

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND DONATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Larry Jolivette, Dave Dresel, Don Jaquish, Jodi Lepsch, Candy Anderson, Dean Roth, Joe Knight

Members Absent: Charlie Ayres, Joe Maurer

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Zach Mohr, Josh Pedersen

Others Present: Doug Carlson

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Jolivette called the meeting to order at 2:00 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

Mohr confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

Doug Carlson resident from the Town of Brunswick supported land donation.

5) Review/Approval of the January 11, 2023 meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Knight to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

6) Review the committee charge as established by the LCC (Discussion)

Discussion: Committee charge from November 14, 2022 Land Conservation Commission was reviewed.

7) Select an Agency/Department to manage the property (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: The committee looked to Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to manage the property. Pedersen expressed interest in taking on the property.

ACTION: Motion by Knight, second by Jaquish for Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to manage property. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

8) Review FEMA Flood Hazard Areas (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: Roth provided well background information as well as information regarding Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study (H&H study). An H&H study would be needed to determine if bathrooms, wells, or other structures can be constructed on the property. Pedersen felt an H&H study would be of value and worthwhile.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Knight recommending that an H&H study be conducted. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

9) Name the property and lake

Discussion: Charlie Ayres was not present for discussion, so committee agreed to table item for next meeting.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Dresel to postpone agenda item 9 until next meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

10) Recommend how the property will be utilized and managed (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: Jolivette opened the floor to discussion of the uses to subcommittee members. Specific activities were added to the table by committee members, though Jolivette reminded committee members to keep recommendations broad.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Knight to recommend moderate activities, also incorporating minimalist activities, as noted in activity outline. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

Activity	Requirements
<u>Minimalist</u> Leave property as is Unimproved Hiking and biking trails Fishing and swimming Trees and vegetation to be managed by Agency as they see fit	None
<u>Moderate</u> Minimalist activities in addition to: Portable toilets Pavilion – Open air structure Boardwalk trail Pollinator habitat Beach Fish Habitat Improvement Non-motorized boats	Remove before flooding Vehicle access Potential H & H Study
<u>Robust</u> Minimalist and Moderate activities in addition to: Permanent Building Well Motorized Camping Fish habitat improvement Beach	H and H Study LOMA - F Health Department Regulation Vehicle Access Engineering and Permitting

11) Recommend prohibited use/s (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: Jolivette opened the floor to discussion of prohibited uses. Committee members discussed prohibiting hunting, buildings motorized activities, and camping. Though they acknowledged some of the activities like camping could be allowed in the distant future.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Knight to prohibit uses as noted. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

- Prohibited Uses:
- 1. Hunting
- 2. Buildings
- 3. Motorized Activities
- 4. Camping restricted w/future consideration

12) Recommend 2024 budget (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: Lead by chair Jolivette, the committee discussed items and information needed to carry out the potential activities for the park. Pedersen felt that these items were worthwhile and felt they could be incorporated in budget.

Action: Motion by Knight, second by Dresel to budget for: H&H study, Engineering, signage, trail markers and development, bridge engineering, staff time, excavating, mapping, fencing, and consideration as fee generating park. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

13) Provide recommendation to LCC how donated land will be managed to best benefit the public (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: The committee felt they are not ready to make final recommendation on the donated land. Further discussions are planned for the next meeting.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Knight to table item 13 for next meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

14) Future agenda items

Name the property and lake

Provide recommendation to LCC how donated land will be managed to best benefit the public

Access/easements to the property

15) The next Land Donation Special Committee meeting date was set for March 14, 2023, at 2pm.

16) Adjourn

Jolivette adjourned the meeting at 3:19pm

Respectfully submitted,



Zach Mohr, LCC Clerk