

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday May 15, 2023 **Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Ag Resource Center, Room 103 & 104

227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

Join WebEx Meeting:

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AGENDA

1. Call to order by the Chair
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of the April 10, 2023, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-4**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update (Discussion) **Page 5**
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements (Discussion/Action) **Pages 6-7**
8. Review the Mathy/Ayres land donation recommendation as proposed by the Land Stewardship Subcommittee and make a recommendation on how to move forward with the land donation. (Discussion/Action) **Pages 8-23**
9. Consideration to dissolve the Land Donation Special Committee (Discussion/Action)
10. 2023 Tree Sale Review (Discussion) **Page 24**
11. LCC Conservation Tour (Discussion/Action)
12. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates **Pages 25-32**
 - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
 - b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program
 - c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
 - d. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - e. DNR/Forestry
 - f. UW-Extension
 - g. Beaver Creek Reserve
13. Future Agenda items
14. Set date for next meeting.
15. Adjourn

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

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

Members Absent: Missy Christopherson

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

Others Present: Lyssa Seefeldt, Kolby Grint, Jeremy Mack

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 7 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

No comments.

5) Review/Approval of March 13, 2023, meeting minutes

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

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

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The March 2023 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

7) Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements

DISCUSSION: The Madsen and Geske cost-share applications were previously authorized. The following cost-share applications were presented for approval:

- Paul & Emily Madsen – Approval to change the funding source to MDV in the amount of \$15,848.80.
- Scott Geske – Approval to change the funding source to MDV in the amount of \$765.63.
- Larry Wathke – NMP/Soil Sampling - \$1,000.00 (NMFE)

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to change the Madsen and Geske funding source to MDV. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0. Motion by Adams to approve the Wathke cost-share agreement as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

8) Consideration of Land Stewardship Subcommittee Member nominations.

DISCUSSION: Larry Jolivette's and Dave Dresel's three-year terms are expiring. The LSS nominated Jolivette and Dresel to another 3-year term.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Jolivette and Dresel to a three-year term on the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

9) No-till Drill user fee.

DISCUSSION: Berge provided background information describing the costs associated with the No-till Drill Program have increased. The LCD is requesting to change the user fee from a \$50 flat rate fee plus \$8.00 per seeded acre to \$75 flat rate fee plus \$8.00 per seeded acre.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to change the No-till Drill user fee to a \$75 flat rate fee plus \$8.00 per seeded acre. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

10) No-till Drill Service area.

DISCUSSION: Berge led the discussion stating there has been interest from the public to use the drill outside of Eau Claire County. The LCD would like to provide the drill to the public in surrounding counties but the cost to deliver the drill will be significantly higher than delivering it within the county. The LCD would like to allow the drill to be used outside of the county with a \$150.00 flat rate fee plus \$8.00 per seeded acre to cover the additional cost of delivering the drill.

ACTION: Motion by Strauch to extend the No-till Drill service area to surrounding counties at a \$150 flat rate fee plus \$8.00 per seeded acre with priority given to Eau Claire County Residents. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 7-0-0.

11) West Central Area Conservation Association – Barron County Tour

DISCUSSION: Berge presented the upcoming 2023 West Central Area Tour being held in Barron County. Leary requested that non-board member fees be covered by the county.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

Next meeting is April 13, 2023.

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

2023 funds have been deposited into the MDV account.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

The subcommittee met on April 5th and made a recommendation to LCC to approve the land donation as recommended by the Land Donation Special Committee.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

Kolby Grint and Jeremy Mack with NRCS provided agency updates.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No update.

f. UW-Extension:

Seefeldt shared a flyer for Breakfast on the Farm on June 17, 2023.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

Lia Landowski is leaving Beaver Creek Reserve and Jeanette Kelly is the interim contact.

13) Future Agenda Items.

- Land Donation Special Committee recommendation
- LCC Summer Tour planning

14) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for May 8, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

15) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk

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Land Conservation Division 2023 Bills and Deposits

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

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April

Invoices

Vendor	Description	Account #	Amount
Voyager	March Fuel	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 54.76
Chad Berge	Meal Reimbursement	100-15-56920-340-000	\$ 38.88
ECC Highway	March Fuel	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 142.69
In Situ - Pcard	River Gauge	207-15-56924-390-716	\$ 20.98
Dragonfly Gardens - Pcard	Native Plants	100-15-56922-829-701	\$ 1,867.00
Batteries Plus - Pcard	Wildlife Damage	100-15-56922-390-702	\$ 180.15
		Total	\$ 2,304.46

Deposits

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited
Sam Werlein	NTD-23-01	4/11/2023	207-15-46820-000-720	\$ 155.00
Robert Seward	EC-2023-09	4/25/2023	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
Carl Sabelko	Tree Spade Rental	4/28/2023	100-15-46810-000-701	\$ 45.00
VBTS LLC	EC-23-11	4/28/2023	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
			Total	\$ 780.00

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Lyle Schlomer TELEPHONE: (715) 533-0119

ADDRESS: W 18936 US Hwy 10, Osseo WI, 54758

FARM LOCATION:	<u>25 N</u>	<u>08 W</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>Town of Clear Creek</u>
	<i>TOWN</i>	<i>RANGE</i>	<i>SECTION</i>	<i>TOWNSHIP</i>

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 114 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 4.00 / ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2023 NMFE Grant TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 456.00

2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

- A. Submit a copy of the certified Nutrient Management Plan and all materials, including current soil samples, by the end of the calendar year.
 - a. Soil samples can be no older than 4 years.
 - b. Soil samples must be taken at a minimum rate of 1 sample per 5 acres.
 - c. Implement and annually update the nutrient management plan once it has been approved by a Certified Nutrient Management Planner.
- B. Develop and implement a Conservation Plan that meets tolerable soil loss "T".
- C. Notify Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division staff immediately if I decide to withdraw from this agreement.

3. THE LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION AGREES TO:

- A. Reimburse the Applicant at the cost share rate (above) when:
 - a. The Land Conservation Commission has approved this Agreement;
 - b. A Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program Cost Share Contract has been signed by the Applicant and all Landowners (if applicable)
 - c. A Nutrient Management Plan has been submitted that meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 & Technical Note WI-1.

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

I request cost sharing for the practice (s) listed on Page 1 of this agreement and agree to install and maintain the practice(s) in accordance with the "Agreement Provisions" listed:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:

APPROVE

DENY

LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER

DATE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

DATE

TOTAL ACRES		ACRES
COST SHARE RATE	\$	PER ACRE
TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT	\$	
COST SHARE SOURCE		

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION MANAGER

DATE

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Stewardship Subcommittee of the Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 **Time:** 12:00 P.M.

Location: Ag Resource Center, Room 103/104
227 1st St West, Altoona, WI 54720

Join WebEx Meeting:

<https://eau Claire County.webex.com/eau Claire County/j.php?MTID=m8f9e4f9fdffb5f456a2519c56081da21>

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-3**
6. Review the Mathy/Ayres donation recommendation as proposed by the Land Donation Special Committee. (Discussion/Action) **Pages 4-14**
7. Make a recommendation to dissolve the Land Donation Special Committee. (Discussion/Action)
8. Update of airport mitigation funds (Discussion/Action) **Pages 15-17**
9. Discussion of past and potential projects (Discussion)
10. Status of terms for all members/officers (Discussion/Action) **Page 18**
11. Stewardship Fund balance **Page 19**
12. Future agenda items
13. Set Next Meeting Date
14. Adjourn

Prepared by: Holly Weigand

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2022

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103/104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Heather DeLuka, Dave Dresel, Dave Carlson, Joe Knight, Larry Jolivette, Kevin Stelljes, Tony Brooks

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Chad Berge & Zach Mohr (Land Conservation Division), Dean Roth (P&D)

OTHERS PRESENT: DON JAQUISH TOWN BRUNSWICK, CHANCY ELLISON – EAU CLAIRE COUNTY CORPORATION COUNSEL, JODI LEPSCH, CHARLIE AYRES – RED FLINT/TAYLOR CREEK, JOE MAURER – WATERWAYS AND PARKS CITY OF EAU CLAIRE, CANDY ANDERSON – MATHY CONSTRUCTION, RICK REMMINGTON – LANDMARK CONSERVANCY

1) Call to Order by Chair

Chair Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm.

2) Roll Call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 8 members.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

4) Public Comment Period

No public comments.

5) Approval of the October 12, 2022, meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes, Second by Brooks to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, 8-0-0.

6) Update on the Eau Claire River Climate Resilient Protection Project with Landmark Conservancy – Rick Remington

DISCUSSION: Remington spoke about Landmark's Eau Claire River Climate Resilient Protection Project, that includes the upper and lower watersheds. Landmark Conservancy looks to work together with Eau Claire County Land Stewardship Subcommittee and seek more land in the future, no plans set in stone though. Stelljes added to Remington's remarks about how the Land Stewardship Committee has been looking at conserving the Eau Claire river corridor and how they can protect it.

Deluka left meeting.

7) Discussion Establishment of the Land Donation Special Committee as outlined by the Land Conservation Commission

DISCUSSION: Koziel discussed goals of Land Donation Special Committee. All members of the Land Donation Special Committee were present and did not object to appointments. Koziel instructed committee members to start group meetings at will. Jolivette recommended committee stay later to decide meeting time.

8) Properties being considered update.

DISCUSSION: No new properties for consideration.

9) Stewardship Fund Balance

DISCUSSION: The fund balance was reviewed. No changes.

10) Future agenda items.

None presented.

11) Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for January 18th noon Rm. 103/104.

12) Adjourn

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Zachary Mohr, Subcommittee Clerk in Reserve

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Dean Solie, Heather DeLuka, Jodi Lepsch,

Members Absent: Missy Christopherson, Ricky Strauch, Glory Adams

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

Others Present: Liz Osborne (WI DNR), Rick Koziel (LSSC), Lyssa Seefeldt (UW Extension)

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 5 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

No comments.

5) Review/Approval of October 11, 2022, meeting minutes

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

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The October 2022 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

7) Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements

No cost-share applications were previously authorized. The following cost-share applications were presented for approval:

- Scott Geske – Grassed Waterway - \$12,088.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Dean & Rosalie Johnston – Grassed Waterway – \$10,400.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Paul & Emily Madsen – Streambank and Shoreline Protection - \$45,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Steve Erdman – Grassed Waterway - \$6,616.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Kevin Wang – Waterway System - \$25,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Randall Horlacher – Waterway System - \$25,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)
- Matt & Debra Krenz – Waterway System - \$23,000.00 (Bond, County Levy, and landowner funds)

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

8) Establish the Land Donation Temporary Special Committee as outlined in Resolution 22-23/059.

DISCUSSION: Leary led the discussion by reviewing the proposal outlined by Kevin Stelljes with the Land Stewardship Subcommittee (LSSC). Schraufnagel mentioned Joe Maurer expressed interest to participate on the committee. Leary suggested the LSSC provide status updates at LCC meetings with a final report submitted to LCC by July 31, 2023.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to authorize the Land Stewardship Subcommittee to establish the Land Donation Special Committee as outlined:

1. Provide a recommendation to LCC by Sept. 30, 2023, regarding how the recently donated land should be used to best benefit the public.
2. Such recommendation will suggest which organization or department will have management responsibility.
3. Provide recommended County budget for 2024, if any.
4. Support recommendation with due consideration from multiple interested parties, and assure any regulatory restrictions are addressed.
5. Provide an interim report to Land Stewardship Subcommittee by June 30, 2023.
6. Land Stewardship Subcommittee to submit a final report to LCC by July 31, 2023.
7. Committee membership as follows:
 - **Larry Jolivette, Chair** - Land Stewardship Subcommittee (representing City residents, business community and sporting interests)
 - **Dave Dresel** - Land Stewardship Subcommittee (Representing the real estate community, sporting interests, and longtime community patron)
 - **Charlie Ayres** (Representing the donor, Taylor Creek and EC Sand and Gravel, and adjacent properties)
 - **Candy Anderson** (Representing the donor, Mathy Construction, and adjacent properties)
 - **Jodi Lepsch** - Land Conservation Commission (representing the Wis. DNR, property water bodies, and Lower Chippewa State Natural Area and River Alliance)
 - **Joe Knight** - Parks and Forest Committee (Representing the Parks and Forest Department and the bicycling community and nearby County boat landing)
 - **Joe Mauerer** – Citizen member
 - **Dean Roth** – County Surveyor (Planning and Development Department)
 - **Town of Brunswick** – Town chairperson or citizen member to be determined by LSSC.

Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 5-0-0.

9) Selection of an LCC member to attend the Land & Water Conservation Board presentation.

DISCUSSION: DeLuka volunteered to attend the Land and Water Conservation Board presentation representing the LCC.

10) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

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

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

Nothing to report.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

Nothing further to report.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

No report.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No forestry report.

Usborne provided updates regarding her program. The watershed coalition was originally setup as a workgroup as outlined in the EPA 9-Key Element Plan. She provided an overview of the MDV program and how the funding is calculated.

f. UW-Extension:

Seefeldt recently assisted with Dairy Margin Protection training. She also mentioned the Online Webinar Series will be coming out soon.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

2023 LMPN Agreement has been signed and finalized.

11) Future Agenda Items.

None.

12) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for December 12, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

13) Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad Berge".

Chad Berge, LCC Clerk

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND DONATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Larry Jolivette, DAVE DRESEL, DON JAQUISH, JODI LEPSCH, CHARLIE AYRES, JOE MAURER-REMOTE, CANDY ANDERSON, DEAN ROTH, JOE KNIGHT

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Zach Mohr, Charles Ellefsen, Josh Pedersen, Sam Monahan

Others Present:

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Jolivette called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance and 1 remote.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Mohr confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

No comments

5) Presentation by Dean Roth Eau Claire County Surveyor

Discussion: Roth gave an overview of the history, property boundaries, habitat types, and floodway designation of the donation property.

6) Potential Use/s of Donated Property

Discussion: Jolivette opened the floor to the subcommittee and requested members in attendance to share their ideas for potential uses.

- Dave Dressel
 - Minimalists bike park with trails
 - Minimalist camping
 - Carry in Canoe
- Candy Anderson
 - Educational opportunities/facility
 - Nonmetallic mining and cultural education of Porterville
- Charlie Ayres
 - Trail systems for walking and biking
 - Bridge would need engineering
- Dean Roth
 - Biking
 - Minimalist campground
- Sam Monahan
 - Fishing
 - Canoeing
 - Hiking
- Josh Pedersen
 - Fishing
 - Potential walk-in campgrounds
- Charles Ellefsen

- County Forest or Park
- Larry Jolivette
 - Education
 - Camping on lake peninsula
- Don Jaquish
 - Camping with restrooms and well
 - Possibility of raising an area out of the floodplain
- Joe Knight
 - Ice fishing
 - Swimming/snorkeling and beach
 - Picnic Area
 - Board walk trail
- Jodi Lepsch
 - Fish habitat improvement
 - Bee keeping
 - Xeceres Society Designation

ACTION: No action taken.

7) Potential Prohibited use/s of Donated Property.

DISCUSSION: Subcommittee listed a couple prohibited uses of the property.

- Buildings
- Hunting

ACTION: No action taken.

8) Ideas for Community Input and Involvement

Discussion: Invite extension

ACTION: No action taken.

9) Future Agenda Items

Discussion: Items were listed for next meeting.

- Flood elevation information
 - Availability of information, cost and time involved to complete study
- Name of land donation property and lake
- List ideas of potential and prohibited uses for action
- Funding options

10) Set next meeting date

The next Land Donation Special Committee meeting date was set for February 7, 2023, at 2pm.

11) Adjourn

Jolivette adjourned the meeting at 3:19pm

Respectfully submitted,



Zach Mohr, LCC Clerk

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND DONATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

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

Members Absent: Charlie Ayres, Joe Maurer

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Zach Mohr, Josh Pedersen

Others Present: Doug Carlson

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Jolivette called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 7 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Mohr confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) Name the property and lake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12) Recommend 2024 budget (Discussion/Action)

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

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

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

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

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

14) Future agenda items

Name the property and lake

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

Access/easements to the property

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

16) Adjourn

Jolivette adjourned the meeting at 3:19pm

Respectfully submitted,



Zach Mohr, LCC Clerk

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND DONATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Zach Mohr, Josh Pedersen, Charles Ellefson

Others Present:

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Jolivette called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 9 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Mohr confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

No comments

5) Review/Approval of the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Knight to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 9-0-0.

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

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

7) Name the property and lake (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: Charlie Ayres was present for discussion and proposed to name the property "Red Flint Recreation Area" and name the lake "Lake Fred". Red flint recreation area is derived from the company name who previously owned the property and Lake Fred is named after the company founder Fred Ayres, who is currently 94 years old.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Dresel to name the property "Red Flint Recreation Area" and the lake "Lake Fred". Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 9-0-0.

8) Access and Easements to the Property (Discussion/Action)

Discussion: Jolivette opened the floor to discussion of potential access and easements to committee members.

Ayres updated the committee that Red Flint is not looking to part with the east side access. Roth was in contact with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Park Manager Calvin Kunkle. The WDNR granting access/easement from the west side of the property is a possibility.

Action: None taken.

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

Discussion: The floor was opened to discuss recommendations to LCC for how the donated land will be managed.

There was brief talk about horse/equestrian use brought up by Jaquish. The committee decided to leave horse riding implications out of the recommendation and keep a broad approach. The committee agreed that an H&H study should be conducted and to pursue access to the property from the DNR. At the least, the committee recommends the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to manage the property for minimalists use as outlined below.

Though with further information from an H&H study and acquiring access from the DNR, the committee

recommends the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to pursue moderate uses allowable by the H&H study and access. Minor changes were made to the draft recommendation verbiage from last meeting.

Action: Motion by Lepsch, second by Jaquish to recommend the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to manage the donated property with a goal of moderate uses to also include minimalist activities upon changes to H&H study and Access as outlined. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 9-0-0.

Recommendation

- The Land Donation Special Committee recommends Parks and Forest to manage the donated property with a goal of moderate uses upon changes to H&H Study and Access as outlined:
 - Minimalist
 - Leave property as is
 - Natural surface hiking and biking trails
 - Fishing and swimming
 - Trees and vegetation to be managed by agency as they see fit
 - Moderate
 - Portable toilets
 - Pavilion – open air structure
 - Boardwalk trail
 - Beach
 - Habitat improvement – Pollinator, Aquatic, and Wildlife
 - Non-motorized boats

10) Future agenda items

Present recommendation to Land Stewardship Committee

Potential to reconvene after Land Stewardship Committee meeting

11) The next Land Donation Special Committee meeting date was set for May 16, 2023, at 1pm.

12) Adjourn

Jolivette adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2023
AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103/104
227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Heather DeLuka, Dave Dresel, Dave Carlson, Joe Knight, Larry Jolivette, Kevin Stelljes
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tony Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Chad Berge & Zach Mohr (Land Conservation), Dean Roth (P&D), Charles Ellefson (Corp. Counsel), Josh Pedersen (Parks and Forest)
OTHERS PRESENT:

1) Call to Order by Chair

Chair Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2) Roll Call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 7 members.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

4) Public Comment Period

No public comments.

5) Approval of the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes, second by Carlson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

6) Review Mathy/Ayres donation recommendation as proposed by the Land Donation Special Committee

DISCUSSION: Koziel opened the floor to Jolivette who is chair of the Land Donation Special Committee. Jolivette discussed how and why the Land Donation Special Committee came up with their recommendations. Roth aided the conversation using the map of the property displayed at the front of the room. Discussion on the importance of access and an H&H study being completed by Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department was emphasized by the Land Stewardship Committee. The highest importance was given to access and then the H&H study second.

Pedersen left the meeting. (12:28 pm)

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes to take the Land Donation Special Committee whole recommendation, name of property, and packet to the Land Conservation Commission, with the next steps for Eau Claire County Parks and Recreation Department to seek access from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and to budget an H&H study for next year. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

7) Make a recommendation to dissolve the Land Donation Special Committee

DISCUSSION: Upon discussion, the Land Stewardship Committee decided to hold off on dissolving the Land Donation Special committee in case there was more work needed of the Special Committee.

ACTION: Motion by Koziel, second by Stelljes to approve dissolving the Land Donation Special Committee to the Land Conservation Commission. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

8) Update of airport mitigation fund

DISCUSSION: Koziel started the discussion seeking background information on the funds. Knight gave a brief overview of the mitigation fund. Next, Stelljes provided an in depth look at the airport mitigation funds along with additional information from Deluka. The Land Stewardship committee now has \$20,000 of airport mitigation funds in their account to use.

9) Discussion of past and potential projects

DISCUSSION: A potential property for a preservation/conservation easement along Lowes creek was discussed by Koziel. Stelljes brought up acquiring the sand mine property near Harstad park.

10) Status of terms for all members/officers (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: Terms for its members were reviewed by the subcommittee. Jolivette and Dressel terms are set to expire April of 2023 and they would like to remain on the committee.

Action: Motion by Stelljes to bring reappointment of Jolivette and Dressel to Land Conservation Commission. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

11) Stewardship Fund Balance

DISCUSSION: The fund balance was reviewed. The following funds were added: \$500.00 for Rick Koziel Donation – Memorial for Bruce Willet & Doug Burrows and \$20,000.00 for Airport Donation.

12) Future agenda items.

- LCC feedback on Land Donation Special Subcommittee recommendation
- Access update for donated property

13) Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for May 24th at 9:30am Rm. 103/104.

14) Adjourn

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Zachary Mohr, Subcommittee Clerk in Reserve

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Memo

To: LCC Members
From: Holly Weigand
Date: May 10, 2023
Re: Eau Claire County Tree & Shrub Sale

The Eau Claire County Tree & Shrub Sale took place from November 01, 2022, through January 31, 2023. The program sold 29,225 trees, generating \$24,024.11 in revenue that covered the cost of the trees and shrubs and staff time to administer the program.

In the coming months, a survey will be sent out to get participants feedback and recommendations for future sales.

Sincerely,

Holly Weigand



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Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Cooperative Agreement, 1st Quarter Report



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Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

3/9: Received CLMN supplies.

3/30: Organized CLMN packets for volunteers. Began coordinating pick-up/drop-off of supplies.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

2/13: Posted watercraft inspector positions for Sand Lake in Rusk County, and Long Lake, Lake Wissota, & Chippewa Rod & Gun in Chippewa County.

Early Detection and Monitoring Surveys

N/A

Lake Groups

Amacoy Lake Property Owners Association

2/10: Finalized and printed final copies of the ALPOA Lake Management Plan.

Chippewa County Lakes Group

Three emails were sent to the Chippewa County Lakes Group with AIS topics, news, and outreach. The topics are as follows:

1/12: WI Salt Awareness Week

1/12: Annual Chippewa County Lakes Meeting Invitation

2/7: Fighting Phragmites, is the answer moths?

Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association

We have continued our contract with LWIPA to hire a CBCW watercraft inspector to work at the Hwy X and Hwy S boat landings. Interviews took place in the last week of March and first week of April.

Lower Long Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

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We have continued our contract with LLLPRD to hire a CBCW watercraft inspector to work at the Morris-Erickson boat landing. Interviews took place in the last week of March and first week of April.

Sand Lake Association

We have continued our contract with Sand Lake to hire a CBCW watercraft inspector to work at the public boat landing. Interviews took place in the last week of March and first week of April.

Chippewa Rod & Gun Club

We have continued our contract with CR&D to hire a CBCW watercraft inspector to work at the public boat landing. Interviews took place in the last week of March and first week of April.

Newsletter

N/A

Outreach and Education

1/18: Hosted a virtual program on Round Goby as part of a mini-series on AIS called Invaders in 15.

1/28: Hosted the annual Chippewa County Lakes Meeting which included watershed stakeholder and enthusiasts from across Chippewa County. The meeting featured Jodi Lepsche's talk on the Healthy Waters program as well as Lia's talk on LMPN annual reporting in Chippewa County. The meeting also included a round table discussion.

2/15: Hosted a virtual program on Knotweeds as part of a mini-series on AIS called Invaders in 15.

3/9: Hosted an outreach table at the 2023 Red Cedar Watershed Conference (Figure 1).

3/15: Hosted a virtual program on Starry Stonewort as part of a mini-series on AIS called Invaders in 15.



Figure 1. Outreach table at the Red Cedar Watershed Conference.

Project Riverine Early Detection

N/A

Purple Loosestrife Biological Control

N/A

Signage

N/A

Travel and Meetings

1/5-1/6	Attended the 3 rd Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Research Symposium
1/9	Attended the Eau Claire Land Conservation Commission meeting, presented Q4 report to the commission

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1/10	Attended the WI Lakes and Rivers monthly partnership meeting
1/23	Attended the Lake Altoona District meeting in regard to purchase and installation of river sand bed collector equipment
1/24	Met with Ellen Voss in La Crosse to discuss potential LMPN expansion. This expansion was ultimately declined after much discussion
2/6	Attended the 2023 LMPN Orientation
2/7	Attended the WI Lakes and Rivers monthly partnership meeting
2/7- 2/9	Attended the 2023 Invasive Species Forum
2/15	Met with Sand Lake representatives to discuss CBCW contracts
2/15	Finalized and sent in LMPN reimbursement package
2/21- 2/23	Attended the WI Wetland Conference – switched to virtual attendance due to inclement weather
3/7	Attended the WI Lakes and Rivers monthly partnership meeting
3/15	Met with Ben Ewoldt (DNR) to pick up CLMN lab slips

***Special Message**

In mid-February, Lia informed the CSC of a potential job offer. Lia then posted the AIS Coordinator and Citizen Science Technician job position as an immediate hire position in March. Lia officially accepted a new job offer and sent out official notices to all partners on March 21st. The CSC is continuing interviews for the AIS Coordinator until the position is filled. So long, and thanks for all the fish!

GLOSSARY

AIS – Aquatic invasive species

ALPOA – Amacoy Lake Property Owners Association

BCR – Beaver Creek Reserve

CBCW – Clean Boats, Clean Waters

CLMN – Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

CSC – Citizen Science Center (Beaver Creek Reserve)

LCC – Land Conservation Committee (Eau Claire County)

LCFM – Land Conservation and Forest Management (Chippewa County)

LLLPRD – Lower Long Lake Protection and Restoration District

LMPN – Lake Monitoring and Protection Network

LWIPA – Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association

Secchi disk – instrument used to measure water clarity

Station – Specified location on a waterbody with historical and/or continuous associated fieldwork

SWIMS – Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System

WBIC – Waterbody identification code

WCI – Watercraft inspector

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources