



AGENDA

Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7 pm
Eau Claire County Government Center
721 Oxford Ave • Eau Claire, WI 54703
County Board Room 1277

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- (1) Indicates 1st Reading
- (2) Indicates 2nd Reading

1. Call to Order
2. Honoring of the Flag and Moment of Reflection by: Supervisor Judy Gatlin
3. Call of the Roll
4. Approval of the Journal of Proceedings from April 5, 2023 *Page 1*
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
6. **REPORTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER 2.04.320**

Oral Reports

- Annual State of the County Address by Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator

Written Reports

- Reports from Finance Department
 - 2023 Contingency Fund *Page 3*
 - March Vouchers over \$10,000 *Page 4*
- WCA County Ambassador Program Report from Eric Killen, Director of Veteran Services *Page 14*
- Independent Agency Reports
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7. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

8. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES BY COMMITTEES**

9. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY MEMBERS**

10. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER 2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

Committee on Administration

File No.

22-23/006 (1)

Resolution: Authorizing the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to continue and engage in the Strategic Planning process in odd-numbered years beginning in 2025
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Committees on Administration and Finance and Budget

File No.

23-24/005 (1)

Resolution: Ratifying a 5-year agreement between Eau Claire County and Chippewa Counties; authorizing the County Board Chair and the County Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of Eau Claire County *Page 86*

Committee on Parks & Forest

File No.

23-24/001 (1)

Resolution: Approving entering into a landowner agreement and certificate of inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the agreement and submit this document to the WI DNR *Page 98*

Committee on Finance and Budget

File No.

23-24/004 (1)

Resolution: Authorizing the use of the Statewide Debt Collection Program through Wisconsin Department of Revenue *Page 100*

11. **APPOINTMENTS**

- ADRC
 - Terri Stanley (new appointment)
 - Ron Hon (new appointment)

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- William Libberton (new appointment)
- Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission
 - Peter Hoeft (reappointment)
 - Bill Hilgedick (reappointment)
- Groundwater Advisory Committee
 - Sham Anderson (reappointment)
 - Anna Mares (reappointment)
 - Darryl Farmer (new appointment)
 - Jane Mahler (new appointment)
- Housing Authority
 - Ricardo Garcia (reappointment)
- Local Emergency Planning Commission
 - Diane Hunter (reappointment)
 - Ben Frederick (reappointment)
 - Bobby King (reappointment)
 - Frank Neibauer (reappointment)
 - Tom Lochner (reappointment)
 - Darrell Christy (reappointment)
 - Dustin Walters (new appointment)
- Nutrition Advisory Council
 - Sue Miller (reappointment)
 - Jackie Minor (reappointment)
 - Frank Neibauer (reappointment)

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday April 5, 2023

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire convened at the Courthouse in the City of Eau Claire on Wednesday April 5th, 2023, and was called to order by Chair Nick Smiar at 7:00 p.m.

The Board honored the flag with the pledge of allegiance. Moment of Reflection by Supervisor Robin Leary

Roll Call: 27 present: Supervisors Todd Meyer, Amanda Babb, Joe Knight, Stella Pagonis, Larry Hoekstra, Dane Zook, Steve Chilson, Cory W. Sisk, Allen Myren, Nancy Coffey, Nathan Otto, Brett Geboy, Connie Russell, Judy Gatlin, Nick Smiar, David Hirsch, Thomas Vue, James A. Dunning, Gerald “Jerry” Wilkie, John Folstad, Mark Beckfield, Katherine Schneider, Robin J. Leary, Heather DeLuka, Tami Schraufnagel, Kyle Johnson, Kimberly Cronk

2 absent: Supervisors Jodi Lepsch, Missy Christopherson

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS (March 21, 2023)

On a motion by Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Sisk, the Journal of Proceedings was approved via voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

REPORTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER 2.04.320

Oral Reports

- o Comprehensive zoning code update by Rod Eslinger, Director of Planning & Development
- o The Rezoning process by Rod Eslinger, Director of Planning & Development
- o Update and report on follow-up activities to occur in response to completion of Sheriff’s Office investigation of Eau Claire County Department of Human Services by von Briesen & Roper, s.c. Attorney’s Mindy Dale and Victoria Seltun.

Written Reports

- o No written reports

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The clerk read a proclamation proclaiming, “NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2023”

On a motion by Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Hirsch the proclamation was approved via voice vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER
2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

Committee on Parks & Forest

Resolution 22-23/093 GRANTING UTILITY EASEMENTS TO EAU CLAIRE ENERGY COOPERATIVE IN SECTION 34, T27N, R6W, IN THE TOWN OF LUDINGTON, SECTION 24, T26N, R6W, IN THE LUDINGTON, AND SECTION 3, T26N, R6W, TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK

On a motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Gatlin, the resolution was adopted via roll call vote as follows:

25 ayes: Supervisors Meyer, Babb, Pagonis, Hoekstra, Zook, Chilson, Sisk, Myren, Coffey, Otto, Geboy, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hirsch, Vue, Dunning, Wilkie, Folstad, Beckfield, Schneider, Leary, DeLuka, Schraufnagel, Cronk
0 noes

2 abstain: Supervisors Knight, Johnson

2 absent: Supervisor Lepsch, Christopherson

Committee on Planning and Development

Ordinance 22-23/097 AMENDING THE 1982 OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP FOR THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

On a motion by Supervisor Johnson seconded by Supervisor Beckfield, the ordinance was enacted via roll call vote as follows:

26 ayes: Supervisors Meyer, Babb, Knight, Pagonis, Hoekstra, Zook, Chilson, Sisk, Coffey, Otto, Geboy, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hirsch, Vue, Dunning, Wilkie, Folstad, Beckfield, Schneider, Leary, DeLuka, Schraufnagel, Johnson, Cronk

0 noes

3 absent: Supervisors Myren, Lepsch, Christopherson

Committee on Finance & Budget

Ordinance 22-23/090 TO AMEND SECTION 2.12.140 B OF CODE: MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM

On a motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Gatlin, the ordinance was enacted unanimously via roll call vote.

2 absent: Supervisor Lepsch, Christopherson

Closed Session

Closed session discussion regarding results of Sheriff's investigation into Department of Human Services and related matters.

On a motion by Supervisor Gatlin, seconded by Supervisor Babb, the board voted to go into closed session as follows:

25 ayes: Supervisors Meyer, Babb, Knight, Pagonis, Hoekstra, Zook, Chilson, Sisk, Myren, Coffey, Otto, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hirsch, Vue, Dunning, Wilkie, Folstad, Schneider, Leary, DeLuka, Schraufnagel, Johnson, Cronk

1 no: Supervisor Beckfield

2 absent: Supervisor Geboy, Lepsch, Christopherson

Closed session began at 8:26pm

Vote to go out of closed session,

On a motion by Supervisor Gatlin, seconded by Supervisor Otto, open session resumed at 9:23pm.

The Board adjourned at 9:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McDonald

County Clerk

TO: Honorable Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Finance Department
DATE: April 18, 2023
SUBJECT: 2023 Contingency Fund

Pursuant to Section 4.04 of the County Code of General Ordinances, the following is the status of the 2023 Contingency Fund as of April 18, 2023:

January 1, 2023	2023 Contingency Fund / Budget Allocation	\$300,000
Balance Available		<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

TO: Honorable Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Finance Department
DATE: April 18, 2023
SUBJECT: March 2023 Payments over \$10,000

Pursuant to Section 4.06.060 of the County Code of General Ordinances, the following are the details for expenditures and payments of \$10,000 or more issued during March 2023.

This information is presented by fund, in check number order.

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
BELCO VEHICLE SOLUTIONS LLC	10,297.21	FIELD SERVICES/ AUTO EQUIPMENT
BELCO VEHICLE SOLUTIONS LLC	11,363.34	FIELD SERVICES/ AUTO EQUIPMENT
BELCO VEHICLE SOLUTIONS LLC	10,547.87	FIELD SERVICES/ AUTO EQUIPMENT
BELCO VEHICLE SOLUTIONS LLC Total	32,208.42	
VC3 INC	23,040.00	ThinkGard Security and Incident Response
J & F FACILITY SERVICES INC	11,714.13	MONTHLY JANITORIAL JAIL,3RD,DHS,AG, HWY
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	2,315.72	March FirstNetBill
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	10,986.89	March FirstNet Bill
AT&T MOBILITY LLC Total	13,302.61	
WELLPATH LLC	80,006.17	4/1-30/23 Monthly medical services
XCEL ENERGY	34,241.59	COURTHOUSE/JAIL ELECTRIC
XCEL ENERGY	195.51	716 1ST AVE GAS
XCEL ENERGY	27,925.36	COURTHOUSE/JAIL GAS
XCEL ENERGY	168.75	716 1ST AVE ELECTRIC
XCEL ENERGY Total	62,531.21	
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	31,501.07	February Inmate meals
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	41,711.19	2022 Annual Capital Exp for Comm Center
DUNN COUNTY FINANCE	38,574.82	February 2023 ME Fees
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	158,437.89	March-2023 monthly payment
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	114,908.33	March-2023 monthly payment
TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK TREASURER	99,566.64	2022 TIMBER SEV
TOWN OF FAIRCHILD TREASURER	33,169.47	2022 TIMBER SEVERANCE
TOWN OF LINCOLN TREASURER	12,985.70	2022 TIMBER SEVERANCE
TOWN OF SEYMOUR TREASURER	10,387.22	2022 TIMBER SEVERANCE
TOWN OF WILSON TREASURER	55,700.85	2022 TIMBER SEVERANCE
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	1,164.03	WATER/SEWER FOR PARCEL #050036
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	91.92	STORM WATER FOR PARCEL #050069
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	170.70	STORM WATER FOR PARCEL #050035
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	18,741.69	WATER/SEWER FOR PARCEL #050036
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	493.49	WATER/SEWER FOR PARCEL #050044
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	2,373.88	WATER/SEWER FOR PARCEL #050036
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	3,712.20	WATER/SEWER FOR PARCEL #050036
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER	213.66	WATER/SEWER FOR PARCEL #050006
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TREASURER Total	26,961.57	
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES	63,119.00	AVID Life Cycle Service Dept: ROD
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	24,673.00	Pre trial Care Coordinator position

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS INC	17,777.62	457(b) EE contributions - 03.10.23 PR
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS INC	3,650.00	457(b) EE contributions - 03.10.23 PR
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS INC Total	21,427.62	
UNITED STATES TREASURY	39,962.92	Federal Tax Payment 03.10.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY	104,899.61	Federal Tax Payment 03.10.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY	170,874.54	Federal Tax Payment 03.10.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY Total	315,737.07	
SECURIAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC	11,920.30	EE Life Insurance Premiums - Mar 2023
WEALTHCARE SAVER	28,949.13	HSA EE contributions 03.10.23 PR
STATE OF WISCONSIN	54,634.06	State Tax Payment 02.24.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY	40,623.70	Federal Tax Payment 03.24.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY	110,065.22	Federal Tax Payment 03.24.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY	173,701.08	Federal Tax Payment 03.24.23
UNITED STATES TREASURY Total	324,390.00	
SECURIAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC	12,480.01	EE Life Insurance Premiums - Apr 2023
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS INC	3,650.00	457(b) EE contributions 03.24.23 PR
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS INC	17,579.10	457(b) EE contributions 03.24.23 PR
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS INC Total	21,229.10	
US BANK	104,625.51	Pcard payment 02/21/23-03/20/23
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	3,207.38	EE Dis/Acc/CI Premiums Feb-2023
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	3,348.48	EE Dis/Acc/CI Premiums Feb-2023
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	23,726.47	EE Dis/Acc/CI Premiums Feb-2023
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY Total	30,282.33	
WEALTHCARE SAVER	28,974.13	HSA EE contributions 03.24.23 PR
PELION BENEFITS INC	10,315.20	PTO Payouts
STATE OF WISCONSIN	55,530.00	State Tax Payment 03.10.23
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS	408,740.98	Feb-2023 WRS Contributions
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS	0.21	Feb-2023 WRS Contributions
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS	10.96	Feb-2023 WRS Contributions
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS Total	408,752.15	
TOTAL FUND 100: GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,363,745.90	
FUND 201: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN		
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	10,535.47	ARPA Recovery Assistance Grant #2-Feb
HMONG AMERICAN LEADERSHIP & ECONOMIC	41,183.25	ARPA Recovery Assistance Grant #2-Feb
ZEF ENERGY INC	21,745.50	EV CHARGING STATIONS
LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION &	30,809.19	Lake EauClaire Sediment & Aeration Costs
NELS GUNDERSON CHEVROLET	42,338.00	2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1 4WD CREW CA
TOTAL FUND 201: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	\$ 146,611.41	

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
FUND 205: HUMAN SERVICES		
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	26,823.75	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	4,441.25	PARENTING SERVICES
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	3,855.00	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES TSSF
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	309.12	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	24,564.27	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
CAILLIER CLINIC INC Total	59,993.39	
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	1,091.29	TRAIN/SUPERVISION 1140
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	570.63	MOB SERV USAGE 1171
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	27,525.88	STRENGTH FAM - NON CCS
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	4.34	MOB SERV MILEAGE 1172
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	2,792.21	MOB FLAT RATE 1170
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	14,401.00	PHONE FLAT RATE 1160
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC Total	46,385.35	
BROTOLOC INC	15,163.00	CBRF CRS R&B CSP CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	285.00	PARENTING SERVICES CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	1,390.00	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	7,790.00	PARENTING SERVICES
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	546.75	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	34,467.90	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
CAILLIER CLINIC INC Total	44,479.65	
HILLVIEW HOME LLC	6,160.00	ADULT FAMILY HOME MI CA
HILLVIEW HOME LLC	4,917.36	AFH MI APS CA
HILLVIEW HOME LLC Total	11,077.36	
KEEP AREA TEENS SAFE	20,600.00	EMERGENCY SHELTER DSO CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	6,212.24	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	3,880.71	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	393.90	FAMILY PRESERVATION PROF CF CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	691.25	FAMILY PRESERVATION PARA CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	858.54	SUPERVISED VISITS CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,475.00	THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES DSO CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	750.50	SKILL BUILDING DSO CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC Total	15,262.14	
ROOTS RESIDENTIAL AFH LLC	20,150.00	ADULT FAMILY HOME MI CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	5,189.16	FEB SERVICES
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	11,416.67	FEB SERVICES
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC Total	16,605.83	
ANGELA TRAPANI	15,750.00	FEB SERVICES

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,048.76	TREATMENT FOSTER CARE (VARIOUS)
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,048.76	TREATMENT FOSTER CARE MI CLTS
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,024.52	TREATMENT FOSTER CARE (VARIOUS)
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	6,498.00	RCC CF CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	10,047.06	RCC CF CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC Total	21,667.10	
KASSIA E MYERS	494.00	FOSTER CARE DD CLTS
KASSIA E MYERS	984.00	FOSTER CARE DD CLTS
KASSIA E MYERS	8,062.00	FOSTER CARE DD CLTS
KASSIA E MYERS	522.00	FOSTER CARE DD CLTS
KASSIA E MYERS Total	10,062.00	
NORTHWEST PASSAGE LTD	15,540.00	RCC CF CA
TOMORROWS CHILDREN	12,040.00	RCC CF CA
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS LLC	14,700.00	RCC DSO YA
BROTOLOC INC	16,608.25	CCS RESIDENTIAL C&S
BROTOLOC INC	1,550.00	AFH R&B CCS
BROTOLOC INC	6,720.00	CBRF MI CA
BROTOLOC INC Total	24,878.25	
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	3,246.32	CBRF MI CRISIS CRS
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	62,928.00	INPATIENT IMD CA
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	16.96	INPATIENT ANCILLARY MI CSP CA
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	743.37	INPATIENT ANCILLARY MI CA
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	7,813.55	AFH MI APS CA
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	473.68	CBRF R&B MI CRISIS CRS
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	3,562.90	CBRF MI CA
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY Total	78,784.78	
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	3,706.38	SUPERVISED VISITS CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	533.25	SKILL BUILDING DSO CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,404.50	FAMILY PRESERVATION PROF CF CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,705.75	FAMILY PRESERVATION PARA CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,687.50	THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES DSO CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC Total	10,037.38	
PLEASANT VALLEY YOUTH RANCH	17,042.50	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
ROOTS RESIDENTIAL AFH LLC	19,375.00	AFH MI CRISIS CRS
ROOTS RESIDENTIAL AFH LLC	775.00	AFH R&B CRISIS CRS
ROOTS RESIDENTIAL AFH LLC Total	20,150.00	
CARA HELMER	9,900.00	FEB SERVICES
CARA HELMER	4,275.00	FEB SERVICES
CARA HELMER Total	14,175.00	
CHILEDIA INSTITUTE INC	21,455.56	RCC CF CA

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
FORWARD HOME FOR BOYS LLC	3,920.00	GROUP HOME CF CA (POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES
FORWARD HOME FOR BOYS LLC	8,323.56	GROUP HOME CF CA (POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES
FORWARD HOME FOR BOYS LLC Total	12,243.56	
POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES INC	11,757.48	GROUP HOME CF CA (POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES
POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES INC	341.00	GROUP HOME CF CA (POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES
POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES INC Total	12,098.48	
BROTOLOC INC	21,712.50	CBRF CRS R&B CSP CA
BROTOLOC INC	6,496.00	CBRF MI CSP CRS
BROTOLOC INC Total	28,208.50	
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	3,515.00	PARENTING SERVICES
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	24,883.75	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	1,425.00	PARENTING SERVICES CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	3,629.53	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	2,002.50	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES TSSF
CAILLIER CLINIC INC Total	35,455.78	
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,393.51	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	20,068.93	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,600.05	UA/BA MH CT TAD GRANT
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	365.17	FAMILY PRESERVATION PROF CF CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,334.91	TSSF DRUG TESTING
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	8,229.42	SUPERVISED VISITS CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,142.88	UA/BA C&F CRISIS TSSF
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	10,229.70	UA/BA C&F CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	892.70	UA/BA AIM CT TAD GRANT
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,720.92	UA/BA DRUG CT TAD GRANT
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC Total	47,978.19	
NEW HOPE HALLIE INC	22,348.00	CBRF MI CA
NEW HOPE HALLIE INC	28,860.00	CBRF CRS R&B CSP CA
NEW HOPE HALLIE INC Total	51,208.00	
TRINITY EQUESTRIAN CENTER	166.75	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
TRINITY EQUESTRIAN CENTER	14,640.54	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
TRINITY EQUESTRIAN CENTER Total	14,807.29	
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	1,521.65	MOB SERV USAGE 1171
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	838.83	TRAIN/SUPERVISION 1140
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	3,259.16	MOB FLAT RATE 1170
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	28,424.11	SF - NON-CCS PORTION
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC	14,401.00	PHONE FLAT RATE 1160
NORTHWEST COUNSEL & GUIDANCE CLINIC INC Total	48,444.75	

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
BROTOLOC INC	700.00	CBRF CRS R&B CSP CA
BROTOLOC INC	29,329.50	CBRF MI CA
BROTOLOC INC	6,589.50	AFH MI CSP CRS
BROTOLOC INC	7,509.60	AFH MI CRISIS CRS
BROTOLOC INC	6,494.88	CBRF MI CSP CRS
BROTOLOC INC	700.00	AFH CRS R&B CSP CA
BROTOLOC INC	700.00	AFH R&B CRISIS CRS
BROTOLOC INC Total	52,023.48	
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	17,258.29	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	450.00	THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES DSO CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	1,485.00	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES CA
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	285.00	COUNSELING & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES TSSF
CAILLIER CLINIC INC	160.75	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
CAILLIER CLINIC INC Total	19,639.04	
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,594.29	UA/BA DRUG CT TAD GRANT
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,080.16	UA/BA AIM CT TAD GRANT
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	1,088.81	UA/BA MH CT TAD GRANT
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,317.99	CCS SERVICE ARRAY - CHILDREN
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	2,164.40	CCS SERVICE ARRAY
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	560.99	TSSF DRUG TESTING
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	415.48	UA/BA C&F CRISIS TSSF
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC	10,978.25	UA/BA C&F CA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INC Total	20,200.37	
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY	4,788.45	SERVICE COORDINATION - FEB
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY	4,788.45	SERVICE COORDINATION - FEB
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY	2,160.00	EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER - FEB
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY	450.00	FAN GRANT - FEB
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY Total	12,186.90	
TOTAL FUND 205: HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 880,493.63	
FUND 206: HUMAN SERVICES		
COUNTY OF BARRON	74,981.00	IM CONSORTIUM DEC
COUNTY OF BURNETT	20,464.00	IM CONSORTIUM NOV
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS	48,805.00	IM CONSORTIUM DEC
COUNTY OF PIERCE	55,351.00	IM CONSORTIUM DEC
COUNTY OF PIERCE	32,606.00	IM CONSORTIUM NOV
COUNTY OF PIERCE Total	87,957.00	
COUNTY OF POLK DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	51,687.00	IM CONSORTIUM NOV
COUNTY OF ST CROIX	59,972.00	IM CONSORTIUM DEC
WASHBURN COUNTY	12,565.00	IM CONSORTIUM NOV
WASHBURN COUNTY	17,613.00	IM CONSORTIUM DEC
WASHBURN COUNTY	11,403.00	IM CONSORTIUM OCT
WASHBURN COUNTY Total	41,581.00	
TOTAL FUND 206: HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 385,447.00	

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
FUND 211: RECYCLING		
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	4,423.22	Dropsite February
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	47,417.04	Curbside February
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL Total	51,840.26	
WASTE MANAGEMENT CORP SERVICES INC	43,696.38	February Curbside
TOTAL FUND 211: RECYCLING	\$ 95,536.64	
FUND 215: ADRC		
SYSCO BARABOO	70.38	Paper & Disposables
SYSCO BARABOO	6,401.76	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO	4,196.63	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO	3,996.43	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO	5,946.51	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO	5,985.01	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO	78.96	Paper & Disposables
SYSCO BARABOO	505.92	Paper & Disposables/Detergent
SYSCO BARABOO	4,339.05	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO	5,543.26	C2/ RAW FOOD
SYSCO BARABOO Total	37,063.91	
TOTAL FUND 215: ADRC	\$ 37,063.91	
FUND 405: CAPITAL PROJECTS		
HUDSON ELECTRIC	78,000.00	Jail UPS Replacement
AUTOMATED ENERGY SOLUTIONS INC	123,003.00	DHS VAVS REPLACEMENT
NELS GUNDERSON CHEVROLET	38,714.50	TRUCK REPLACEMENT
THE JAMAR COMPANY	51,089.02	CHILLER COOLING TOWERS REPLACEMENT
TOTAL FUND 405: CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 290,806.52	
FUND 602: AIRPORT		
XCEL ENERGY	10,694.55	TERM ELEC - FEB
XCEL ENERGY	7,717.21	TERM GAS - FEB
XCEL ENERGY	1,696.41	ATCT ELEC - FEB
XCEL ENERGY	671.07	ATCT GAS - FEB
XCEL ENERGY Total	20,779.24	
ALCIVIA	27,069.00	5500 GALLONS DIESEL/2500 GALLONS GASOHOL
STATE OF WISCONSIN	10,491.61	AIP 52 - ARFF BLDG
TOTAL FUND 602: AIRPORT	\$ 58,339.85	
FUND 701: HIGHWAY		
CHIPPEWA VALLEY ENERGY	27,075.00	DIESEL FUEL
HAAS SONS INC	10,614.80	CTH D PROJECT PAY REQ 3

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC	286.60	DUSTS
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC	911.96	MERIT P05D
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC	54.58	DAMPE/BALL
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC	130.04	SPECIAL GRILL
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC	6,959.78	REPAIR PARTS AND LABOR
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC	1,850.60	REPAIR PARTS AND LABOR
RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER INC Total	10,193.56	
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	15,939.15	CTH F PROJ ENGINEERING SVC
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	418.95	2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	418.95	2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	418.97	2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC Total	17,196.02	
MACQUEEN EMERGENCY	6,971.25	CHAINSAW REPAIR
MACQUEEN EMERGENCY	3,768.27	CHAINSAW REPAIR
MACQUEEN EMERGENCY Total	10,739.52	
HAYWORTH FENCE CO	10,250.00	FENCE REPAIR
MARKET & JOHNSON INC	736.61	HWY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
MARKET & JOHNSON INC	99.75	HWY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
MARKET & JOHNSON INC	98.07	HWY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
MARKET & JOHNSON INC	7,116.13	HWY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
MARKET & JOHNSON INC	769.75	HWY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
MARKET & JOHNSON INC	409,361.12	HWY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
MARKET & JOHNSON INC Total	418,181.43	
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	9,488.77	2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC	621.89	CTH CC PROJ EXPENSES
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC Total	10,110.66	
UNIQUE PAVING MATERIALS	20,096.78	BULK COLD MIX
ALCIVIA	23,149.25	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
COMPASS MINERALS	9,727.12	BULK COARSE SALT
COMPASS MINERALS	21,332.60	BULK COARSE SALT
COMPASS MINERALS Total	31,059.72	
MID STATE TRUCK SERVICE INC	65,983.23	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE
TOTAL FUND 701: HIGHWAY	\$ 654,649.97	
FUND 704: HEALTH INSURANCE		
SECURITY HEALTH PLAN OF WISCONSIN INC	790,296.44	EE Insurance Premiums - Apr 23
TOTAL FUND 704: HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 790,296.44	
MULTIPLE FUNDS		
COUNTY OF DUNN	26.00	DCF STATE REVENUE
COUNTY OF DUNN	56,947.00	IM CONSORTIUM NOV
COUNTY OF DUNN	56,973.00	

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1,065.48	Room-USB w/Remote
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1,065.48	Room-USB w/Remote
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	693.60	5 Yr Meraki Systmes Manager
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	9,000.00	Collabguard Annual Service
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	11,824.56	
THE JAMAR COMPANY	3,912.85	HVAC SERVICE BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	253.46	HVAC PM MONTHLY BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	134.11	HVAC SERVICE BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	30,422.15	CHILLER & TOWER REPLACEMENT
THE JAMAR COMPANY	429.80	CLEAN OUT TO BE CUT INTO DRAIN FOR ACCE
THE JAMAR COMPANY	802.25	PREVENTATIVE MAINT. ON WASTE OIL HEATER
THE JAMAR COMPANY	1,760.00	DHS VAVS REPLACEMENT
THE JAMAR COMPANY	39,000.00	CHILLER AND TOWER REPLACEMENT
THE JAMAR COMPANY	7,428.49	HVAC PM MONTHLY BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	84,143.11	
THE JAMAR COMPANY	7,428.49	HVAC PM MONTHLY BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	134.11	HVAC SERVICE BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	2,260.00	DHS VAVS REPLACEMENT
THE JAMAR COMPANY	3,400.00	DHS VAVS REPLACEMENT
THE JAMAR COMPANY	3,912.85	HVAC SERVICE BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	253.46	HVAC PM MONTHLY BILLING
THE JAMAR COMPANY	17,388.91	
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	2,436.69	Outdoor APs
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1,665.26	Outdoor Camera Coon Fork Ranger
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	9,914.56	8 Power Supplies Spares
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	14,016.51	
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	10,000.00	HBS Flex Services
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	10,000.00	HSB CollabGuard Pre-Paid Service Block
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	600.00	Virtual Control Server License
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	33,271.28	Branch 2 AV Upgrade
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	4,500.00	AV CollabGuard Monitoring&Remote Service
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	3,000.00	AV CollabGuard Monitoring&Remote Service
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	2,277.15	Reh Hat Server for IS
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	63,648.43	
ABBY VANS INC	5,719.00	Feb 2023 Paratransit Services CoPays
ABBY VANS INC	6,489.00	Jan 2023 Paratransit Services CoPays
ABBY VANS INC	51.60	
ABBY VANS INC	5,791.50	Feb 2023 Paratransit Services
ABBY VANS INC	18,051.10	
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WISCONSIN INC	6.74	Delta Vision Mar-2023
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WISCONSIN INC	48.17	Delta Dental Mar-2023
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WISCONSIN INC	31,742.49	Delta Dental Mar-2023
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WISCONSIN INC	3,779.14	Delta Vision Mar-2023
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WISCONSIN INC	35,576.54	

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	54.12	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	760.46	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	178.26	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	199.92	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	472.51	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	9,065.34	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	677.85	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	403.71	Feb-2023 fuel costs
US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	11,812.17	
TOTAL MULTIPLE FUNDS	\$ 313,434.33	
Grand Total	\$ 6,016,425.60	

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report for April 12, 2023, WCA County Ambassador Program

1. Attendees/ reps from Eau Claire County: Ron Schmidt (Human Services), Luke Fedie (Human Services), Megan Brasch (Child Support), Eric Killen (Veteran Services)
2. Legislators met with: Sen Jesse James, Rep Jodi Emerson, Rep Karen Hurd, Rep Rob Summerfield
3. Executive summary of topics presented and discussed:
 - a. **Mental Health – Community Support Program & Crisis Services** – State law designates counties with the primary responsibility for the well-being, treatment, and care of persons with mental illness. Current Status: The public mental health system in WI needs additional resources to respond to the needs of individuals with persistent mental illness. **Talking Points:** As of Feb 2021, 36.4% of adults in WI reported symptoms of anxiety or depression. This led to 859,000 adults having a mental health condition. Additionally, in WI, 888 lives were lost to suicide. If the Medicaid reimbursement for CSP is fully funded, counties will remain for the current \$11 million spent of persons that are not Medicaid reimbursable. **Requested Action:** State provide \$21 million annually to fund crisis services statewide and elimination of the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for Medicaid reimbursable services. The state provides \$19 million in FY23-24 and \$21 million in FY 24-25 to cover the current counties share of CSP Medicaid expenditures.
 - b. **Adult Protective Services (APS)** – Wisconsin’s County Adult Protective Services are tasked with aiding Elder Adults and those that have been abused, neglected, or exploited. **Talking Points:** According to a survey, from 2019-21 there was a 56% increase in protective placements, a 38% increase in emergency protective placements, a 78% increase in people needing a corporate guardian, a 38% increase in reports of abuse and neglect. **Requested Action:** Provide a \$10 million increase in funding for counties for APS and develop a statewide central registry of long-term care placement resources that counties can use.
 - c. **Birth to Three Funding** – The Birth to Three program serves children under the age of three with developmental delays and disabilities, as well as families. The goal is to enhance the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their child and maximize the potential for independent living and reduce long-term costs through targeted intervention. **Talking Points:** Counties fund the largest percentage of program costs. Commercial insurance carriers are increasingly denying coverage of services. Since the

program is an entitlement, it is not appropriate for the program to depend primarily on county tax levy revenue which is constrained by state-imposed levy limits. **Requested Action:** Provide a \$4 million increase in allocation to bring the state share of the program to 20%. Provide annual increases to cover the projected growth in caseload and relieve the burden on counties.

- d. **Child Support Funding** – The child support enforcement program is designed to ensure that parents provide financial and medical support for their children, establish parental rights, and promote parental involvement in a child’s life. **Talking Points:** In 2021, for every dollar spent on child support, \$6.43 is collected. Every \$1 of state invested generates \$2 in federal matching funds. Counties have contributed more towards child support enforcement costs than they receive in funding allocations since 2010. Over the past decade, county child support staffing has fallen by almost 9%. **Requested Action:** Increase state support for county child support agencies by \$5 million annually. Provide funding for modernizing the child support system.
 - e. **Veteran Property Taxes** – Currently veterans that are rated 100% disabled do not pay property taxes. Lowering the eligibility to 70% disabled veterans would positively impact veteran families on a fixed income. **Requested action** - \$16 million in GPR annually to fund.
4. Comments and observations. All the legislators we had office visits with were interested and receptive to the details of each topic and asked numerous questions to fully understand the details. Our impression was that the time was well spent and the continued professional relationships building with our local representatives will benefit Eau Claire County.

Sincerely,

Eric Killen
Veteran Services Director



2022

ANNUAL

REPORT

*Connecting People with Nature
Through the Years!*

Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve

75th Anniversary & Annual Meeting



SCHEDULE

4:00-6:00 PM

Wise Nature Center-

Check-In & Program Open House

- 5:00 PM - Meet Luna (*our resident Barred Owl*) - Auditorium
- Tag Monarch Butterflies - Butterfly House
- Citizen Science Center Open House - Woodland Room
- Beaver Creek "Through the Years" Slideshow - Savannah Room
- Meet our Animal Ambassadors - Discovery Room

6:00-7:30 PM

Outdoor Classroom-

Dinner & Drinks, Annual Meeting, Awards & Historical Presentation

7:30-8:00 PM

Outdoor Classroom-

Social Hour & Nighttime Programs

*Members from the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society will open Hobbs Observatory for public viewing following the event - *if skies are clear.*

Live music will be performed by the local trio band, Songa.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



We have had a very successful 75th anniversary year despite the uncertainty we found ourselves in at the beginning of the year. I personally am thrilled with the number of people who have been out for our summer camps, fieldtrips and butterfly house visits. I am even more excited about all of the comments from those visitors and guests who noticed the hard work and resources that we poured into Beaver Creek the last two years. This pandemic has moved the needle so that more people realize being in nature is a resource that many of us have taken for granted. Even if we did realize its importance, I'm not sure we realized how nature and recreation would become part of our everyday lives and how many people would appreciate its importance. I think that this trend will continue as we sort out our lives and priorities. When we were talking about the 75th anniversary five years ago, none of us would have predicted the events that we all went through. But because of this, I learned that as an organization we are stronger and more adaptable to change. What we know for sure is that change will be a constant and that will help us stay successful in the next 75 years!

Some of the examples of change that stood out were our field trips this spring. We now set a maximum of sixty students who come to Beaver Creek for each field trip. This is so we can meet a ratio of fifteen students to one Naturalist to be more hands-on

with the students. Also, teachers no longer assist with the programs now that we have four educators, two of which are AmeriCorps Naturalists which help bring expertise to students. This allows parents and teachers the chance to enjoy the programs with the youth. We had a successful pilot field trip last fall with the Eau Claire Area School District. This spring we had teachers within a 90-mile radius eager to try our new way of programming. We had so many schools interested that we were forced to turn a handful away due to unavailable dates. As a result, we made the decision to hire another two more AmeriCorps Naturalists to help expand our field trip opportunities. Having a trained educator for each field trip rotation is a goal we seem to be reaching much faster than anticipated. The pandemic also allowed us time to prepare for the experiences we now offer. We were able to work on our lesson plans and communicate with teachers to better fit the needs of their students. Our goal is to have even more field trips, as well as have the capacity to offer more educational programs throughout the year.

Additionally, we have invested time in cleaning up the nooks and crannies of the buildings and storage areas. Educational storage spaces, storm shelters, and closets have been cleaned, painted, decluttered and reorganized. We recently remodeled both the caretaker's house and the old director's cabin on the North Campus. The caretaker's house is now used as onsite housing for our seasonal staff. The director's cabin (built by Rick Koziel from downed trees of the 1980 storm) is now a space for camp staff, like cooks, to stay in during their summer camps.

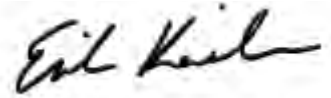
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT *(continued)*

A recent camper group said, "Beaver Creek has gone from the 'poor house' to the 'penthouse' with all of the improvements." In the last ten years that I have been the Director here, I feel like we are turning the corner from the county not having the funds to maintain all the properties, to having the ability to use county funding, private donations, and grants to make the facilities better equipped and more sustainable.

Over the course of the pandemic, we had over 50% of the professional staff turn over, as well as a major fall off in the number of volunteers. As I am sure you are aware, staff and volunteers are the "magicians" that make Beaver Creek so special. The good news is that there was a different reason for each person moving on or not feeling comfortable coming back. In our strategic plan, we will focus on staff, volunteers, and our board to develop tools for recruitment, training, and retention over the next three years. This also means that the existing staff, and those that were new just prior to the pandemic worked tirelessly and are our true modern day super heroes. The weight of the organization was on their shoulders and they did such a fantastic job during some long days. I know that this same dedication is the reason that Beaver Creek has succeeded for the last 75 years, and that same dedication will bring us success in the next 75 years.



-Erik Keisler
Executive Director

NOTES FROM OUR NATURALISTS



What a great year for the education team! We've had a very busy year filled with field trips, summer camps, outreach events, and public programs. We were also joined by some new faces; this past year, we hired three WisCorps Naturalists (Mia, Jackie, and Abby) and one full time Naturalist (John Muetz) to assist with the increasing programmatic needs from the department. It has been such a joy being able to work with such an enthusiastic and amazing team! With the expansion of our team, we've been able to dedicate more time to creating a curriculum for all incoming field trips, updating the curriculum for the Eau Claire Area School District 2nd graders, and spending more time training our live raptors. This past year, we even got to do some professional development by attending Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education's (WAEE) conference and become trained in Project Growing Up Wild (program through Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction). We hope to learn so much more as we continue into a new year. We will be hiring three new WisCorps Naturalists and Mia will be joining us again for another term.

-Megan Giefer
Naturalist



Left: Outdoor Water Adventures Camp, July 2022



Far Left: Butterfly Camp, July 2022
Center: Nature Nuts Summer Camp, June 2022

CITIZEN SCIENCE CENTER REPORT

The Citizen Science Center (CSC) was built in 2003, but Beaver Creek Reserve had been conducting citizen science long before then. Since the beginning, birds and invasive species have been a main focus.

Lia Landowski our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator, has now been with us for a year. Lia is really resurrecting the AIS department and making it shine! During the past year, Lia has done a tremendous job forming partnerships, encouraging public interest, developing outreach, and stretching our boundaries to bring new ideas to the Citizen Science Center. One of the many new ideas brought new critters never seen before to Beaver Creek Reserve.

This spring, the AIS department co-hosted an exotic pet surrender event as part of an outreach initiative for organisms in trade. During this event, our partner J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, took in 43 animals including a two-legged turtle, a box full of pythons, two large plecos, and two savannah monitor lizards. This was a fantastic, no-judgment opportunity for people to have a safe place to surrender exotic plants or animals they no longer wanted or could care for. As intercontinental modes of shipping continue, the live organism trade has become even more accessible for eager buyers, making intentional or accidental introductions more common. Did you hear about the 12" alligator found in Sheboygan

County this summer? We want to do what we can to avoid these types of introductions. The message to 'surrender, don't release' is part of an ongoing campaign to prevent invasive plants and animals from being introduced outside of their native ranges. Aquatic invasive species cost the U.S. over 6.6 billion dollars per year (Oele et al. 2015) making exotic surrender events, like J&R's, critical for providing a safe way to prevent non-native species introductions year after year. We are thrilled at this new partnership with J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue and will continue to work with them in the future.

The Avian Monitoring Program



Above: Lia with one of the surrendered animals, March 2022



Right: Motus Tower. Picture taken at training in Pennsylvania, March 2022

Below: JR with one of the surrendered animals, March 2022



is embarking on new partnerships as well as a new project. The CSC has been monitoring birds through banding, surveys, and nest monitoring for over 20 years. The CSC is constantly improving our program to stay relevant, provide to our local community, aid in the conservation, and contribute to the scientific community. We are now looking at the future of bird research and have begun collaborating with avian researchers on a global level through a new program called Motus. Motus is a wildlife tracking technology out of Canada that uses radio signal towers to track migrating birds.

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CITIZEN SCIENCE CENTER REPORT

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Transmitter tags are placed on migrating birds and when the bird flies within 15 km of a tracking tower, the tower detects and records the signal from the tag. Data is submitted to an international database that keeps track of all tagged birds' information. This information will allow scientists to make better-informed decisions on bird conservation. There will also be extensive educational opportunities, allowing us to better conserve and create a real-world understanding of how migration works. The Chippewa Valley is an essential area for migration, given our proximity to both the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. We also serve as a critical migration conduit to the sub-boreal forest located north of us. The CSC's goal is to raise the funds to erect three Motus towers. We want to create a line from Beaver Creek to the Mississippi River to "catch" as many birds as possible on migration. Due to a generous donation, we have begun the process for our first tower, which will be located at our Henke Acres Research Site.

Thank you for all the support this past year through volunteering as citizen scientists, participating in our virtual programming, and providing monetary support. It is exciting that even after almost 20 years, the Citizen Science Center can continue to find ways to grow and engage our community.

-Jeanette Kelly

Citizen Science & Education Director

20 YEARS OF MAPS

Our favorite banding project turned 20 this year! Why would anyone willingly wake up at 4:00 AM, skip breakfast, trip and stumble through wet vegetation, coat themselves in bug spray, and constantly check for ticks creeping up their legs? For the birds of course! For 20 years, Beaver Creek Reserve's citizen scientists have been monitoring birds at our Henke Acres property.

In 2003, a group of committed bird-loving citizen scientists collaborated with the Institute of Bird Populations and started an intensive monitoring and banding program called MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity & Survivorship). The purpose of MAPS is to annually assess the nesting success and population of breeding birds. The data we collect is combined with regional and national MAPS stations and contributes to larger studies.

Due to its diversity, remoteness, and protection, Beaver Creek Reserve's Henke Acres was chosen as the location for this project. Henke Acres is permanently protected through a conservation easement with Landmark Conservancy. The conservation easement was a key factor for our MAPS project as the habitat needs to remain mostly unchanged and data doesn't begin being significantly relevant until there is twenty years of it.

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Far Left: Adult female Cooper's Hawk, Summer 2020

Left: First net check at MAPS, Summer 2013



20 YEARS OF MAPS *(continued)*

In the years chasing birds at Henke Acres we have yet to encounter every bird there. There is excitement in knowing that each year is different and something new may appear. We track every species we observe, along with every bird trapped and banded. We have recorded 123 species, trapped over 2,200, and banded 66 different species.

The best part of a summer bird program is that along with birds being dressed for success in their showy breeding plumage, many of the birds are returning from migration and only seen here during the breeding season. We see flashes of the rainbow as Scarlet Tanagers, Northern Orioles, American Goldfinches and Indigo Buntings flit through the trees. We work together to decipher the mysterious calls of the Golden-winged Warbler (a species of special concern), Chestnut-sided, and Yellow Warblers.



Above: Male Common Yellowthroat (9 years old!), Summer 2018

Right Top: Belted Kingfisher, Summer 2018

Right Bottom: MAPS Station during the COVID pandemic, Summer 2020

Banding birds is a thrill as we have the birds up close; seeing detail, and feeling their heartbeat. Regular visitors include Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Common Yellow-throats, Gray Catbirds and Red-eyed Vireos. Before, every year, every day, even every hour can hold a surprise. A Yellow-throated Vireo, a Hooded Warbler or a Yellow-billed Cuckoo will bring all the banders running. Real surprises at our trapping nets have included Wild Turkey, Broad-winged Hawk and a Great Blue Heron... Not the birds we were seeking, but exciting nonetheless.

The birds and the research are instrumental in providing information to make management decisions for the property. Our efforts have also helped secure funding for the conservation of the property. Henke Acres is a fantastic piece of land full of mosquitoes, ticks, wet grass, uneven ground and many surprises. But what I find most amazing about my time at Henke Acres is the commitment by the citizen scientists. When I asked them why, year after year, they wake up early to endure such hardships, these are the responses I received:

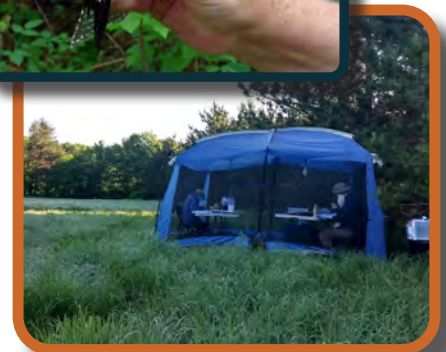
- Learning something new every single time.
- The camaraderie of working side by side with a fantastic, fun, dedicated group of people.
- One of the most intimate ways that a human can "connect with nature."
- Improving my skills.
- Learning from each other.

- Pride.
- My tiny direct contribution to saving the planet.
- The diversity, there is always something new.
- Hope.
- Studying birds who have traveled from tropical origins.
- The anticipation.
- The exhaustion of a great morning done
- Contributing to the larger world of science.
- Knowing that someday, other, younger folks will walk these same paths, completing this same, important work.
- Let's do another 20!

Make sure to stop by the Woodland Room at the Wise Nature Center to see the tribute board to 20 years of MAPS.



-Jeanette Kelly
Citizen Science & Education Director



MEET THE TEAM

Our team is currently made up of eight full-time staff, four part-time staff, five WisCorps members, and one intern. We recently made the decision to add two more WisCorps Naturalists to our education department, so they will be joining our team this fall. We were also lucky to be able to keep two WisCorps members on for another service term.

On the following pages, you will get to know our staff and their roles here at Beaver Creek Reserve. Learn about some of their hobbies, interests, and since we're celebrating our 75th anniversary, they will also share their favorite Beaver Creek Reserve memory!



Left: Boofest, October 2021



Right: Staff Holiday Party, December 2021



Left: Oak Savannah Prescribed Burn Crew, May 2022



Above: Chainsaw Safety Training, July 2022



Right: Nature Nuts Leaders, June 2022



Julie Felske

Database Coordinator



I am approaching 7 years as database coordinator at Beaver Creek and prior to that I was a front desk volunteer for many years. Beaver Creek Reserve has been a part of my family's lives since we moved here 15 years ago. My kids have grown up going to summer camps, attending family programs, hiking the trails, and now as volunteers. Working on the 75th anniversary celebration of Beaver Creek has been a fun look back at the impact BCR has had on the Chippewa Valley but also on my family. When we aren't at Beaver Creek, you can find us hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and exploring. We are excited to be a part of the next 75 years of Beaver Creek Reserve.

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: Wow, I'm not sure I can choose my favorite memory of Beaver Creek; I've had so many fun times here. This is the place my kids first learned to cross country ski, where they hid in the roots of the prairie plants in the old discovery room (which they still talk about), a place we regularly hike to find quiet and be in nature, and a place to learn and try new things. BCR was also the first place I went to as a stay at home mom trying to find something to do outside my role as "mom." I was a front desk volunteer one weekend a month when my kids were still too young to be in school. When my youngest started kindergarten, I lucked my way into a paid position. As a volunteer I had many great memories of interesting interactions with visitors. As an employee I've had so many great experiences that I would never have had otherwise. I've been able to tag monarch butterflies before they migrate to Mexico, watch Saw-whet owls be banded and learn about how to age them with UV light, take a beekeeping class and become a beekeeper, watch my coworkers rally around a snake stuck in a sticky trap and save it from a slow death, kayak with coworkers and learn so much about them; the list is endless!

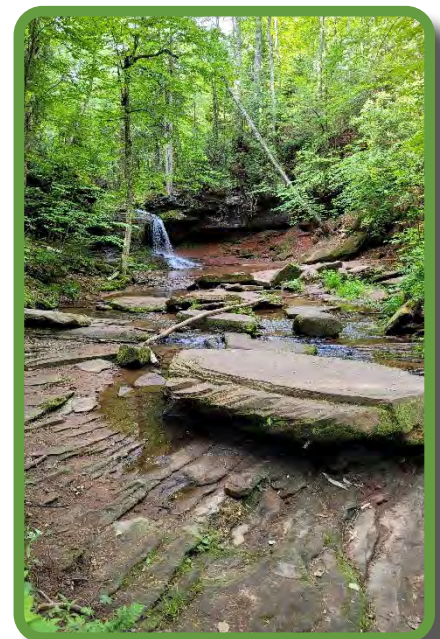


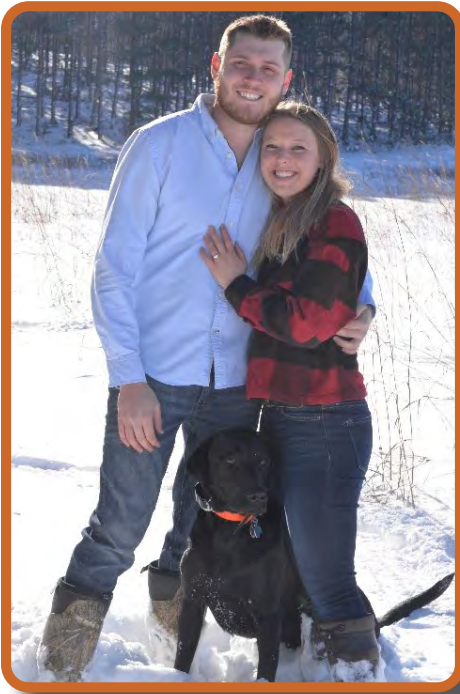
Kris Bohlinger

Operations Manager

Hi, I'm Kris, BCR's Operations Manager. What a year it has been for BCR coming out of the pandemic. There have been so many changes and exciting projects, it has truly been a year of transformation. The best part of my job is the diversity and the challenges of transforming BCR into a "destination nature center". Everyday proves to be more exciting and rewarding than the last. The staff and volunteers here are really remarkable, it is a pleasure working with such great people. My leisure time is spent searching for more beautiful places, like BCR, to hike, bike and relax!

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: Watching the transformation of the monarch life cycle. Nature has always amazed me.





Mia Clementi

WisCorps Naturalist



Hello! My name is Mia; I am one of the year-round Naturalist Interns here at Beaver Creek through WisCorps. This is my second service term here at Beaver Creek. The beauty of the people and this place sucked me in and I am not quite ready to leave! In December I got engaged to my boyfriend of 5 years, and after a bit of bouncing around out west, we made the decision to plant our roots here in Eau Claire near family. Over the past year I have had the pleasure working alongside our passionate education staff providing top notch outdoor education experiences to the public. I was also given the exciting responsibility to take over our maple syrup operation and bring my background of maple syrup production to Beaver Creek. In my free time I spend most of my time exploring my fiancé's family farm, hiking with my Black Lab, Axel, or fishing at the family cabin. Moving home from working in the back country of Pikes Peak, Colorado, and finding the same peace the mountains provided

was challenging until I found this place. Thank you all for the support in keeping this place the gem that it is. It is magical here and I hope to meet more and more of you as I dive into this next service term.

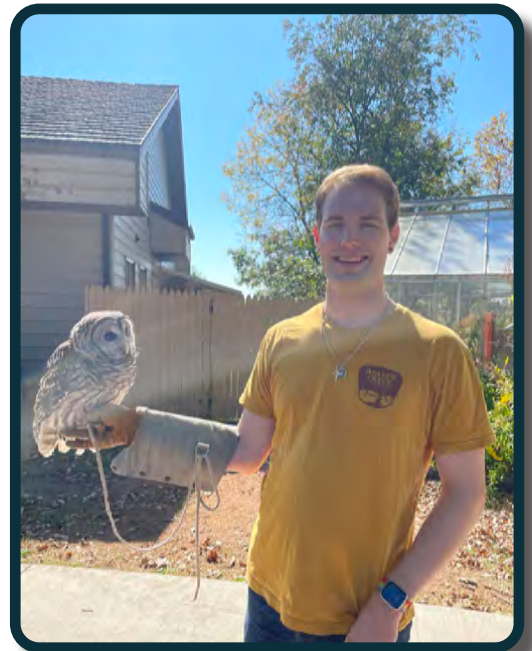
Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: My favorite memory from Beaver Creek was getting to teach new sugar makers the ins and outs of the operation during our Maple Syrup Saturday event and seeing the awe in the beauty of this historic natural process.



Tully Frain

WisCorps Avian Field Technician

Hi, my name is Tully Frain and I am Beaver Creek Reserve's Avian Field Technician. It has been amazing to be here another year working with Beaver Creek's Avian Monitoring Program. So many amazing things have happened over this past year at Beaver Creek. The MAPS crew, Jeanette, and myself are celebrating our 20th year of MAPS, and greatly increasing the scientific value of our data. We installed 3 new American Kestrel nest boxes and opened the first year of our American Kestrel Host Program. I have also been working to bring Motus, a new bird tracking technology, here to Beaver Creek so we are keeping up with the latest developments in avian research. This last year has been an amazing one for me personally. I added my 600th bird on to my life list and have continued to travel looking for new birds and opportunities. I look forward to this coming year at Beaver Creek and can't wait to see the brilliant things we will accomplish together.



Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: My favorite memory would be banding the pileated woodpecker my first year here. It was massive and so cool to handle a bird so powerful and beautiful.



Megan Giefer

Naturalist



I have just completed my third year at Beaver Creek in April, and wow... what a successful year it has been! The education team has been very busy with public programs, school groups, and summer camps back to back. With such a busy year, I have been lucky enough to add two WisCorps Naturalists and one full time Naturalist to our team! With the expansion of our team, we have been able to provide twice as many camps, a uniform curriculum taught by our Naturalists for field trips, and have increased the number of live raptor programs!

In addition, we had a very successful Nature Nuts summer camp! We added another session in the afternoon, and I was lucky enough to work with our Saplings (formally Earth Detectives) group. We had a great week learning what it means to become a scientist and ended the camp on a great note by hiking out to Big Falls County Park!

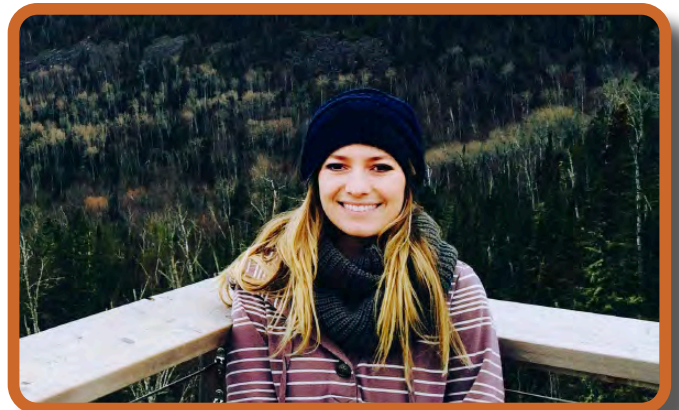
When I'm not teaching and catching butterflies you can find me outside exploring! I currently serve as a board member for the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education, and I also serve as committee chair for the Advocacy Committee. Outside of the environmental education world, I love to cross-country ski and snowshoe, camp along the North Shore, backpack in the Porcupine Mountains, and just recently took my first birding trip with Tully Frain to Sax Zim Bog in Northern Minnesota to see the mighty Great Gray Owl, it was amazing!

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: This is always the hardest question in my eyes; I have so many great memories! However, the memory that stands out the most has to be joining the Saw-Whet Owl banding crew last fall. It was both a fantastic and late night, removing multiple owls from the nets and processing their data. In addition, it was great being able to spend time with the staff outside of our normal duties.



Trista Anderson

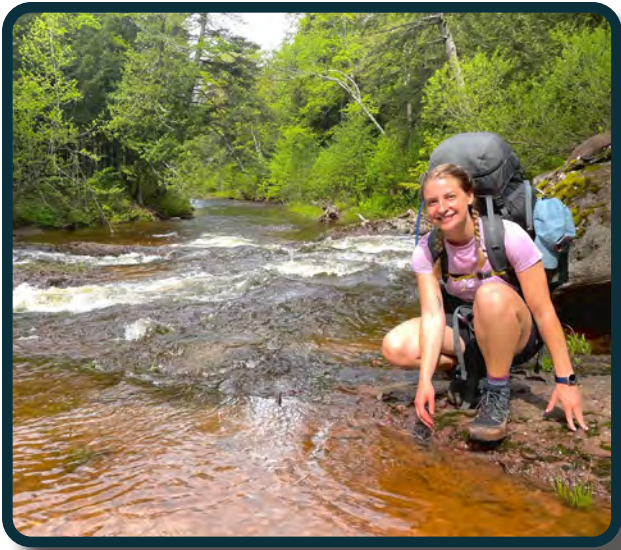
Office Manager



Hello! My name is Trista and I'm the new Office Manager at Beaver Creek Reserve! My husband Matt and I moved to the Fall Creek area a while back and I'm thrilled to get to work at such a cool place so close to home! It's been a whirlwind but I'm enjoying learning all about Beaver Creek and working with the awesome staff and volunteers here.

I'm into all kinds of music (if you have recommendations, send them my way!), gardening, and just spending time outside whenever I can!

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: My favorite memory so far is witnessing the bird banding operation at Henke Acres! I had never seen a bird up-close like that before. Going out there with my fellow BCR staff was such a neat experience and I'm truly grateful for it.



Kristen Giefer



Outreach & Development Coordinator

What a fun year 2022 has been already! I'm coming up on three years here at Beaver Creek; two in my current position. We were off to a busy start with winter events like our Candlelight Snowshoe Hikes and Frosty Frolic (where I rode a dog sled for the first time!). Then we quickly transitioned to spring events with Maple Syrup Saturday, Earth Week, and our Native Plant Sale. I feel like spring went by so quickly and before I knew it, it was summer!

What I enjoy most about working at Beaver Creek Reserve is that there is never a dull day! Sometimes I get asked to help work on the trails, catch butterflies for the Butterfly House, or even join the Citizen Science team with MAPS or owl banding. I love the opportunities Beaver Creek offers! Along with planning all our special events, and working with our volunteers, I also co-instruct our Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training. Our most recent training took place the first week of August and 18 new Master Naturalists graduated from the program! Outside of my time at Beaver Creek, I recently returned from a trip to the Oregon coast and am planning other trips later this fall. I'm excited to see what the rest of the year brings and to take on 2023!

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: I was lucky enough to help our education team with Nature Nuts summer camp this past June. I was with the Nuts which are K-1st grade... and I absolutely LOVED IT! Kids say whatever is on their mind, which was always entertaining. I've even had campers come back since Nature Nuts just to say hello. What a fun break away from my normal duties and seeing what other departments do each day.



Lia Landowski

Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

Hi, Lia here. I'm your go-to-gal for anything and everything Aquatic Invasive Species! This last year has been both challenging and rewarding as I balanced wrapping up my M.S. degree with a dive into the AIS world. Now I am happy to be integrated into AIS work for the six-county region and excited to be working with projects for the Citizen Science Center. One of my favorite parts about this position is being in the field and meeting with the passionate people working to keep our lakes and rivers clean! When I'm not working for Wisconsin waters, you can find me fishing, reading, wading through streams, and going on walks with my chocolate girl, Gibby.

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: My favorite memory was having to tell staff that we may have some Madagascar Hissing Cockroach escapees in the Nature Center after learning that the cockroaches I borrowed for Boofest were returned a couple of friends short.





Kirsten Holmes

Office Assistant



Hello, my name is Kirsten Holmes. I have been with Beaver Creek Reserve for almost seven years. I am so happy and amazed by the way we have changed in just these few years: A new computer system that keeps us all on track, new bathrooms to make our guests happy, a brand new butterfly house, renting out equipment so everyone can take it where ever they choose, and going 100% solar. My family has matured in the last seven years as well. My now 15-year-old son was lucky enough to work his first real job this summer for Beaver Creek's maintenance department. My 13-year-old also enjoys coming out and volunteering whenever he can, and was able to participate in his last Beaver Creek camp this summer, Outdoor Water Adventures. It really just feels like I was dropping them off at Nature Nuts last summer.

I am so excited to see what next year brings Beaver Creek and my family. Thank you all for the support and friendship you have given me and my family over the years.

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: My favorite memory was talking to the gentleman on the phone about the possible "platypus" in his front yard. Do you want more of the story?

I answered a phone call, and when the gentleman on the phone started with "I have an odd question," I ALWAYS know it will be a good call. He said, "I was in my backyard and I think I found something odd. I think it is a platypus." I explained to him that it most definitely was not a platypus; they are not native to Wisconsin. I then asked him if he was able to take a picture of it and send it to me. He did, and it was a mole. We both had a giggle and now this is a favorite memory.



John Muetz

Naturalist

My name is John Muetz and I am proud to have recently joined the team as the new full-time Naturalist. I have been involved with the organization in many capacities over the years, starting out as a summer Naturalist Intern, working as an Office Assistant, and most recently working on preserving and recording Beaver Creek's long history of environmental education as the BCR Historian. My background is in social studies education, but I have always had a passion for studying environmental history and how human beings shape, and are shaped by, the natural world. I recently graduated from UWEC with an M.A. in Public history (museum studies) and am eager to join the team in creating and updating our interpretive materials. That is why I am so excited to be in a role where my interests are so well aligned with the organization's mission!



Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: The first time I ever came to Beaver Creek was with my Environmental Biology class at UWEC. I spent the day snowshoeing with the wonderful woman who I now proudly call my wife! We were tasked by our professor to silently sit in the snow covered woods, and observe signs of life. It was in that moment, sitting quietly with my future wife next to the ice and snow of Beaver Creek, that BCR won a special place in my heart.



Jeanette Kelly Citizen Science & Education Director



In January 2022, I celebrated my 11th year here at Beaver Creek Reserve. So much has changed in those eleven years both at the Reserve and in my life. BCR's Director has changed, I have a new office, new coworkers, and I have two kids! I am sure you have heard me say it before, but I will keep saying it; I love my job! I have worked all over the country, with all sorts of people and Beaver Creek is where I find myself happy and content.

The focus of my position has changed to some extent over the years and it has been for the better. Now as the Citizen Science and Education Director, I find I am lucky to combine both my backgrounds in Ecology and Education. I believe that education is the first step in conservation. Jane Goodall said it best, "Only if we understand, will we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help shall all be saved." This quote has hung on my desk since day one at Beaver Creek. I use it as my motto for the work we do here.

Recently one of my favorite parts of my job has been that I can share it with my children. My daughter Wylie (10) and son Leopold (7) are now old enough to help me at work. I love that I have a job that my kids want to come to with me. They were busy this past summer not only attending Beaver Creek camps but also helping me keep the Little Free Library full, helping with outreach, and feeding caterpillars in the Butterfly Lab. Who knows, maybe someday they will take over my job!

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: Canoeing the Chippewa River with Anna Mares (AIS Coordinator) and Judy Shwarzmeier (Citizen Scientist Extraordinaire). We had to conduct an emergency freshwater mussel rescue, saving hundreds of mussels who were at risk of desiccation... Some of the most beautiful creatures I have ever seen.



Tori Lindert Writing & Marketing Intern

Hey! My name is Tori! This is my first year at Beaver Creek Reserve. I started as a writing intern through UW Eau Claire during the Spring and was lucky enough to be hired on full-time. I am the Writing and Marketing intern, so I help Kristen with events, ads, and I do a lot of proof reading. So far, I absolutely love working here! The staff is super awesome and the environment is beautiful, it makes me excited to go to work every day! I recently graduated from UW Eau Claire with a bachelor's degree in English. After graduation I got married to my high school sweetheart, Ryan (we've been together for 5 years now) and then went to Mexico for 10 days! It was super cool as it was mine and Ryan's first time being there.



Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: Although I haven't been here long, and have many memories to be made, one of my favorites so far is going with Kristen to water our pumpkins. Watching them grow has been so exciting and always puts a smile on my face. I can't wait to harvest them for Boofest. I am excited to see what other memories Beaver Creek has in store for me!



Jim Schwiebert Naturalist



Land Management continues to be one of my main areas of focus at Beaver Creek. This year a couple of exciting things happened. First, we were able to conduct a burn on our oak savanna area below the Nature Center. We burn it roughly on a four year burn rotation. This year was the most successful of the four burns that I've been on at Beaver Creek.

I was also, with the help of a state expert, able to successfully treat some areas that were being overtaken with knapweed at the Henke property. It looks like we accomplished our goal of initial and major control. It will take a few years until we can re-establish some of the native vegetation, but controlling the knapweed was the first and most important step.

I also had some fun this past year leading nature hikes, working with several school groups, and teaching tree ID and foraging classes at the Reserve. Join a class if you get a chance; I'd love to see you.

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: I used to always carry a small pocket watch to keep track of the time when I was leading school groups. During Nature Nuts week there was one little girl in particular who always seemed to be by my side. When I needed to check the time, I would casually pull the watch from my pants pocket glancing at the watch where it was tucked up in the palm of my hand. Of course, I would do this several times throughout the day. The little girl finally asked how I knew what time it was just by looking at my hand! She must have thought it was some kind of cool Naturalist trick.



Jerry Polden Maintenance

Jerry has been with Beaver Creek for seven years. He is a crew member in our maintenance department and gets to work on various projects around the Reserve. Recently, he worked on both installments of our memorial walkway in front of the Wise Nature Center. Jerry continues to help maintain our trails and grounds, and works on updates to our buildings as well as other skilled projects that come his way!

Favorite Beaver Creek Memory: Jerry has many memories of working here at Beaver Creek! One of his favorites was working with the WisCorps crew members back in 2020 on the new set of stairs behind the Nature Center and bridge to the blue and orange trails on the South campus.



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VOLUNTEER REPORT

Hours submitted by volunteers from
January 1 - December 31, 2021.

Total Hours: 3,236
Total Volunteers: 446

Department	# Volunteers	Department Total Hours	Sub-Department Total Hours	% Hours
Beaver Creek Reserve				
Beekeeping	3	427	94	22%
Maple Syrup	5		120	28%
General Programming	4		28	7%
Nature Center Host	11		185	43%

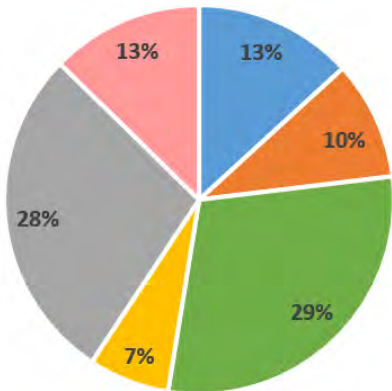
Butterfly				
House	10	320	193	60%
Lab	25		127	40%

Citizen Science Center				
Bird Banding	11	954	243	25%
Bird Banding: MAPS	4		180	19%
Bird Banding : Owls	9		356	37%
Nest Box Monitoring: Kestrel	3		55	6%
Snapshot Day	3		12	1.3%
Christmas Bird Count	18		108	11%

Hobbs Observatory				
Radio Astronomy	2	218	28	13%
Astronomy Outreach	2		13	6%
Starfest	4		34	16%
Astronomy Programs	11		143	66%

Maintenance				
General Maintenance	110	907	366	40%
Trail Maintenance	156		541	60%

Events				
Holiday Crafting for Kids	20	410	60	15%
Candlelight Snowshoe Hike	3		12	3%
Greenhouse/Native Plant Sale	22		300	73%
Butterfly Fest	7		29	7%
Boofest	3		9	2%



- Beaver Creek Reserve
- Butterfly Program
- Citizen Science Center
- Hobbs Observatory
- Maintenance
- Special Events

Total # Volunteer Groups: 32 Groups
Total Number Hours from Volunteer Groups: 931 Hours
**Ranging from 2-20 volunteers per group*



Above: Day of Caring, September 2021

Thank you to all our volunteers for submitting hours and for donating your time to Beaver Creek Reserve! We couldn't do what we do without you!

Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve 2023 Operating Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Jan-July Actual	2023 Budget
Income			
<i>Donations</i>	74,445	20,017	78,167
<i>Memberships</i>	66,150	27,312	69,458
<i>Grants</i>	273,691	86,738	287,375
<i>Fees</i>	157,623	74,755	165,505
<i>Special Events</i>	28,350	26,122	29,768
<i>Gift Shop</i>	21,056	9,187	22,108
<i>County Contract</i>	189,000	135,000	198,450
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	6,076	9,814	6,380
Total	816,391	388,945	857,211
Expenses			
<i>Wages/Benefits</i>	575,471	264,817	604,245
<i>Maintenance/Utilities</i>	75,067	48,321	78,820
<i>General Operations</i>	151,711	100,667	159,297
<i>Gift Shop Expense</i>	13,125	2,037	13,781
Total	815,374	415,842	856,143
Capital Budget/Covid			
<i>Donations</i>	451,518	(113,394)	474,094
<i>Expenses</i>	43,331	47,302	45,498
Balance	409,203	(187,593)	429,664



Above: Butterfly Discovery Walk at Henke Acres with Landmark Conservancy, July 2022



Above: Tapping trees with Wildlands students, March 2021

GRANTS RECEIVED 2021

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan.....	\$100,526
Eau Claire County Parks & Forest.....	\$45,000
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$22,203.50
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$1,851
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$5,678.50
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$3,025
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$51,527.45
Scheels Eau Claire.....	\$500
AnnMarie Foundation.....	\$500
Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.....	\$27.06
Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.....	\$500
3M Foundation.....	\$2,500
Xcel - Bird Banding.....	\$5,000
Nordson Corporation.....	\$15,000
Chippewa Rod & Gun Club - CBCW.....	\$4,633
Eau Claire Community Foundation.....	\$3,118.79
Lower Long Lake - CBCW.....	\$3,750

Total: \$265,340.30

*LCR - Lower Chippewa River,
CBCW - Clean Boats Clean Waters



Above: Planting for the Native Plant Sale, February 2022



FRIENDS OF BEAVER CREEK RESERVE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020



	2021			2020		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE						
Donations	\$ 221,379	\$ 18,061	\$ 239,440	\$ 83,650	\$ 107,798	\$ 191,448
Annual Campaign Donations	117,698	-	117,698	103,204	-	103,204
In-Kind Donation	8,888	-	8,888	8,239	-	8,239
Membership Contributions	58,264	-	58,264	56,795	-	56,795
Activity and Entrance Fees	68,745	-	68,745	30,291	-	30,291
Program Fees	14,051	-	14,051	9,553	-	9,553
Grants	233,736	15,000	248,736	194,013	3,572	197,585
Eau Claire County Contract	180,000	-	180,000	180,000	-	180,000
Wildland School Fees	57,125	-	57,125	55,350	-	55,350
Calendar Sales	1,411	-	1,411	5,545	-	5,545
Income from Gift Shop Sales (Net of Cost of Goods Sold of \$14,706 and \$8,004)	7,582	-	7,582	4,922	-	4,922
Investment Income	65,549	129,749	195,298	51,946	109,221	161,167
Change in Value of Funds Held at Eau Claire Community Foundation	16,257	-	16,257	12,056	-	12,056
Other Income	4,907	-	4,907	3,231	-	3,231
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	94,580	(94,580)	-	10,779	(10,779)	-
Total Support and Revenue	1,150,172	68,230	1,218,402	809,574	209,812	1,019,386
EXPENSES						
Salary and Wages	505,556	-	505,556	493,634	-	493,634
Equipment and Supplies	69,795	-	69,795	44,278	-	44,278
Utilities	34,522	-	34,522	32,234	-	32,234
Printing and Postage	12,296	-	12,296	14,351	-	14,351
Program Expenses	10,657	-	10,657	49,815	-	49,815
Repairs and Maintenance	287,978	-	287,978	69,149	-	69,149
Travel and Conferences	6,217	-	6,217	4,769	-	4,769
Insurance	23,660	-	23,660	25,290	-	25,290
Office Expense	5,997	-	5,997	8,139	-	8,139
Professional Fees	9,503	-	9,503	8,321	-	8,321
Scholarships	9,464	-	9,464	-	-	-
Depreciation	5,958	-	5,958	5,958	-	5,958
Other Expenses	26,481	-	26,481	29,759	-	29,759
Total Expenses	1,008,084	-	1,008,084	785,697	-	785,697
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS						
	142,088	68,230	210,318	23,877	209,812	233,689
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	1,856,280	1,286,656	3,142,936	1,832,403	1,076,844	2,909,247
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,998,368	\$ 1,354,886	\$ 3,353,254	\$ 1,856,280	\$ 1,286,656	\$ 3,142,936

DONATIONS 2021



General Donations

Amazon Smile
Bill & Pat Henke
Carol Mikita through Charities Aid
Foundation of America
Network For Good
Wisconsin Association for
Environmental Education
The estate of Amandus (Count)
Ziemann

For the Bird Banding Program

Hubert Steve & Vicki Cole
Christopher & Jana Lind

Employee Matching Program

Nordson, Inc for Robert & Carmen
Schmidt

For the Butterfly House

Eau Claire Garden Club
Market & Johnson

For the Barred Owl Mount

Dave & Linda Kragness

For Acoustic Bat Monitoring Equipment

Kristi Lund

2021 Create Culture Grant

Ann Heywood
Gene Stanley
Jennifer Eddy
Anonymous

For Monarch Butterfly Tags

Eau Claire Chamber Educational
Foundation

For the Outdoor Classroom

Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co

For the Outdoor Classroom and Virtual Connections

Nordson Corporation Foundation

For a Camp Generator

Sons of Norway

For the Adopt-a-Bird Program

Rick & Nancy Biedermann
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In-Kind Service

Chippewa Valley Astronomical
Society

In-Kind Item

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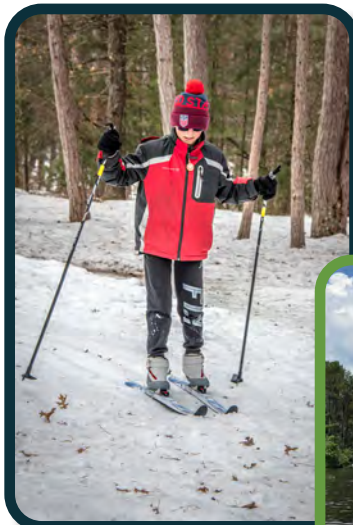
Donor Spotlight **SCHEELS**

Beaver Creek Reserve would like to recognize Scheels of Eau Claire for their generosity and support through the years! Our friends at Scheels continue to be champions of Beaver Creek for supporting our educational ambassadors, recreational opportunities, youth programming, events, citizen science research, as well as various other projects.

Thanks to Scheels, our resident turtles, fish, frogs, and toads have been well fed every day since 2016! Scheels also recently donated fishing poles for campers to use at our fishing and kayaking camp we had this past summer. In 2021, Scheels donated rain boots for students to use during field trips and six five-pound bags of bird seed for our feeders. They also donated new cross-country skis, boots, and poles in 2018 for visitors to use and for us to rent out, and continue to wax the skis before each winter season.

Scheels also donates to us for their December Giving Campaign, and in 2021, they gave \$5,000! Besides all this, they also partner with Beaver Creek throughout the year on membership giveaways, events like Earth Week, and free entrance days. They were also our top sponsor towards our Discovery Room remodel back in 2015... hence the name, Scheels Discovery Room!

We are so grateful to Scheels for all they've done for Beaver Creek Reserve and all that they continue to do to keep our doors open and visitors engaged in outdoor learning. Thank you, Scheels!



Left: Frosty Frolic, February 2020



Right: Outdoor Water Adventures Camp, July 2022



Above: Donation of 30 lbs of bird seed, January 2021



Above: Scheels Giving Campaign, December 2021



DONATION & USAGE REPORT

Donations by the Numbers (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2021)

Total # of In Kind Donations: **34**
 Total # of Event Sponsors: **13**
 Total # of Donors: **698**
 Average Donation: **\$476**
 Total for 2021 Covid Campaign (through Dec 31, 2021) : **\$163,385.60**

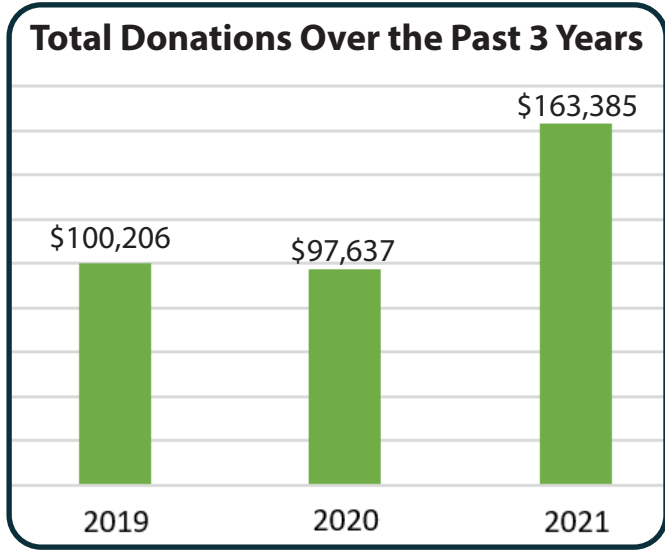
Beaver Creek by the Numbers (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2021)

Total members for 2021: **1,185**
 New members in 2021: **286**
 Camper days (overnights): **3,148**
 Field trips: **9 Virtual, 28 In-Person**
 Total kids from field trips: **839**
 Entrance rates: **7,983** total people visited BCR (*walk-ins to nature center*)
 Month with most visitors: **August** with **2,363** (*then July, then October*)
 Total rentals in 2021: **116**
 Kayaks: **23**
 Cross-Country Skis (*does not include events*): **52**
 Snowshoes (*does not include events*): **41**

Donate to our 75th Anniversary Annual Fund! Help us reach our goal of \$75,000 by the end of 2022.



**Due to rolling memberships, total active members can be difficult to calculate on an annual basis*



Above: Wise Nature Center, July 2020



Above: Annual Meeting, September 2021



Left: Boofest, October 2021



Left: Holiday Crafting for Kids, November 2021

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Thank you for helping us celebrate 75 years of *connecting people with nature*! This anniversary celebration recognizes all the people, programs, and partnerships that helped make Beaver Creek Reserve the Chippewa Valley's hub for environmental education.

To commemorate this milestone, our 75th Anniversary Fund is dedicated to supporting all aspects of Beaver Creek Reserve! Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by the end of 2022, to acknowledge all the pieces that have made Beaver Creek Reserve into what it is today, and to help keep the Reserve growing as we move forward.

Separate from the Endowment Fund, this annual fund will help cover the costs of sudden or unexpected much needed updates to our daily operations outside of the annual budget. Some examples include:

- Programmatic support
- Motus Bird Monitoring Project
- Student scholarships
- Animal care
- Trail maintenance
- Wages for seasonal employees
- Building, grounds and equipment repairs

See the donation page on our website to learn more and make a donation!



**Purchase our
75th Anniversary
Historical Booklet
at our
Nature Store!**



Left: Original Wise Nature Center, date unknown



Left: Schmidt Forest Wildflower Walk with Dr. Faye, 1998



Left: Starfest participants at Hobbs Observatory, Summer 1995



What does your donation look like?

Because of your support, we can continue to follow our mission of *connecting people with nature* by encouraging one another to spend time outside and appreciate the beauty of our environment.



Adventure Programs



Butterfly House



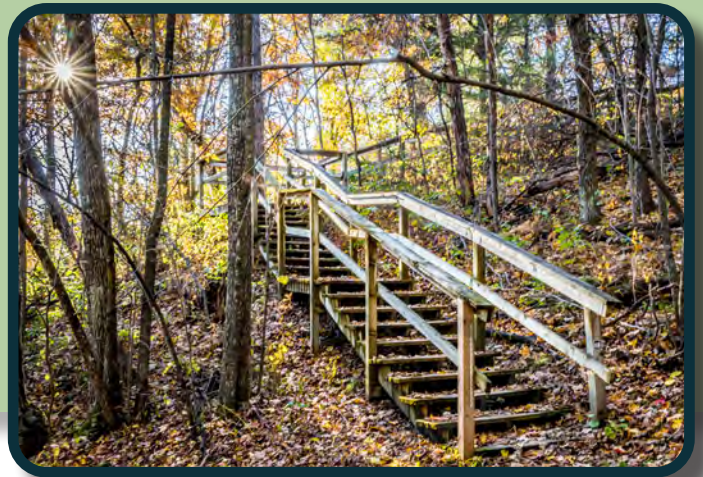
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Field Trips & Summer Camps



Henke Acres



Trails & Gardens



2022

Annual Report

The Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit, public and private partnership missioned to advance local prosperity through business and job growth.

Business Recruitment

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Luke Hanson
Executive Director



Becca Coleman
Community Project Manager



Reflections from the Executive Director

It is hard to sum up 2022 in one page but it was one heck of a year! I want to start this article out with a huge thank you to all the individuals and companies that supported the EDC throughout 2022. This organization wouldn't be what it is today without the investment from our local community supporters.

With 2022 in the books, the EDC finished the year working with 48 different companies looking at expanding into or growing within Eau Claire. Eau Claire is one of the few growing cities in Wisconsin and prospects are starting to notice. This local population growth has been a catalyst for expansion of local companies and gaining attention from national and international organizations.

We are hoping to see this growth and opportunities continue into 2023 and beyond!

Economic development can be a long play when recruiting outside organizations, sometimes taking years to convert. A great example of this is the Costco project. The EDC originally proposed that site to Costco back in 2017, 5 years later they decided it was time to build.

Looking back at 2022 the EDC made significant strides to purposefully connect with more stakeholders at a number of EDC hosted events. The 2nd Annual Clay Breaker Classic (EDC's largest fundraiser) was held in April and had the pleasure of welcoming hundreds of business leaders for an afternoon of networking and trap shooting fun. The EDC, again was co-host of River Prairie Festival – Celebration of Art. Organizing this free, community event is important in our efforts to cultivate placemaking as a workforce recruitment/retention strategy.

Thank you for your continued support of your Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation, your investment makes real impact in the growth of our community.

Luke Hanson

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2022 Highlights

- 48 RFP's activated for relocating or expanding outside businesses (record number of inquiries!)
- 5 hosted site visits
- 49 businesses assisted with Mainstreet Bounceback Grants funded by ARPA
- 500+ Entrepreneurs supported through events and programming
- Co-hosted successful Placemaking Event to highlight the unique features of living & working here
- 5 local Business Expansions assisted

Message from the Board Chair



Andrew Daniels

Miron Construction
2022 Board Chair

As I reflect on 2022, I am reminded of the opportunity that exists within Eau Claire County for growth and the vital role that the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation (EDC) plays. It is the collaboration of local businesses, municipalities, and community organizations that has made the area successful, and it will be that continued collaboration that ensures future success.

Paired with traditional economic development functions, another major goal of this past year was increasing the EDC's visibility and educating the community about our impact. This was accomplished by focusing on our core mission and finding ways to inform stakeholders of the EDC's long history of assisting with business growth in the area. I truly believe that it is through this collaborative effort that the EDC's impact on intentional business growth can be realized.

A few of the highlights from this past year include

- A 20% annual increase in the number of RFP's that the EDC received and fielded.
- Two Economic Update events were held to inform stakeholders and community of market trends and other available economic development tools.
- Largest year of annual membership investment since 2018.
- Hosted two community and investor networking events connecting people across regional and business sectors.

However, 2022 was not without its challenges. The EDC saw a major business looking to invest \$125+ million, with \$50M guaranteed valuation, into the community, withdraw its development agreement based on a less-than-accurate public perception of the project. Looking back at this pursuit, it reinforces the need to educate the community on the EDC's vital role in economic development and the role that economic development plays in the financial stability of the public government and growth of local prosperity.

With this in mind, the Board has taken the initiative to update its strategic plan in 2023 to ensure the vision is clear and all members can help promote the EDC's goals and value.

In 2023, I want to encourage all investors to make an effort to do at least one of the following.

- Learn more about the EDC's mission and help promote the EDC within the business community.
- Attend one of the multiple events the EDC holds throughout the year to stay connected, educated and support the organization.
- Increase your level of financial support to the EDC through your annual investment or sponsoring an event.

As I conclude my term, I want to say thank you to the EDC's investors for your continued support, to the staff for their daily effort to improve the organization, and to the Board for your guidance and vision. I am confident the organization is in good hands and will continue to grow its impact in the region.

Thank you!

2023 Goals

Business Growth & Expansion

Broadband Initiatives Collaborate on expanding broadband services to more rural parts of Eau Claire County.

Business Recruitment Mobilize outreach efforts to actively recruit expanding businesses to visit and move into Eau Claire County.

Recruitment Resource Guide Use the EDC's own Preferred Service Provider Guide to streamline marketing materials for site selectors and other interested parties.

Placemaking

Identify Needs Work with community partners to continue to identify and work towards talent attraction.

Destination Development Intentionally recruit business that supports the goal of making Eau Claire County a place for tourism and recreation.

Business Retention

Business Retention & Expansion Calls Increase business growth calls to foster and assist with expanding existing businesses.

Regional Collaboration Events Host community-connecting events to develop collaboration between private and public entities, all with a focus to elevate business in the County.

Economic Excellence Recognition Present the Paragon Economic Impact Award, an annual award used to recognize and celebrate a local business who advances local economic impact.

Entrepreneurship

Connector in the Startup Community Organize, host or support entrepreneur focused local events including; The Idea Challenge, Startup 48, 1 Million Cups VentureHome EC and Startup Chippewa Valley Week.

Second Stage Funding for Entrepreneurs Develop a fund to provide second stage seed funding for local entrepreneurs to assist with growth in the County.

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RFI Projects

In 2022, the EDC fielded 48 Request for Information (RFI) queries from expanding business prospects.

These prospects were looking at growing or expanding in Eau Claire County. The EDC assisted companies ranging from locations in California to New York, internationally from the UK, Germany, and Asia, and also local entities looking for expansion opportunities at home.

If the EDC were to calculate how much we bid out for development work just for 2022, it was over \$2.75B, if it were all to take place here! In reality, not all projects are converted; however the EDC assisted companies develop over 380,000 sq ft of new, local facilities and a total investment over \$37,000,000 into our community. Having these expansion conversations and showcasing the advantages of growing a business here is at the heart of the value of the Eau Claire Area EDC.

Overall, Eau Claire is getting noticed as a place of growth and opportunity throughout the region, state, and nationally. Companies are seeing that we have a strong workforce and pipeline, safe communities, geographically well-positioned and a great sense of place.

Additionally, the EDC has put an emphasis on Placemaking over the past 18 months and we see it as a key economic driver for business and workforce recruitment. We all know, there are wonderful and unique reasons to make the Chippewa Valley a home for business and employees, especially when being compared to other mid-size, mid-west communities.

This is the part of the Eau Claire value that the EDC will continue to build off of for years to come.



Paragon

Economic Impact Award

Huebsch has been awarded the 2022 Paragon Economic Impact Award to recognize their positive impact on the economy in Eau Claire County.

Huebsch was established in 1891 to meet the laundry needs of a growing lumber industry in West Central Wisconsin. The Huebsch Laundry business took many forms through the years. Throughout this time, the business has remained flexible and innovative to support the needs of their customers. **Serving Western Wisconsin and the Twin Cities, Huebsch is your local independent service provider for work uniforms, floor mats, towels and aprons, restroom services, corporate apparel, clean room, and first aid service.**

Their leadership team has been extremely intentional with plans for growth and expansion, investing heavily in state-of-the-art equipment to allow for greater capacity as their demand increases. This includes recently installing a garment auto-sort system, a new cloth roll towel cleaning machine, and installing a new soil-sort system. These changes reduce the physical demands placed on their employees by using technology to take some of the labor off their team members, keeping their employees wellness top of mind. Huebsch also built two large additions onto their Eau Claire plant to allow room for their physical upgrades.

Huebsch is dedicated to being a sustainable company and continues to seek ways to improve their efforts including using solar energy from their rooftop solar panels and protecting the environment by installing a stormwater treatment system underneath their parking lot.

Huebsch is actively involved with the Boys and Girls Club of the Chippewa Valley, United Way, and Special Olympics of Wisconsin. Giving back to the community has always been an integral part of who Huebsch. They often send their team members to volunteer at events, hold employee fundraisers, and sponsor events for these organizations.

Huebsch has cared passionately for their employees in Eau Claire since 1891.

Often promoting employees from within, they invest often in their next generation of leaders. Huebsch provides routine opportunities for their staff to attend professional development trainings, plan internal trainings to benefit employees lives in and outside of the workplace, and their company CEO knows every one of their 170+ employees by name. Huebsch is excited to position the company for their next 132 years of success by remaining independent and family owned.



Rural Broadband

In 2019, the Eau Claire County Board approved a resolution that created the Special Broadband Committee. The committee consists of eleven members, including the Eau Claire Area EDC, with diverse broadband expertise and backgrounds, have built strong relationships with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that serve the geographical areas of the county, Townships, and other partners.

At the beginning, the Committee spent time connecting with ISPs, analyzing Federal Communication Commission (FCC) data, understanding where coverage gaps existed, and developing its goals.

Since then, it was determined that the Committee's principal goal was to support the expansion of high-speed internet infrastructure across the County, with their gold standard being fiber to the premise.

Some Accomplishments

- Advocate for the expansion of broadband infrastructure access to residences and businesses by writing seven letters of support where ISPs received Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) broadband expansion grants. These projects include 2,210 locations and approximately 305 miles of fiber installed
- Recipient of the PSC Broadband Forward Community designation. This designation required the adoption of an ordinance that streamlined the permitting process for broadband infrastructure expansion projects in the rural parts of the county.
- Developed an online broadband survey with a speed test to collect more accurate data for use in PSC broadband grant applications.
- Partnered with the PSC to secure a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) grant to fund the Space X Starlink pilot project. The grant was used to purchase the satellite receiver and associated equipment for 50 participants.

Current and Future Projects

- Partnered with United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley to develop a Digital Equity & Inclusion Initiative program that is available to all county citizens.
- Continue supporting ISPs with grant applications to expand high-speed broadband services in eastern Eau Claire County.





Gateway Industrial Park

The Gateway Industrial Park is Eau Claire's premier industrial property in the County.

Gateway has been a primary example of a very successful public-private partnership and is a true success story for Eau Claire. The partnership is made up of the City of Eau Claire, Xcel Energy, and the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation. This unique partnership allows Gateway to move quickly in support of economic development efforts, tools, and incentives to entice growth and expansion of businesses to Eau Claire.

The original Gateway Park started on the south side of Eau Claire back in the late 1980's. It was then determined to be best suited for commercial retail and residential properties given its location. It did have its fair amount of success prior to moving to the north side of Eau Claire. The original Gateway now sits on Gateway Drive and is host to 58 different businesses employing over 900 people in our community. Some of those businesses include Target, Kohl's, Walmart, and Sam's Club.



Lot	Business	Acrees
1	Available	80
2	Available	157
3a	Ecom on Venture	5
3b	Ecom on Venture	8
3c	Ecom on Venture	9
4	Buller Concrete	7
5	Ecom on Venture	8
6	Kury Industrial	4
7	Essex Glass	2
8	Budger State	2
9	AKM Mobility	3
10	Eby-Brown	10
11	Available (Private)	3
12	Available	5
13	Minnesota Wire	5
14	Available	2
15	Available	3
16	Some One Delivery	3
17	Blue Maple Tech	1
18	Blue Eyed Dog Holdings	5
19	Industrial Specialists	4
20	Available	44
21	Veture 17 LLC	3
22	Nestle USA	41
23	FedEx Ground	30
24	CVCC	26
25	Industrial Storage	17
26	Multiple	69
27a	Prairie Lane Storage	3
27b	Prairie Lane Storage	5
29	CPI Eau Claire	12
30	Aligas	5
31	Stanford's Game	4
32	EO Johnson	4

With the success of Gateway West, Gateway expanded its park north off of County Highway T to be what are currently marketing today as Gateway Northwest Business Park. The current park is the largest to date at 522 acres, hosting companies such as Nestle USA, Net Health Shops, FedEx, Minnesota Wire, and Eby-Brown. With the 20 companies located in the park they are employing over 2,220 people in our community.

Gateway is a true success story in our community and is used as an example of what can be done in collaboration with a strong public-private partnership throughout the nation. Gateway has successfully developed 569 acres of land, generated a commercial and industrial tax base over \$224M for Eau Claire between the 123 current employers, and generating over 5,400 jobs in our community.

After the sale of the original Gateway Park, Gateway expanded to the west side of Eau Claire along Truax Boulevard and the North Crossing. This transition took place in 1993 and the land was acquired from Eau Claire County for future development. The original 232 acre park is now fully developed and home to 45 businesses employing over 2,300 people. Some of the prominent companies out there are NMC Wollard, Hutchinson Technology Inc, Silver Spring Foods, and Riverside Machine.

It has been a huge success and we are not close to being done! Gateway will continue to make strides to advance our community forward for decades to come.





The Idea Challenge

On December 8, 2022, The Idea Challenge, a local business idea competition, held the final pitch session for five finalists. Heard by a panel of industry experts, Flawn Flowering Lawn Kit was named the winner and will receive \$5000 to support the new business, thanks to a sponsorship by Northwestern Bank.

According to founder, Anthony Nied, Flawn Flowering Lawn plans to use the prize money to order new custom cut and printed packaging from a Wisconsin based eco conscious company that will allow consumers a completely sustainable, and even easier, way to apply their Flawn Seed Kit and transform their lawn into a Flowering Lawn.

"I am extremely grateful for the support I've received from my family as well as the guidance provided by my mentors helping me to navigate on this journey. Entrepreneurs, such as myself, are indebted to the support and resources made available by organizations like the Eau Claire Area EDC which help make small businesses successful." www.flawninglawn.com



THE IDEA CHALLENGE



The Idea Challenge 2022 Finalists:

Eau Claire Refillery, Greta Gladitsch- Eau Claire Refillery is a zero-waste, eco-friendly refill store in downtown Eau Claire.

Flawn Seed Kits, Anthony Nied- Flawn Seed Kits allow you to easily transform your grass lawn into a low maintenance flowering lawn that is safe for pets, kids, and the environment. Winner of Grand Prize.

Goatful Games, Eli Bremer- Goatful Games has created an exciting board game, Meet Me At the Creek, an amazing game of race, chase and capture based around the musician Billy Strings.

Peace Tree Child Care Management, Lydia Ekenstedt- Peace Tree Child Care Management Services provides the expertise to open and operate an exceptional child care center by breaking down common barriers to give better pay, fair tuition, and employee benefits. Winner of \$1000 Business Services award.

Cereus, Doug Rhoten-Cereus is a SaaS product that automates auditing all content and network traffic in your website to ensure it complies with US and international privacy laws.

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Eau Claire County Housing Authority

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To the Honorable Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
Annual Liaison Report for the Year 2022

Background

The EC County Housing Authority (HA) was established by action of the County Board on March 20, 1973 according to State Statute. While the HA is its own entity, it is still connected to the County through the County Board; two County Board members are required to be commissioners on the Housing Authority Board.

The HA was initially established to administer EC County HUD funds for home rehabilitation loans. Our jurisdiction is primarily Eau Claire County, outside the City limits of Eau Claire. Since initial conception, the HA has applied for and received a variety of State and Federal grants bringing many dollars into Eau Claire County to help low-income residents pay rent, buy and repair homes.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program (first Federal HUD grant received in 1987) provides 1.6 million dollars annually making rent assistance payments directly to landlords on behalf of very-low-income tenants.

The HA received Federal HUD Public Housing development grants starting in 1994 to purchase and rehab existing housing stock (13 homes) into rental units, and to build 15 single family homes and duplexes in the City of Altoona and Town of Washington. These homes are rented to very-low-income residents. The tenants may also participate in our Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs. Once self-sufficient, the tenants can purchase these homes. This is a revolving program where funds are taken from the sales of the homes and recycled to purchase replacement units. This program annually brings in about \$100,000 in HUD revenues, to assist in program operations and maintenance. The subsidies help keep housing costs lower for tenants while they are working toward becoming self-sufficient.

In 2004 the HA was able to acquire the Fairchild Nursing Home. The HA applied for and received grant dollars from several sources bringing about \$1,140,100 into the community. The building was rehabbed and developed into 11 Senior (55+) independent rental units, plus a common area kitchen, living room and laundry area. Tenants living in this building receive Section 8 Vouchers, so their rents are kept at affordable levels. There is one vacant wing we will develop into three more units in 2023.

We are always looking for opportunities to expand and provide housing assistance in our area. Since April 2016, the City of Altoona Housing Authority has contracted with our HA to manage their 36 units of Public Housing (24 one-bedroom units at Golden Acres One and 6 two- and three-bedroom duplex units).

In addition to these rental programs – the Housing Authority has continued to apply for and administer home rehabilitation loan programs. We have received several grant allocations over the years from various funding sources. Repaid loans are revolving, meaning as funds come in, we continue to loan these dollars out to homeowners and landlords to make necessary repairs to their homes. These loans are 0% interest, and payments are generally not required, while the recipients remain in the homes.

In addition to Eau Claire County HA funding, we also manage CDBG revolving fund programs for Eau Claire County, the City of Augusta, and Village of Fairchild. In 2013 the State of Wisconsin began to distribute its Small Cities CDBG funds to seven regional consortia rather than to individual municipalities. We are part of the West Central Regional Housing Consortia. Chippewa County is the lead agency in our region, administered by the Chippewa County Housing Authority (CHA). In 2015, CHA sub-contracted to Eau Claire County Housing Authority asking us to assist in the administration of Eau Claire, Buffalo and Pepin Counties.

Eau Claire County HA also has down payment/closing cost assistance and homeownership and financial counseling programs to assist low-income residents wanting to purchase homes in Eau Claire County.

2022 Activity

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The total monthly payments to landlords in 2022 averaged \$116,442. The monthly voucher payment per family in 2022 averaged \$414. The length of time that a family participates in the program averages about five-years. Total rent expenditures for the program to date equals about \$23,897,306.

Since 2018, we have been able to increase the number of households we are able to assist because we have applied for and received special allocations of voucher funding from HUD. We have Memorandums of Understanding with area supportive service agencies to coordinate rent assistance along with other needed services to better assist our clients. We currently have standard vouchers for 226 income eligible households, 10 VASH (Veterans) vouchers, 43 Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers which are for families needing adequate housing to regain custody of their children or to keep their children from being removed from their household. FUP can also be used for Foster Youth leaving the system. In addition to these, we also have 79 (plus 10 more for 2023) Mainstream (MS) vouchers for non-elderly disabled adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The agency also has committed 10 vouchers for Movin-Up to be used in conjunction with the Local Housing Coalition to provide vouchers to clients leaving the Coalition's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program and are ready to "move-up" and leave the PSH.

We are very happy to report our total voucher program size increased from 221 in 2018 to our current 358 vouchers. This is a 62% increase.

PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

The Eau Claire County Housing Authority currently owns 15-Public Housing units. Under this program, tenants pay a reduced rent based on 30% of their monthly income. HUD subsidies are received to assist in the maintenance and management costs of the program.

Net rents received from public housing tenants averaged \$214 per month during 2022, reflecting monthly household incomes of about \$1,248 each. We only have one current FSS participant with \$78 currently on deposit into the FSS escrow account of public housing family.

Under the Housing Authority's Homeownership Plan, thirteen families have purchased their housing units. At least ten other families have purchased homes other than their public housing unit.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) PROGRAM

This program is operated in conjunction with the Voucher and Public Housing programs. Under these programs, rental assistance and low-rent housing occupancy are coordinated with public and private resources to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. A total of 369 families have participated in the FSS program; one family is currently under contract and participating fully in the program. So far, 72 families have achieved self-sufficiency under the program, and \$291,551 in escrow account funds has been disbursed to 65 families since 1995. We continue to conduct outreach to increase participants in this program.

HOUSING REHABILITATION

The Housing Authority continues to administer reused revolving funds from past CDBG and HOME, Augusta, and Village of Fairchild CDBG programs. These programs, plus with our contracts with the Regional Program, our agency has assisted in six projects in 2022 totaling \$232,463. As of 12/31/21, we are responsible for ongoing maintenance of around 200 mortgages totaling \$2,292,702. Our goal is to issue at least 10 loans each year averaging \$40,000 each.

HOUSING COST REDUCTION INITIATIVE (HCRI) PROGRAM

Repaid State HCRI and HODAP security deposit loan funds from a prior grant are re-used to assist additional families who are leasing up under our Housing Choice Voucher or Public Housing Programs. Only four security deposit loans (\$2,000) were made during 2022 using revolving funds. These loans are at 0% interest; however, the recipients are required to make minimum monthly payments of \$25.

We still have an open grant from the State of Wisconsin from HCRI/HOME for down payment/closing mortgages. These funds must be spent by September 30, 2023. Homebuyers can apply for up to \$8,000 toward their home purchase.

The HA currently has two full-time staff positions: Executive Director, and an Eligibility Specialist, plus three 3/4-time Housing Assistant/Eligibility Specialists and one part-time Administrative Assistant. We contract out for inspection and rental unit maintenance services.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Eau Claire County Housing Authority:

Robin J. Leary
Eau Claire County Housing Authority
Supervisor, Eau Claire County Board

Thomas Vue
Eau Claire County Housing Authority
Supervisor, Eau Claire County Board

LEPC 2022 Report

During 2022, the Eau Claire County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met three times and completed various grant requirements in the process. The LEPC, which consists of emergency responders, businesses, and providers to healthcare approved hazardous materials off-site response plans for ten organizations, revised the County Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan, and met other requirements given by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

In addition to the grant-required work, Emergency Management staff started introducing the LEPC to the Integrated Preparedness Planning process which will be a strategic vision for the program moving forward, with a desire for LEPC members to provide guidance.

LEPC members from the County Board, Township Fire, Eau Claire Fire, HTI, and Mayo Hospital were able to participate or observe the tabletop and/or full-scale exercises at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in August, and some members took part in the other four exercises that emergency management conducted. The airport exercises had a hazardous materials component to them, in addition to the mass casualty training that is required.

Despite some new faces to the LEPC, and a long-vacant Media Rep, the committee continues to work well together and provides knowledge of the tasks and plans that are brought forward. Emergency Management staff has noticed an increased emphasis on ensuring that even the most minute details within the various emergency plans are correct.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Eau Claire County LEPC by:

CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Annual Liaison Report

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County Representative

Thomas Vue, Eau Claire County Representative

The Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)(Council) met six times during 2022. During 2022, the following actions and/or discussions were held.

1. Resolution 22-01 and 22-02: Adoption of Amendment #1 and Amendment #2 (Project Changes) to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026 were reviewed and approved.
2. Possible projects to be proposed to WisDOT for inclusion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) were discussed. Three scenarios recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were reviewed. This will be part of Round 1 of the BIL. These projects included Altoona vehicle replacement projects and charging stations, Eau Claire County Vehicle Replacement projects and installation of four EV charging stations at the new highway building. The projects were ranked and the Eau Claire County vehicles and EV stations were approved.
3. Resolution 22-03: Adoption of Amendment #3 of the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO Long Range Transportation Plan was reviewed and approved.
4. Resolution 22-04: Adoption of Amendment #4 of the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO Long Range Transportation Plan was reviewed and approved.
5. Resolution 22-05: Adoption of Amendment #5 of the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO Long Range Transportation Plan was reviewed and approved.
6. MPO Staff presented a review of the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area (SSA), the Sewer Service Area Plan, and the MPO's Water Quality Management role. This was reviewed because of possible development plans being considered that may be requesting SSA expansion.
7. The Committee reaffirmed the MPO's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) as the MPO's Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee (WQMTAC). This has been past practice for at least 15 years.
8. The Committee reviewed the second round of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law STP-Urban and approved scenario #2 as recommended by the TAC. Scenario #2 will provide 80% of the cost for three projects including CTH-OO in Chippewa County, County Line Road from the City of Eau Claire and East Hamilton Avenue from the City of Eau Claire and Town of Washington.
9. Resolution 22-06 and 22-07: Adoption of Amendment #6 and Amendment #7 (Project Changes) to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026 were reviewed and approved.

10. The 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Eau Claire Urban Area was presented, reviewed and approved.

11. The Traffic Safety Report for the Metropolitan Planning Area was reviewed by the Committee. This will be used to propose projects to improve the safety of the roads in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

12. A Public Hearing for the application from the City of Eau Claire to amend the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service entitled “*Type 1 Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment-Orchard Hills*” was held. Public and Committee discussion on consideration and action on an advisory resolution entitled “*Resolution 22-09 Boundary Amendment of the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area Plan for 2025*” was held. A motion to deny the application was made and a vote of 10 – 2 to deny was received.

WISCONSIN PACE COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annual Liaison Report
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County Representative

PACE (*Property Assessed Clean Energy*) is an innovative program that enables property owners to obtain low-cost, long-term loans for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation improvements. Projects financed using PACE can generate positive cash flow upon completion with no up-front, out-of-pocket cost to property owners-eliminating the financial barriers that typically prevent investment in revitalizing aging properties. The term of a PACE Financing may extend up to the useful life of the improvement, which may be as high as 20 years or more, and can result in cost savings that exceed the amount of the PACE Financing. The result is improved business profitability, an increase in property value, and enhanced sustainability. Eligible commercial properties include multifamily buildings of five units or more, as well as industrial, non-profit, agriculture, and hospitality properties.

The Board of Directors (BOD) meets on a monthly basis and reviews requests for PACE loans. Slipstream, the program administrator, has reviewed all of the applications for their compliance with the requirements for a PACE loan. The Administrator also proposes changes to the State Law governing the program. During 2022, there were three main categories of changes that were implemented by the passing of 2021 Wisconsin Act 175. These changes are:

1. Addition of reliability, resiliency, and stormwater as eligible project types,
2. Deletion of the savings guarantee mandate and the removal of the Savings to investment Ration requirement for projects
3. Addition of floodplain ordinance compliance for resiliency projects.

During 2022, there were 21 loans approved by the PACE BOD. The loans ranged from \$191,000 to \$4,770,000. There was one Eau Claire County project funded. Since the beginning of the program in 2017 until the end of 2022, \$158,007,373 has been loaned to businesses with projects that meet the criteria for the loan. A total of 85 loans have been made. Most of the projects funded are buildings related to hospitality or mixed use. The loans require that these buildings be renovated for energy efficiency, water savings, and CO2 reduction. All of the projects have a savings % to Investment Ratio that is greater than 1% and ranged to 23%.

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Liaison Report Provided by Supervisor Dane Zook

April 2023

The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) is a multi-county planning and technical assistance provision organization created under Wisconsin Statute 66.0309 in 1971. Counties making up the region served by the organization include Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix.

As per state statute, WCWRPC is charged with planning for the physical, social, and economic development needs of the region, accomplishing this by:

- 1) Acting as a coordinating organization between federal and state agencies and the local governments they serve.
- 2) Assisting units of government in working on regional issues.
- 3) Providing technical assistance, advice, and services directly to individual units of government.

WCWRPC activities are directed by a 21-member governing Board. Three representatives are appointed to the board by each of the seven counties in the region. Current appointments to the Commission by Eau Claire County include John Frank, Kyle Johnson, and Dane Zook.

WCWRPC has a staff of fourteen who provide services in four broad program areas including economic development, transportation, community development, and natural resources. Organizational stakeholders are the counties, communities, and citizens to which services are provided, in addition to other important partners at the federal, state, and local level.

The organization's funding comes from state and federal sources, a levy fee charged to member counties, a management agreement for administration and staffing of a regional business revolving loan fund, and individual agreements for project work. Eau Claire County's levy contribution for 2023 is \$62,551.

Below are some of the key services provided to Eau Claire County for 2022/2023:

- WCWRPC staffed and administered the Mainstreet Bounceback Program for the seven-county region. Under the program new or expanding businesses and nonprofit organizations that moved into vacant commercial spaces could receive grants of \$10,000. The program was funded by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) using federal ARPA funds. In total, from September 2021 through December 2022 860 grants were awarded in the region. A breakdown of awards by county was as follows.

County	Number of Applications Approved	Award Total
Barron	131	\$1,310,000
Chippewa	105	\$1,050,000
Clark	49	\$490,000
Dunn	49	\$490,000
Eau Claire	236	\$2,360,000
Polk	116	\$1,160,000
St. Croix	174	\$1,740,000
Total	860	\$8,600,000

- WCWRPC secured funding for, and administered, a regional Microenterprise Grant Program. Funding came from the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus (CV) Program. The funds provided a unique opportunity for income-eligible small businesses (less than five employees) who were negatively impacted by the pandemic to receive grants of up to \$5,000. A breakdown of total business awards by county is as follows.

County	Eligible Applications	Award Total
Barron	29	\$142,871.11
Chippewa	26	\$129,634.64
Clark	18	\$90,000.00
Dunn	20	\$99,490.59
Eau Claire*	15	\$74,995.96
Polk	30	\$147,425.39
St. Croix	42	\$201,814.23
Total	180	\$886,231.92

**Because the City of Eau Claire received its own Coronavirus allocation, City of Eau Claire businesses were not eligible for this program.*

- One of the important functions conducted by WCWRPC is the staffing and management of business loan pools. These loan pools can fill the gap between financing the private sector can provide and what is needed to move business projects forward. The largest of these is under the umbrella of the nonprofit

Regional Business Fund, Inc. For all of 2022 through February 28, of 2023, staff assisted in closing 72 regional business loans for a total dollar amount of \$4,000,937. 389 jobs were created and/or retained and \$31,891,706 in private funds were leveraged. Fifteen loans were closed in Barron County, sixteen in Chippewa County, four in Clark County, three in Dunn County, seven in Eau Claire County, nine in Polk County, and eighteen in St. Croix County.

- Commission staff assisted Eau Claire County in developing and administering an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded small business and nonprofit grant program. Working with a County appointed ARPA Committee, two programs were set up with a total allocation of \$2 million. The first provided \$5,000 grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations impacted by the pandemic. A total of 87 Eau Claire County applicants were awarded these one-time funds. The second program was meant to provide grants of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 to forward thinking and innovative projects, programs, or efforts that could assist the greater community in recovering from the pandemic. 25 applicants received these funds. For the second program recipients have until the end of 2024 to utilize the funds.
- Through the West Central Wisconsin Broadband Alliance, WCWRPC staff continue to keep local units of government and other stakeholders informed of FCC mapping changes, funding opportunities, and new tools. Data and letters of support have been provided for counties and communities pursuing broadband grant funding. Broadband fact sheets have been developed and staff have participated on the Wisconsin Broadband Stakeholder Work Group and the Digital Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council led by the United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley. This latter initiative is partnering with PC's for People, Chippewa Valley Technical College, schools, libraries, senior centers, and other groups. The Council aims to provide internet-capable devices to low-income residents, assist such households in accessing programs to help with internet subscription costs, and provides digital literacy training opportunities.
- In partnership with Eau Claire County, on June 29, 2022 a lake and agricultural tour was hosted and coordinated by WCWRPC staff. The event was initiated as part of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Education grant secured by WCWRPC. The tours brought together non-farmers, farmers, and local officials to cultivate collaboration and trust, while providing education on the importance of agriculture, current farming challenges, and the relationships between good soil health and water quality.
- In May of 2022 WCWRPC staff completed an Eau Claire County Outdoor Recreation Plan. These plans need to be updated every five years to maintain eligibility for Certain Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grants. The

plan included County information as well as individual community sections for the Town of Seymour, Town of Pleasant Valley, Town of Washington, and Village of Fairchild, so they too could meet state funding requirements.

- WCWRPC prepared a grant proposal for submission to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for a comprehensive update to the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area Plan. Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plans are required in urban areas of 10,000 or more population under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act and NR121. These plans identify existing sewer areas, as well as adjacent land most suitable for new development in light of treatment capacity, municipal plans, development barriers, etc. The plans emphasize protecting environmentally sensitive areas where development would have an adverse impact upon water quality. WCWRPC has been designated by WDNR as the area's sewer service area planning agency since the plan's creation in 1981, which includes reviewing proposed sewer extensions and providing Sewer Service AREA Conformance letters (also known as Water Quality Management or 208 letters). The cities of Altoona, Chippewa Falls, and Eau Claire have requested that the plan be updated since the data and SSA boundary in the plan have not been updated since 2006.
- WCWRPC provides staff to the nonprofit Rain to Rivers of Western Wisconsin organization. Members of Rain to Rivers include Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties; Cities of Altoona, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Hudson, Menomonie, Rice Lake, and River Falls; Town of Washington; University of Wisconsin-Stout and University of Wisconsin River Falls. The group's goal is to provide education and outreach related to stormwater runoff as a condition of maintaining MS4 municipal wastewater permits.
- In the area of transportation, WCWRPC:
 - + Provided staffing to the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - + Completed a City of Altoona Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
 - + Assisted with official mapping for County Highway T
 - + Prepared a Eau Claire County Crash Report
 - + Ran a Regional Safe Routes to School Program including development of plans for the City of Eau Claire and Altoona, and providing implementation assistance for identified priority projects.
- WCWRPC staff prepared a FEMA hazard mitigation funding application that will assist Eau Claire County with the cost of updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan. These plans must be updated once every five years to maintain eligibility for certain types of disaster recovery funding.

- Distributed a monthly events and funding newsletter to units of government, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in the county.
- Upon request, provided economic development corporations, communities, and Eau Claire County staff with information from EMSI and ESRI Community Analyst, two web-based tools that provide employment and labor market data analysis.
- Updated the Eau Claire County economic profiles as well as community profiles for each of the cities and villages. These profiles are provided to units of government and found on the WCWRPC website. Collected and analyzed information is inclusive of population, housing, real estate values, income, labor force, transportation, utilities, taxes, and industrial parks.
- Assisted the City of Augusta with administration of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facility award for construction of a new community well and pumphouse.

With continued support from partners at the federal, state, and local level we anticipate many ongoing success stories to this long-standing partnership.

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West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Who We Are And What We Do 2023

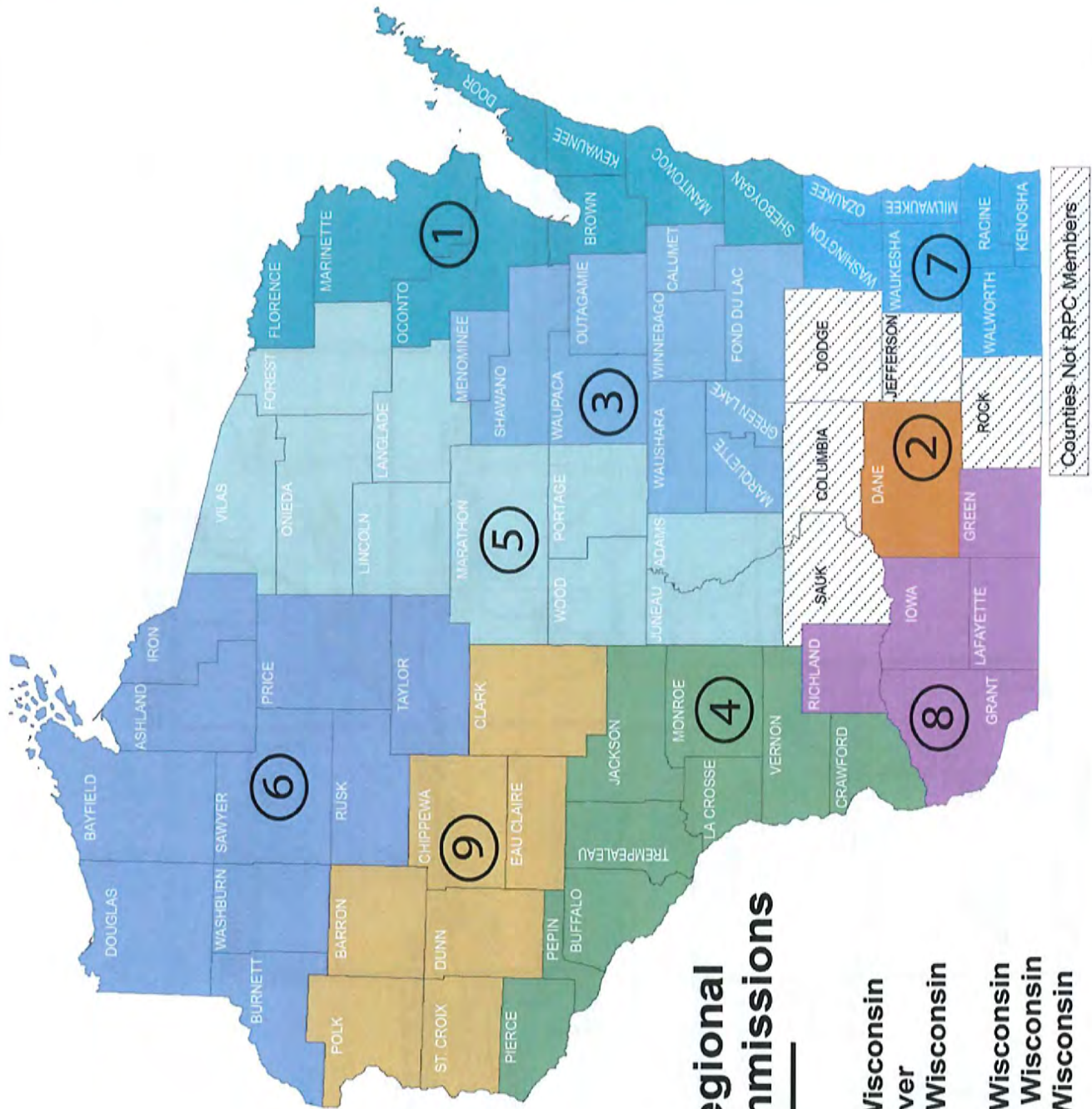


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West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Regional Planning Commissions

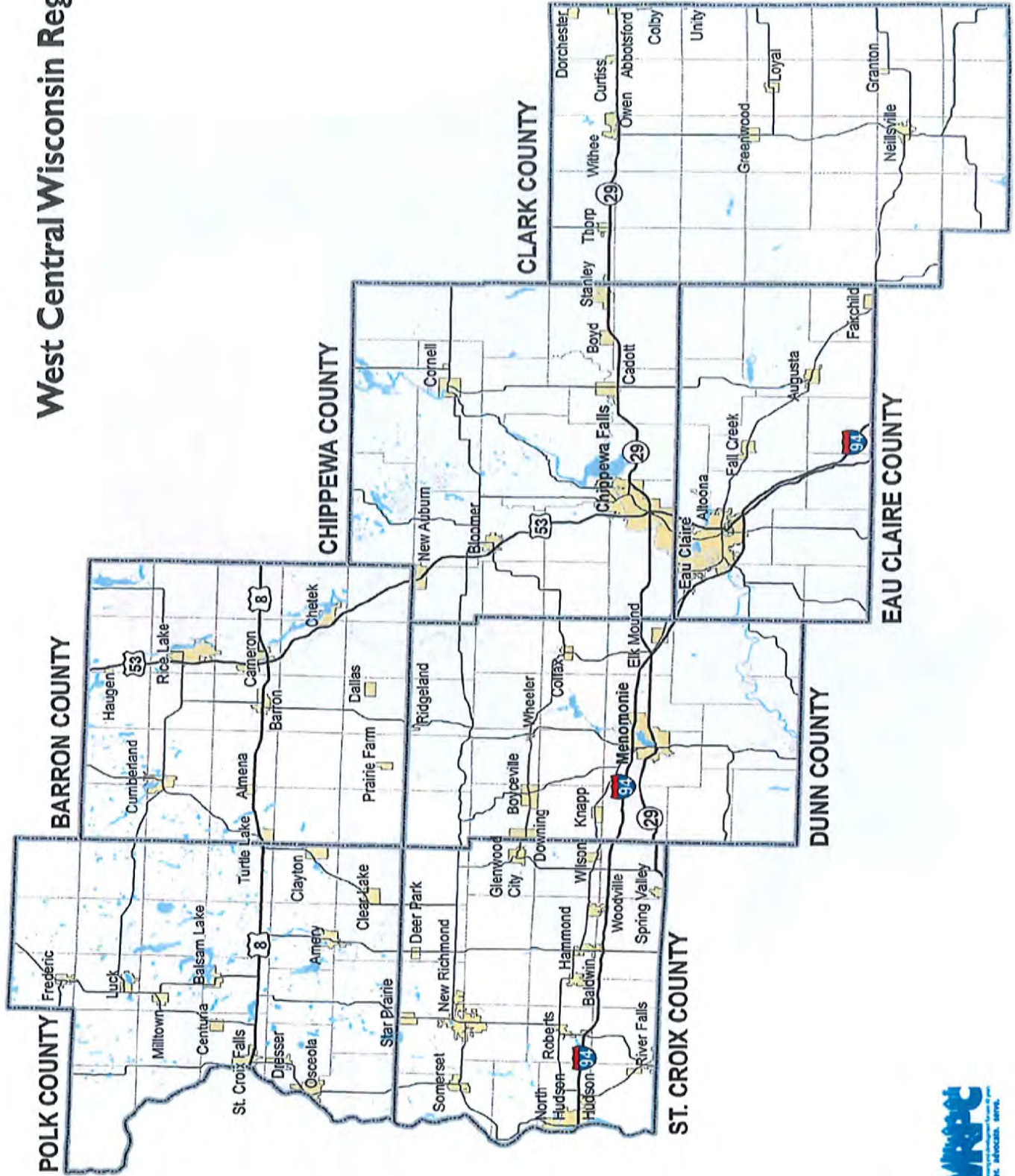
- ❖ WCWRPC was created under State Statute in 1971 (§66.945, now §66.0309)



Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions

- 1 Bay-Lake
- 2 Capital Area
- 3 East Central Wisconsin
- 4 Mississippi River
- 5 North Central Wisconsin
- 6 Northwest
- 7 Southeastern Wisconsin
- 8 Southwestern Wisconsin
- 9 West Central Wisconsin

West Central Wisconsin Region



West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

- ❖ Governed by 21 Member Commission
- ❖ Appointments are made by County Boards (3 per county)
- ❖ Executive Committee Consists of One Appointment per County

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Commissioners

Barron County

Stan Buchanan
Louie Okey
Gary Taxdahl

Chippewa County

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George Rohmeyer
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Denise L'Allier-Pray

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Mike Barcalow
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Susan Badtke
Senior Planner



Craig Johnson
Associate Planner



Edwin Rothrock
Associate Planner



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Loan Specialist



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Fund Manager



Lisa Ruth
Office Manager

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Goal:

Assist units of government in planning for the physical, social, and economic development needs of the region.

We do this in three ways:

- 1) We serve as a coordinating organization between federal and state agencies and the local governments they serve.
- 2) We assist units of government in working on issues that occur at a regional level.
- 3) We provide technical assistance, advice, and services directly to individual units of government.

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Economic Development Services

- Regional economic development planning and coordination.
- Administration of revolving loan funds.
- Project consultation, grant writing, and administration.
- Community and business finance.
- County economic and population profiles.
- Community and industrial park profiles.

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Transportation Services

- Highway, rail, and airport planning.
- Safe routes to school plans.
- Rural and urban transit plans.
- Corridor plans.
- Traffic/parking studies.
- Pedestrian/bicycle facilities planning.

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Community Development Services

- County and community comprehensive plans.
- Zoning and subdivision regulations.
- Land use planning.
- Grant writing and administration.
- Emergency preparedness.
- Hazard mitigation planning.
- Tax increment finance plans.
- Capital improvement plans.
- Outdoor recreation plans.
- Housing assistance.
- Placemaking services.

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Conservation and Mapping Services

- Water quality planning.
- Sustainability planning.
- Lake management plans.
- Base and customized maps.
- 3D modeling, visualization, and GIS.
- Mapping and graphics for special needs.

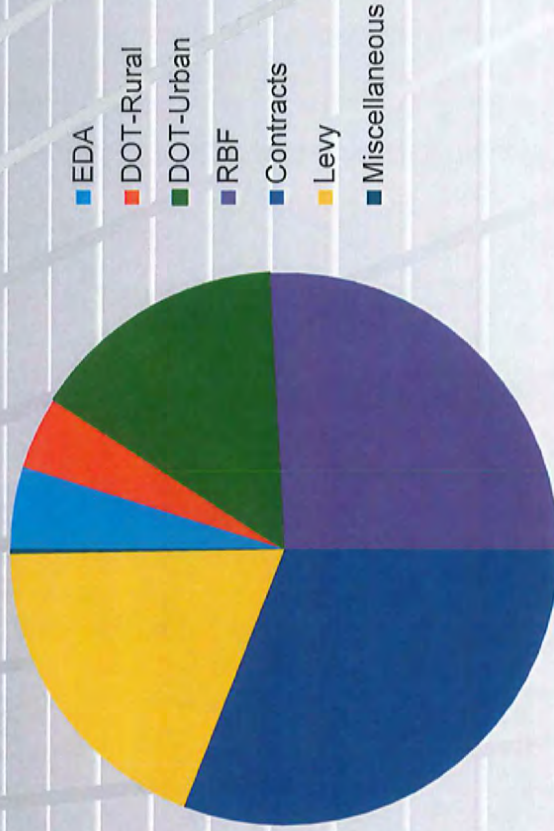
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Operations: Financing

❖ 2023 Budget - \$1,717,354

❖ Revenue

Source	Amount	%
U.S. Dept. of Commerce - EDA	\$70,000	4.1
Wisconsin DOT		
Rural	\$72,042	4.2
Urban	\$271,116	15.8
Regional Business Fund, Inc.	\$395,000	23.0
Contracts	\$623,395	36.3
Levy	\$280,801	16.4
Miscellaneous	\$5,000	.3



West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Reasons for Regional Planning:

- Provision of technical assistance to local governments.
- Maintenance of a forum for exploring and resolving intergovernmental issues.
- Development of regional plans to guide, direct, and/or coordinate local planning.
- Articulation of local interest and perspectives to other levels of government.
- Establishment of a two way conduit between local governments and other agencies.



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Report

Seven Mile Creek Landfill

Having a solid waste location within the combined local municipalities has the normal amount of difficulties and disputes to resolve. This is very true with the Seven Mile Creek Landfill site located on a parcel within the city of Eau Claire, and surrounded by the town of Seymour and Eau Claire County

Landfills are permitted by the state (DNR) and must comply with AKK solid waste containment rules, however additional requests can be negotiated via contracts.

When the contract period was started the landfill operator only had some conditions in place like ground water testing, sight screening and berms, and some odor and litter reduction programs.

In the first three years of discussion not much was decided. As time has passed with new elected and appointed officials and even a new landfill owner the trend towards progress. Improved.

As we came into 2022 the meetings were better and more items were added at the request of the citizens in the area and we were able to come to some agreements .Added features of the contract were an increase in tonnage fees, along with CPI protection. A consumer price index added fee. Property value protection to guarantee the sale of affected properties.

Sociological payments to nearby residents for the normal nuisance issues and only increased the vertical height by 33 feet.

Along with better litter and Oder controls with sweeping and watering.

All of the committee members were pleased that progress was made, and an agreement was reached. Leaving a good base for future talks and cooperation.

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Fact Sheet

File No 23-24/006

AUTHORIZING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE AND ENGAGE IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS BEGINNING IN 2025

This resolution creates a procedure for the Eau Claire County Board to continue their practice of updating and reviewing the strategic plan. The strategic plan was reviewed in 2022. Historically, the Board reviewed the strategic plan in even-numbered years, at their meeting following the organizational meeting. In order to encourage meaningful participation of the Board members, the recommendation is for the strategic planning process be held during odd-numbered years, with the next strategic plan review occurring in 2025 and continuing in odd years thereafter; beginning in 2025.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon McIlquham

Eau Claire County Corporation Counsel

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3 AUTHORIZING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE AND
4 ENGAGE IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS BEGINNING
5 IN 2025.

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7 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors has historically engaged in a strategic
8 planning process during even-numbered years beginning with the May County Board meetings; and
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10 WHEREAS, over the course of the past practice, the consideration and updating of the strategic
11 plan has occurred shortly after the newly elected and re-elected County Board Supervisors take office;
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14 WHEREAS, there are benefits to conducting the strategic planning process during odd-numbered
15 years in order to allow newly elected and re-elected County Board Supervisors to become acclimated to
16 the County Board of Supervisors and more familiar with the process and their responsibilities as County
17 Board Supervisors; and
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19 WHEREAS, the most recent review and update to the strategic plan by the Eau Claire County
20 Board of Supervisors occurred in May 2022.
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22 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby
23 authorizes the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to continue and engage in the strategic planning
24 process in odd-numbered years, with the next strategic plan review occurring in 2025 and continuing in
25 odd years thereafter.
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36 Committee on Administration
37 Dated this 11th day of April, 2023.

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39 Vote: 4 Aye 0 Nay
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APPROVED
By Sharon McIlquham at 9:11 am, Apr 14, 2023

Reviewed by Finance Dept.
for Fiscal Impact

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/005

The Chippewa Valley Regional Airport is owned by Eau Claire County and operated by an agreement between Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties. If resolutions are adopted by the Eau Claire and Chippewa County Boards, the sixth five-year *Airport Ownership & Operation Agreement* will begin January 1, 2024. The current agreement, for the period of 2019-2023 provides for a 1% increase in the financial contribution from both Counties in 2021 and 2023. As a step toward reducing and/or eliminating the financial contribution to the airport from both Counties, the proposed agreement for the period of 2024-2028 does not include any increase in the financial contribution for either County.

The financial participation from Eau Claire County funds a small amount of operating expense, but a majority of the funds are used for capital improvement expenses to maintain and improve the facilities at the Airport. A multi-year agreement is important for the Airport to maintain its multi-year capital improvement plan and to be able to fund planned projects when federal participation is available.

According to an Economic Impact report conducted by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics, communities that are readily accessible by air transportation are at a competitive advantage and may realize economic and quality of life benefits that can affect every citizen; Aviation contributes \$6.9 billion annually to the State's economy; the direct impact of the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport on the local economy in 2014 totaled 157 employees, a payroll of \$7.8 million and \$41.6 million in economic output; the \$4.3 million of air passenger spending in 2014 supported 70 additional jobs in the Chippewa Valley with a payroll of \$1.3 million.

Fiscal Impact:

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon McIlquham
Corporation Counsel

4 RATIFYING A 5-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAU CLAIRE AND CHIPPEWA
5 COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR AND THE COUNTY CLERK
6 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

7 WHEREAS, since January 1991 the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport has been governed
8 by an airport commission, and since 1999 costs have been shared under an Ownership and
9 Operation Agreement, primarily funded by Eau Claire County; and

10 WHEREAS, the airport is vital to economic development in Chippewa and Eau Claire
11 Counties and continued financial assistance from Chippewa County will help to maintain and
12 improve the competitiveness and efficiency of the airport operation; and

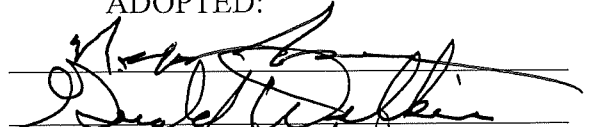
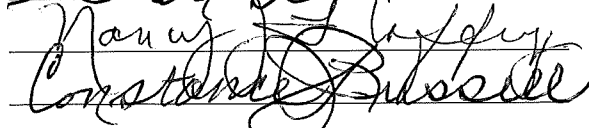

13 WHEREAS, representatives of Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties have negotiated an
14 agreement, a copy of which is attached, the major points of which are:

- 15 1. Term-5 years.
- 16 2. Annual funding and participation – There will be no increase in funding
17 participation from either Eau Claire County or Chippewa County during the term
18 of this agreement. The annual contributions are as noted in (15) of the Chippewa
19 Valley Regional Airport Ownership and Operation Agreement.
- 20 3. Commission membership – 7 members. The Eau Claire County Board Chair shall
21 appoint 1 county board supervisor, 3 citizen members and the Chippewa County
22 Board Chair shall appoint 1 county board supervisor and 2 citizen members. The
23 periods of appointment are 2 years and are staggered so that no more than 4
24 appointments will be made in any 1-year.
- 25 4. Ownership-Eau Claire County would retain ownership with an option to purchase
that could be exercised by Chippewa County during the specified time period.

26 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Eau Claire County Board of
27 Supervisors that the attached “Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Ownership and Operation
28 Agreement” for the term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 is ratified.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board Chair and County
30 Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of Eau Claire County.

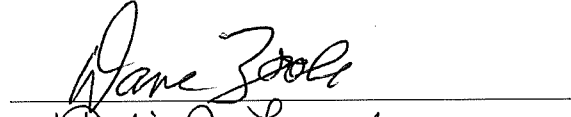
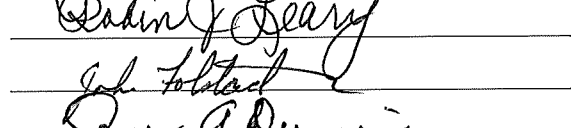
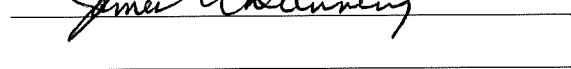
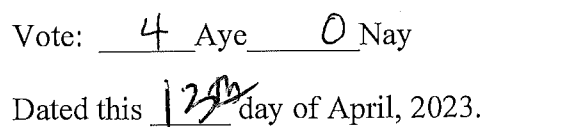
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36 Committee on Administration

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38 Vote: 4 Aye 0 Nay

39 Dated this 11 day of April, 2023.

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45 Committee on Finance and Budget

46 Vote: 4 Aye 0 Nay

47 Dated this 12th day of April, 2023.

48 Reviewed by Finance Dept.
49 for Fiscal Impact

50 **APPROVED**
 51 By Sharon McIlquham at 9:10 am, Apr 14, 2023

CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION AGREEMENT

This agreement outlining the operation and ownership of the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport 'Airport' is made and entered into by and between Chippewa County and Eau Claire County pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§114.151 and 66.0301.

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIRPORT COMMISSION. There is established effective January 1, 1991, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §114.14(2) an Airport Commission in which shall be vested jurisdiction for the construction, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, and promotion of the Airport. Effective January 1, 1999 this agreement shall govern the operation of the Airport.

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(3) COMMISSIONER QUALIFICATIONS AND VACANCIES. The Commissioners shall be persons with skills in management and interest in aeronautics. The Commissioners will contribute a mix of managerial and professional skills in areas such as marketing, public relations, finance, law, engineering, general management and entrepreneurship. Commissioners shall be residents of Eau Claire or Chippewa Counties and shall not have a financial interest in the Airport of more than \$15,000 in any year as set forth in Wis. Stat. §946.13. Commissioners shall comply with the provisions of the Eau Claire County ~~Ethics~~ Code of Conduct contained in Chapter ~~3-50~~ 2.08 of the Eau Claire County Code. Commissioners are required to declare any conflict of interest under Chapter ~~3-50~~ 2.08 prior to discussion of an agenda item and abstain from the discussion or voting on that agenda item. Annual vacancies shall be noticed publicly with a list of nominees provided to the appropriate County Board Chair prior to consideration of any Commission appointment. Should any Commissioner no longer meet the qualifications for appointment, the Commissioner's seat shall be declared vacant. Any Commissioner failing to attend three (3) regular meetings in a six (6) month period may be removed by the appointing County Board Chair. Mid-term vacancies may be filled from a list of citizens who have applied for annual vacancies but have not been selected, or through a separate public notice, or by using both.

(4) AIRPORT SECRETARY AND CHAIR. At the annual meeting the Commission shall elect one member chair, one member vice-chair and one member secretary. The chair shall not be a County Board Supervisor. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings and transactions of the Commission and send copies of the minutes to the Eau Claire and Chippewa County

Clerks. The Commission shall have the powers and duties established under Wis. Stat. ch. 114 as more specifically enumerated herein.

(5) AIRPORT MANAGEMENT/MONIES. The Commission shall have complete and exclusive control and management of the Airport. All monies appropriated for the construction, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, or promotion of said Airport or earned by such Airport or made available for its construction, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, or promotion in any manner whatsoever shall be deposited with the Treasurer of Eau Claire County where such monies shall be kept in a non-lapsing enterprise fund and paid out only on order of the Commission. No Airport enterprise monies will be returned to Chippewa or Eau Claire Counties without approval of both county boards.

(6) AIRPORT MANAGER. The Commission may employ and fix the compensation of an Airport Manager who shall not be a member of the Commission. The Commission may employ and fix the compensation of such other employees as may be deemed necessary. All Airport employees shall be Eau Claire County employees and subject to the personnel policies and practices of Eau Claire County.

(7) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY. The Commission is expressly authorized to execute such contracts, leases, or other agreements as it deems necessary for the construction, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, or promotion of the Airport, subject to the normal budgetary procedures of Eau Claire County. Such Commission may contract with the United States, the State of Wisconsin, any municipality, or any agency thereof and may petition in the name of Eau Claire County, for such state, federal, or municipal aid as may be available for airport purposes, and after resolution certifying the availability of local funds, or appropriation of such funds, may execute agency agreements, contracts, and all other documents necessary to the project.

(8) COMMISSION POWERS. The Commission shall have the power to do all acts and things necessary for the promotion of the business and the general welfare of the Airport in order to carry out the powers, duties, and responsibilities imposed by this provision or any other laws. The Commission will abide by the Ethics Code of Eau Claire County, Chapter 3.50 of the County Code.

(9) PARTICIPATION OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES. In recognition of the role of the Airport as the air carrier airport for the entire Chippewa Valley Region, other counties or municipalities within the region will be invited to participate on terms and conditions to be established by the Commission.

(10) COMMISSION BYLAWS. The Commission shall prepare bylaws for the conduct of its business, consistent with this Agreement. If there is ever conflict between the Bylaws and this Agreement, the terms of the Agreement will prevail.

(11) COMMISSION BUSINESS PLAN. The Commission shall prepare a business plan with a five-year horizon that shall be up-dated annually. Such plan shall include marketing and public relations programs to pursue promotion objectives. ~~Such programs shall be costed separately from the operations and capital improvements budget and include estimates of increased revenue to be achieved and of regional economic benefits.~~

(12) COMMISSION MEETINGS. The Commission shall meet at least once per month and shall report either orally or in writing as requested to the Eau Claire County Committee on Administration and the Chippewa County Economic Development Committee. Compensation for citizen members shall be set forth as in Section 3.20.080 B. of the Eau Claire County Code. County board member per diems shall be established and paid by the respective county boards.

(13) AUDIT OF COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL RECORDS. The Commission's financial books and records shall be audited as part of the Eau Claire County annual audit. The Commission's financial books and records shall be open to audit by the Eau Claire County Finance Director or the Chippewa County Auditor upon request and two business days advance notice.

(14) COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS RESTRICTIONS. The Commission shall not overdraw the annual appropriations as established by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors for operating and capital expenditures. Unfunded mandates and contingencies that would overdraw these annual appropriations shall be paid from reserves established in the Airport enterprise fund or through the annual budget process. Expenditures in excess of ~~these limits~~ reserves in the Airport enterprise fund require approval of the Eau Claire County Board. If such expenditures require bonding, then the Chippewa and Eau Claire County Boards shall all vote on participation in the bonding pursuant to the percentages as reflected by the dollar amounts set forth in 15 below.

(15) COUNTY FUNDING PARTICIPATION. ~~There will be no increase in funding participation from either Effective January 1, 2021, Eau Claire County and/or Chippewa County during the term of this agreement. will contribute base amounts equivalent to 1% more than their 2020 contributions and effective January 1, 2023 1% more than their 2022 contributions.~~

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHIPPEWA COUNTY CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>EAU CLAIRE COUNTY CONTRIBUTION</u>
2024 <u>19</u>	\$130,271 <u>132,890</u>	\$399,030 <u>407,050</u>
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2026 <u>21</u>	\$131,574 <u>132,890</u>	\$403,020 <u>407,050</u>
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2028 <u>23</u>	\$132,890	\$407,050

The Chippewa County contribution shall be applied toward debt service and capital projects.

Any excess operating funds from ~~2018~~23 shall be carried over to ~~2024~~19.

(16) FINANCIAL RECORDS, BUDGETING PROCESS, CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS. Eau Claire County will keep the financial records of the Airport. Proposed subsequent year Airport budgets will be sent to Chippewa County by September 1 of the current year to facilitate the county budgeting process. Annual audits reflecting Airport operations will be sent to Chippewa County by July 31 of the subsequent year. Chippewa County will receive timely interim financial information from Eau Claire County upon request. Chippewa County will make two semiannual contribution payments to Eau Claire County on March 15 and September 1 of each budget year pending receipt of the above financial information.

(17) **OPTION TO PURCHASE.** Chippewa County has a limited and exclusive option to purchase an interest in the real and personal property of the Airport for (\$1.00) One Dollar and other valuable consideration. Said option to purchase is exclusive, in that it may only be exercised by the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors during the time period, and subject to the conditions set forth below. Said option to purchase allows Chippewa County to purchase a portion of the real and personal property of the Airport as a tenant in common. During the time that Chippewa County is able to exercise its limited option to purchase, Eau Claire County cannot, without a prior breach of the terms of this Agreement, or the failure on the part of Chippewa County to make payment in full as set in this Agreement, refuse to transfer the property to Chippewa County. However, if Chippewa County is in breach and/or has not made all of the payments as set forth in the terms of this Agreement, then Eau Claire County does not have to honor Chippewa County's option to purchase. The parties agree the following are conditions precedent to the exercising of the option to purchase:

- (a) Prior to the expiration of the time period set forth below in paragraph (b) for Chippewa County to exercise its option to purchase, the parties will either renew this Agreement, or execute a new ownership and operation agreement for a period of not less than five (5) years.
- (b) Chippewa County may only exercise its option to purchase during the time period of January 1, 20~~2823~~ to September 1, 20~~2823~~, with the transfer of property becoming effective on January 1, 20~~2823~~.

If Chippewa County chooses to exercise its option to purchase, its ownership interest in the property of the Airport will be determined by comparing Chippewa County's equalized valuation on a pro rata basis to the total equalized valuation of Chippewa County and Eau Claire County with the percentage of the property transferred to Chippewa County equal to the amount of equalized value established for the 20~~2823~~ budget year.

(18) **EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT.** This agreement shall become effective on January 1 of the year following passage of authorizing resolutions by the Chippewa County Board and the Eau Claire County Board, as evidenced by certified copies of its County Board resolutions. This agreement is for a term of five years and may be renewed for future years upon mutual agreement by all parties. Negotiations for a successor Agreement shall commence on or before March 1, 20~~2823~~, with ratification by all parties to the successor Agreement on or before September 1, 20~~2823~~.

(19) **WAIVER OF BREACHES.** No waiver of any breaches of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or any subsequent breaches. All remedies afforded in this Agreement shall be considered to be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

(20) **APPLICABLE LAW.** This contract shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is made at Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be exclusively in Eau Claire County Circuit Court.

(21) **NON-ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT.** The parties agree that there shall be no assignment of transfer or this Agreement, nor of any interests, rights or responsibilities herein contained, except as agreed to in writing.

(22) MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT. There shall be no modifications to this Agreement, except in writing, signed by all parties.

(23) INTEGRATION OF AGREEMENT. The entire agreement of the parties is contained herein, and this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral, and all negotiations as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the parties relating to the subject matter.

All parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of five (5) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:

~~Anson Albarado~~Dean Gullickson _____ (Date)
Chippewa County Board Chair

Jaclyn Sadler (Date)
Chippewa County Clerk

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BY:

~~Gregg Moore~~Nick Smiar _____ (Date)
Eau Claire County Board Chair

~~Janet Loomis~~Sue McDonald _____ (Date)
Eau Claire County Clerk

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Clerks. The Commission shall have the powers and duties established under Wis. Stat. ch. 114 as more specifically enumerated herein.

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(6) AIRPORT MANAGER. The Commission may employ and fix the compensation of an Airport Manager who shall not be a member of the Commission. The Commission may employ and fix the compensation of such other employees as may be deemed necessary. All Airport employees shall be Eau Claire County employees and subject to the personnel policies and practices of Eau Claire County.

(7) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY. The Commission is expressly authorized to execute such contracts, leases, or other agreements as it deems necessary for the construction, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, or promotion of the Airport, subject to the normal budgetary procedures of Eau Claire County. Such Commission may contract with the United States, the State of Wisconsin, any municipality, or any agency thereof and may petition in the name of Eau Claire County, for such state, federal, or municipal aid as may be available for airport purposes, and after resolution certifying the availability of local funds, or appropriation of such funds, may execute agency agreements, contracts, and all other documents necessary to the project.

(8) COMMISSION POWERS. The Commission shall have the power to do all acts and things necessary for the promotion of the business and the general welfare of the Airport in order to carry out the powers, duties, and responsibilities imposed by this provision or any other laws. The Commission will abide by the Ethics Code of Eau Claire County, Chapter 3.50 of the County Code.

(9) PARTICIPATION OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES. In recognition of the role of the Airport as the air carrier airport for the entire Chippewa Valley Region, other counties or municipalities within the region will be invited to participate on terms and conditions to be established by the Commission.

(10) COMMISSION BYLAWS. The Commission shall prepare bylaws for the conduct of its business, consistent with this Agreement. If there is ever conflict between the Bylaws and this Agreement, the terms of the Agreement will prevail.

(11) COMMISSION BUSINESS PLAN. The Commission shall prepare a business plan with a five-year horizon that shall be up-dated annually. Such plan shall include marketing and public relations programs to pursue promotion objectives.

(12) COMMISSION MEETINGS. The Commission shall meet at least once per month and shall report either orally or in writing as requested to the Eau Claire County Committee on Administration and the Chippewa County Economic Development Committee. Compensation for

citizen members shall be set forth as in Section 3.20.080 B. of the Eau Claire County Code. County board member per diems shall be established and paid by the respective county boards.

(13) **AUDIT OF COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL RECORDS.** The Commission's financial books and records shall be audited as part of the Eau Claire County annual audit. The Commission's financial books and records shall be open to audit by the Eau Claire County Finance Director or the Chippewa County Auditor upon request and two business days advance notice.

(14) **COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS RESTRICTIONS.** The Commission shall not overdraw the annual appropriations as established by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors for operating and capital expenditures. Unfunded mandates and contingencies that would overdraw these annual appropriations shall be paid from reserves established in the Airport enterprise fund or through the annual budget process. Expenditures in excess of reserves in the Airport enterprise fund require approval of the Eau Claire County Board. If such expenditures require bonding, then the Chippewa and Eau Claire County Boards shall all vote on participation in the bonding pursuant to the percentages as reflected by the dollar amounts set forth in 15 below.

(15) **COUNTY FUNDING PARTICIPATION.** There will be no increase in funding participation from either Eau Claire County or Chippewa County during the term of this agreement.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHIPPEWA COUNTY CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>EAU CLAIRE COUNTY CONTRIBUTION</u>
2024	\$132,890	\$407,050
2025	\$132,890	\$407,050
2026	\$132,890	\$407,050
2027	\$132,890	\$407,050
2028	\$132,890	\$407,050

The Chippewa County contribution shall be applied toward debt service and capital projects.

Any excess operating funds from 2023 shall be carried over to 2024.

(16) **FINANCIAL RECORDS, BUDGETING PROCESS, CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS.** Eau Claire County will keep the financial records of the Airport. Proposed subsequent year Airport budgets will be sent to Chippewa County by September 1 of the current year to facilitate the county budgeting process. Annual audits reflecting Airport operations will be sent to Chippewa County by July 31 of the subsequent year. Chippewa County will receive timely interim financial information from Eau Claire County upon request. Chippewa County will make two semiannual contribution payments to Eau Claire County on March 15 and September 1 of each budget year pending receipt of the above financial information.

(17) **OPTION TO PURCHASE.** Chippewa County has a limited and exclusive option to purchase an interest in the real and personal property of the Airport for (\$1.00) One Dollar and other valuable consideration. Said option to purchase is exclusive, in that it may only be exercised by the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors during the time period, and subject to the conditions set forth below. Said option to purchase allows Chippewa County to purchase a portion of the real and personal

property of the Airport as a tenant in common. During the time that Chippewa County is able to exercise its limited option to purchase, Eau Claire County cannot, without a prior breach of the terms of this Agreement, or the failure on the part of Chippewa County to make payment in full as set in this Agreement, refuse to transfer the property to Chippewa County. However, if Chippewa County is in breach and/or has not made all of the payments as set forth in the terms of this Agreement, then Eau Claire County does not have to honor Chippewa County's option to purchase. The parties agree the following are conditions precedent to the exercising of the option to purchase:

- (a) Prior to the expiration of the time period set forth below in paragraph (b) for Chippewa County to exercise its option to purchase, the parties will either renew this Agreement, or execute a new ownership and operation agreement for a period of not less than five (5) years.
- (b) Chippewa County may only exercise its option to purchase during the time period of January 1, 2028 to September 1, 2028, with the transfer of property becoming effective on January 1, 2029.

If Chippewa County chooses to exercise its option to purchase, its ownership interest in the property of the Airport will be determined by comparing Chippewa County's equalized valuation on a pro rata basis to the total equalized valuation of Chippewa County and Eau Claire County with the percentage of the property transferred to Chippewa County equal to the amount of equalized value established for the 2028 budget year.

(18) **EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT.** This agreement shall become effective on January 1 of the year following passage of authorizing resolutions by the Chippewa County Board and the Eau Claire County Board, as evidenced by certified copies of its County Board resolutions. This agreement is for a term of five years and may be renewed for future years upon mutual agreement by all parties. Negotiations for a successor Agreement shall commence on or before March 1, 2028, with ratification by all parties to the successor Agreement on or before September 1, 2028.

(19) **WAIVER OF BREACHES.** No waiver of any breaches of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or any subsequent breaches. All remedies afforded in this Agreement shall be considered to be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

(20) **APPLICABLE LAW.** This contract shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is made at Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be exclusively in Eau Claire County Circuit Court.

(21) **NON-ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT.** The parties agree that there shall be no assignment of transfer or this Agreement, nor of any interests, rights or responsibilities herein contained, except as agreed to in writing.

(22) **MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT.** There shall be no modifications to this Agreement, except in writing, signed by all parties.

(23) **INTEGRATION OF AGREEMENT.** The entire agreement of the parties is contained herein, and this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral, and all

negotiations as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the parties relating to the subject matter.

All parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of five (5) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:

Dean Gullickson
Chippewa County Board Chair

(Date)

Jaclyn Sadler
Chippewa County Clerk

(Date)

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BY:

Nick Smiar
Eau Claire County Board Chair

(Date)

Sue McDonald
Eau Claire County Clerk

(Date)

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/001

Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan have jointly developed the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Wisconsin DNR is the permit holder for the Wisconsin County Forest Association members.

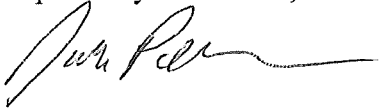
The permit covers the following species: Northern Long-eared bat, little brown bat, tri-colored bat, and Indiana bat. By passing this resolution the County would be allowed to have an incidental take for the following activities: timber harvest and related forest practices, prescribed fire, and forest road and recreational trail construction and maintenance.

Forest management, road/trail projects, and prescribed burning will require implementation of state retention guidelines which restrict distances and harvesting windows around known maternity roost trees and known hibernaculum.

Currently there are no known hibernaculum sites in the Eau Claire County Forest. Entering into this resolution and conservation plan are voluntary. It is recommended to adopt this resolution and enter into the HCP to have a plan in place in the event that an incidental take occurs during forest management activities in the future. Failure to enter into this plan now will result in the County needing to individually enroll in the future if it so wishes. By enrolling now we are covered and have a management plan in place for the future.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Respectfully Submitted,



Josh Pedersen
Parks and Forest Director

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3 APPROVING ENTERING INTO A LANDOWNER AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF
4 INCLUSION INTO THE LAKES STATES FOREST MANAGEMENT BAT HABITAT
5 CONSERVATION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN
6 THE AGREEMENT AND SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT TO THE WI DNR

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8 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County manages approximately 52,712 acres of County Forest
9 Lands with numerous recreational trails and facilities; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as
12 federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

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14 WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the
15 Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental
16 take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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18 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County plans to engage in activities that could result in the
19 incidental take of the bats and seeks to be included in under the Incidental Take Permit issued to
20 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

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22 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat
23 Conservation Agreement.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
26 Supervisors in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while
27 continuing multiple use management consistent with the Eau Claire County Forest
28 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and
29 Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan;
30 and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to
33 sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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35 ADOPTED

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37 *Missy Chalghere*
38 _____
39 *Tom M. SR*
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41 *Dane Zook*
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43 *Greg Fugli*
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45 *Jodi Lepach*
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47 Committee on Parks and Forest
48 April 10, 2023

49 VOTE: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Reviewed by Finance Dept.
for Fiscal Impact

APPROVED 99
By Sharon McIlquham at 9:13 am, Apr 14, 2023

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/004

This resolution authorizes departments of Eau Claire County to utilize the Statewide Debt Collection Program through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for the collection of debt. Advantages to using the Statewide Debt Collection Program include the resources the State has to determine what individuals can reasonably pay, the ability to do wage garnishments and bank levies, and for the State to add a collection fee above the amount of debt owed.

Fiscal impact: Unknown

Respectfully Submitted,



Jake Brunette
Assistant Corporation Counsel

1 Enrolled No.

RESOLUTION

File No. 23-24/004

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3 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE STATEWIDE DEBT COLLECTION PROGRAM
4 THROUGH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§71.93(8) and 71.935, the State of Wisconsin
6 through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue provides debt collection services using the
7 Statewide Debt Collection Program to municipalities such as Eau Claire County; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Clerk of Circuit Court has successfully used the
10 Statewide Debt Collection Program since 2016 as authorized by Eau Claire County
11 Resolution No. 16-17/078; and

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13 WHEREAS, an agreement, which is attached and incorporated into this resolution,
14 between the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and Eau Claire County is required to be
15 entered into before such debt collection services can be utilized by Eau Claire County.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of
18 Supervisors hereby directs the Eau Claire County Administrator to execute the attached
19 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to authorize Eau Claire County's use
20 of the Statewide Debt Collection Program.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Finance Director is
23 hereby authorized to take all reasonable and necessary steps to effectuate such agreement and
24 for the Eau Claire County Finance and Budget Committee to establish a policy for debt
25 collection using the Statewide Debt Collection Program.

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27 ADOPTED

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29 *Wane Zook*
30 *Robin J. Leary*
31 *John Tolsted*
32 *James Drumming*
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38 Committee on Finance & Budget

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40 VOTE: 4 AYE 0 NAY

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April 13, 2023

Reviewed by Finance Dept.
for Fiscal Impact

APPROVED

By Sharon McIlquham at 9:04 am, Apr 14, 2023