

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka, Glory Adams, Missy Christopherson, Jim Stensen, Jodi Lepsch, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Christina Rauh, Holly Weigand, Zach Mohr, Timothy Wucherer, Rod Eslinger (LCD)

Others Present: Jeremy Mack, Kolby Grint (NRCS)

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

None.

5) Review/Approval of June 19, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: The June 19, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 8-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The June 2023 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

7) Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements

DISCUSSION: No cost-share applications were previously authorized. The following cost-share applications were presented for approval:

- Darrell Kleven – Nutrient Management - \$716.00 (NMFE)

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve the cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 8-0-0.

8) LCD Performance Management modifications

DISCUSSION: Berge reviewed the modifications to the Performance Management form and the committee approved of the changes. Eslinger went on to give a high-level overview of the budget.

9) No-till drill trade-in update

DISCUSSION: The LCD is receiving \$29,000 for the NTD trade-in. They have purchased a new drill for \$47,000, which leaves a \$3,000 surplus for future potential maintenance. The new drill will come with a 90-day warranty, and LCD should receive it in September 2023.

10) Bond, SEG and Nutrient Management Farmer Education funding review

DISCUSSION: The Bond, SEG and NMFE budgets were reviewed with no concerns of overspending.

11) Gutter versus manure storage update

DISCUSSION: The committee reviewed previous discussion and no new updates were given.

12) Finalize LCC tour sites and set tour date

DISCUSSION: There will be 4 stops on the tour: Erdman, Madsen, Harstad Park, and Lake Altoona. The tour is set for Monday, September 25th, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

13) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

June and July meetings canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

There are funds from 2020 that need to be spent and staff are considering revising the MDV plan to include cost share of cover crops.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

LSSC and Parks and Forest are planning to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony fall of 2023 at the donated Mathy Property.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

Currently doing wetland compliance checks and went over the current potassium deficiency in soils.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No new updates.

f. UW-Extension:

No new updates.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

No new updates.

h. Ascent Stormwater Database

IS (Information Systems) has the funding to purchase/set up a Stormwater Database within our Ascent program to track Stormwater permits. Test database should be sent relatively soon, and final system by the end of the year.

14) Future Agenda Items

15) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for August 28, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

16) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk