

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023**

**AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104**

**227 – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Rauh, Tim Wucherer, Zach Mohr – Land Conservation Division

Others Present: Lyssa Seefeldt, Kolby Grint, Jeremy Mack

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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,

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

Chad Berge, LCC Clerk