

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – May 25, 2023, 4:00 pm,
Eau Claire County Courthouse, Rm 3312
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Coffey, Jodi Lepsch, Sham Anderson, Jane Mohler, Darryll Farmer, Mark Kaeding, Anna Mares

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Dunning, Mary Kenosian

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Glory Adams (Citizen), Laura Bittner, Karla Sparks, Jeremiah Jazdzewski, Terry Zein (US Army Corps of Engineers), Clarissa Murray

1. Call to order by Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Coffey at 4:00 pm.

2. Roll call of members present

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

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 February 2, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Motion by Anderson/Second by Kaeding to approve the February 2, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 7-0-0

6. Thank Glory Adams and Sarah Vitale for their committee service. Welcome Darryll Farmer and Jane Mohler.

DISCUSSION: Adams was in attendance and the committee thanked her for her service. Mohler and Farmer introduced themselves and were welcomed for joining the committee.

7. Terry Zien with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, review of the Groundwater Flow Model Grant Scope.

DISCUSSION: Zein with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) gave an update and stated the scope had not been started but that the committee's proposed project is viable. Zein said the next step is for the county to create a scope and then review it with the USACE. Until a scope is developed the USACE cannot move the project forward for funding consideration. Zein also said he will be retiring, and Sparks will be taking over his role.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch/Second by Mares to move forward with a subcommittee that will develop the ground water flow model scope and meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review the scope. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition. 7-0-0

8. Private well testing project update.

DISCUSSION: Coffey provided an update.

9. Review of the Eau Claire County Comprehensive Revision to Title 18.

DISCUSSION: Eslinger provided an overview of the Title 18 revision. There will be new districts, but no changes will be made to the existing zoning maps. Currently 9 of the 13 towns participate in county zoning. The following ordinances are still included in the revision: well head protection, floodplain, non-metallic mining, and development/subdivisions.

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch/second by Anderson to move the Title 18 revision forward to the County Board. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition. 7-0-0

10. Members, Staff and Agency Updates

- a. **Committee Members** – Mares – DNR working on PFAS testing in rural wells.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – Not present.
- c. **Planning and Development** – Eslinger shared the Register of Deeds is experiencing a 30% reduction in recordings.
- d. **Land Conservation** – Nothing to add.
- e. **Health Department** – Steinbach shared the ICP-MS mostly installed, they are offering a homeowner, newborn, metals water testing package and the water courier pilot project is complete.
- f. **County Municipalities** – Not present.

11. Set next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date is August 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in room 3312.

12. Future Agenda Items:

13. Adjourn

Coffey adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager
Groundwater Advisory Clerk