discussion. Strauch described that state statute requires certain notifications when alterations are being planned to platted subdivisions. The letter from Attorney Thorson was sent to serve this purpose as the Town is in the process of abandoning Gael's Greenery subdivision. The subdivision has not been built out and the property owner wants to abandon the platted roads that were never constructed.

11) 2023 WI Land & Water Conference overview.

DISCUSSION: No members of the LCC are planning to attend the conference.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

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

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

2023 funds have been applied for and should be arriving late February or in March.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

No meeting has been held in 2023. The Land Donation Special Committee continues to meet and is working towards making recommendations of how the donated property should be managed.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

Kraklow with NRCS provided an email with program updates.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No forestry report. Liz Usborne provided a Non-point Source Program update.

f. UW-Extension:

Seefeldt provided a program update.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

No report.

13) Future Agenda Items.

Land and Water Conference Review

14) Set date for next meeting

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

15) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Berge, LCC Clerk