

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MARCH 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 (Remote), Missy Christopherson (arrived at 1:15pm), Jodi Lepsch

Members Absent: Glory Adams, Ricky Strauch

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

Others Present:

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 5 members in attendance. Chair Leary approved DeLuka to participate via remote access.

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 February 13, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: The February 13, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 5-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The February 2023 expenditures and revenues were reviewed. Christopherson arrived at 1:15 pm.

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:

- Don Steinke – NMP/Soil Sampling - \$1,000.00 (NMFE)
- Steven Peterson – NMP/Soil Sampling - \$400.00 (NMFE)
- Kyle Wathke – NMP/Soil Sampling - \$440.00 (NMFE)
- Greg Fedie (Fedie Farms) – NMP/Soil Sampling - \$1,000.00 (NMFE)
- Andrew Odegard – NMP/Soil Sampling - \$328.00 (NMFE)

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 6-0-0.

8) Review and consideration of the 2023 APHIS black bear work plan.

DISCUSSION: Berge presented the black bear workplan and provided a brief background and history of how the program functions.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve the 2023 APHIS black bear work plan as presented and pay the \$1,000.00 USDA APHIS fee. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 6-0-0.

9) No-till Drill trade in.

DISCUSSION: Wucherer provided an update stating the LCD is working with local implement dealerships to obtain estimates for a new Great Plains 1006NT drill. The current drill will need maintenance soon, so now is the time to investigate whether to keep the existing drill and complete maintenance or trade it in. Our preliminary numbers from the dealerships are promising that with the trade in, plus the funds from the rental program, the cost will be covered to purchase a new drill.

ACTION: Motion by Christopherson to approve the purchase of a new no-till drill if the cost is covered by the program. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 6-0-0.

10) 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 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:

No update.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No update.

f. UW-Extension:

No update.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

Lia Landowski is leaving Beaver Creek Reserve.

11) Future Agenda Items.

12) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for April 10th, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

13) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk