AGENDA

Eau Claire County

Groundwater Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Eau Claire County Court House, Room 3312 721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Join WebEx Meeting:

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Meeting number: 2533 385 3207 Password: Qb323QUgWW5

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For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Chad Berge at

<u>chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov</u> at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Roll call.
- 3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
- 4. Public Comment Period (15 minute maximum)
- 5. Review/Approval of the July 7, 2023, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) Pages 2-3
- 6. Review of the Groundwater Study Scope of Work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (Discussion/Action)
- 7. Review of the UW Eau Claire ARPA Proposal.
- 8. Member, Staff and Agency Updates
 - a. Committee Members
 - b. Regional Planning Commission
 - c. Planning and Development
 - d. Land Conservation
 - e. Health Department
 - f. County Municipalities
- 9. Set next meeting date.
- 10. Future agenda Items
- 11. Adjourn

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – July 7, 2023, 10:00 am, Eau Claire County Courthouse, Rm 3312 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Coffey, Jodi Lepsch, Jane Mohler, Sham Anderson, Darryll Farmer,

Anna Mares (arrived virtually at 10:10 am)

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Dunning, Mary Kenosian, Mark Kaeding

STAFF PRESENT: Chad Berge, Christina Rauh (Land Conservation Division); Rod Eslinger (Planning & Development);

Matt Steinbach (Eau Claire City/County Health Department)

OTHERS PRESENT: Karla Sparks, Jeremiah Jazdzewski (US Army Corps of Engineers)

1. Call to order by Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Coffey at 10:00 am.

2. Roll call of members present

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 5 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 May 25, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch/Second by Mohler to approve the May 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 5-0-0

6. Review of the Groundwater Study Scope of Work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

DISCUSSION: Jeremiah with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) reviewed the scope prepared by their agency. The scope is divided into two phases. Phase 1 is comprised of a Groundwater Conceptual Model and Phase 2 includes the development of a Groundwater Flow Model. Phase 1 is planned to encompass the entire county and Phase 2 will have a focus area of approximately 350 square miles within the county. The next steps in the process are for the GAC to approve the scope by a motion to move the project to the Planning and Development Committee who will also need to pass a motion to move the project to the County's Authorized Agent. Once the authority is given to the County's Authorized Agent, the USACOE will work with the agent to draft and sign the Certificate of Authority and the Certificate of Lobbying. After the documents are signed an Affirmative is passed through the USACOE, which can take up to 60 days to approve.

Mares arrived virtually at 10:10 a.m.

7. Members, Staff and Agency Updates

- a. Committee Members No updates.
- **b.** Regional Planning Commission Not present.
- c. Planning and Development –No updates.
- **d.** Land Conservation Nothing to add.
- e. Health Department Steinbach shared the new testing equipment is installed.
- f. County Municipalities Not present.

8. Set next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date is July 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in room 3312.

9. Future Agenda Items:

10. Adjourn

Coffey adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager

Groundwater Advisory Clerk