

**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)

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**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,

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

Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager  
Groundwater Advisory Clerk