

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE  
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN  
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – February 2, 2023, 4:00 pm, Rm 3312, 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Jodi Lepsch, Sham Anderson, Glory Adams, Mark Kaeding, Anna Mares, Sarah Vitale

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Kenosian

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chad Berge, Christina Rauh (Land Conservation Division); Rod Eslinger, Regan Watts, Madeline Marchiafava (Planning & Development); Matt Steinbach, Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City/County Health Department)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Andrew Werthman (City of Eau Claire City Council), Sherri McCormick (Town of Lincoln), Jane Mohler, Claire Schoenemann, Rachel Klinkner

**1. Call to order by Chair.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Coffey at 4:01 pm.

**2. Roll call of members present**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance. Kaeding arrived at 4:07 pm and Mares arrived at 4:09 pm.

**3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Coffey confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

**4. Public Comment Period**

None

**5. Review/Approval of August 4, 2022, meeting minutes**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** Motion by Anderson/Second by Dunning to approve the November 3, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition, 8-0-0

**6. Update regarding ARPA proposals/funding.**

**DISCUSSION:** Coffey noted that Vitale's ARPA proposal was approved for \$97,000 in funding. Vitale shared that there are areas in the county where very little well testing has been conducted. She is looking to contact homeowners with a goal of testing 150-200 wells for nitrate, metals, bacteria and possibly PFAS.

**7. Terry Zien with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, groundwater flow model funding.**

**DISCUSSION:** Terry Zien and Pat Dowd with the USACOE presented, remotely, their funding sources with the committee. Zein shared that the Planning Assistance to States grant is most likely the best fit and funding source to conduct a groundwater flow model, which is cost shared at a 50-50 rate. Dowd is the technical expert and would assist with creating the groundwater flow model. The product of the study would be a computer model called MODFLOW. For the county to initiate the process, Zein would need a scope letter that describes what the county is requesting from the USACOE.

**ACTION:** Motion by Lepsch/Second by Mares to draft a scope letter named Eau Claire County Groundwater Analysis. Motion carried on a voice vote with none in opposition. 8-0-0

**8. Members, Staff and Agency Updates**

- a. **Committee Members** – Nothing to add.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – Not present.
- c. **Planning and Development** – Watts shared she is leading the new Sustainability Committee.
- d. **Land Conservation** – Nothing to add.
- e. **Health Department** – Steinbach shared the Health Department, through ARPA funding, is receiving new lab equipment.
- f. **County Municipalities** – Not present.

**9. Set next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting date is April 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in room 3312.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

**11. Adjourn**

Coffey adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager  
Groundwater Advisory Clerk