

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2023
AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103/104
227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Heather DeLuka, Dave Dresel, Dave Carlson, Joe Knight, Larry Jolivette, Kevin Stelljes
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tony Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Chad Berge & Zach Mohr (Land Conservation), Dean Roth (P&D), Charles Ellefson (Corp. Counsel), Josh Pedersen (Parks and Forest)
OTHERS PRESENT:

1) Call to Order by Chair

Chair Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2) Roll Call

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

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

4) Public Comment Period

No public comments.

5) Approval of the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes, second by Carlson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

6) Review Mathy/Ayres donation recommendation as proposed by the Land Donation Special Committee

DISCUSSION: Koziel opened the floor to Jolivette who is chair of the Land Donation Special Committee. Jolivette discussed how and why the Land Donation Special Committee came up with their recommendations. Roth aided the conversation using the map of the property displayed at the front of the room. Discussion on the importance of access and an H&H study being completed by Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department was emphasized by the Land Stewardship Committee. The highest importance was given to access and then the H&H study second.

Pedersen left the meeting. (12:28 pm)

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes to take the Land Donation Special Committee whole recommendation, name of property, and packet to the Land Conservation Commission, with the next steps for Eau Claire County Parks and Recreation Department to seek access from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and to budget an H&H study for next year. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

7) Make a recommendation to dissolve the Land Donation Special Committee

DISCUSSION: Upon discussion, the Land Stewardship Committee decided to hold off on dissolving the Land Donation Special committee in case there was more work needed of the Special Committee.

ACTION: Motion by Koziel, second by Stelljes to approve dissolving the Land Donation Special Committee to the Land Conservation Commission. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

8) Update of airport mitigation fund

DISCUSSION: Koziel started the discussion seeking background information on the funds. Knight gave a brief overview of the mitigation fund. Next, Stelljes provided an in depth look at the airport mitigation funds along with additional information from DeLuka. The Land Stewardship committee now has \$20,000 of airport mitigation funds in their account to use.

9) Discussion of past and potential projects

DISCUSSION: A potential property for a preservation/conservation easement along Lowes creek was discussed by Koziel. Stelljes brought up acquiring the sand mine property near Harstad park.

10) Status of terms for all members/officers (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: Terms for its members were reviewed by the subcommittee. Jolivette and Dressel terms are set to expire April of 2023 and they would like to remain on the committee.

Action: Motion by Stelljes to bring reappointment of Jolivette and Dressel to Land Conservation Commission. Motion carried on a voice vote, 7-0-0.

11) Stewardship Fund Balance

DISCUSSION: The fund balance was reviewed. The following funds were added: \$500.00 for Rick Koziel Donation – Memorial for Bruce Willet & Doug Burrows and \$20,000.00 for Airport Donation.

12) Future agenda items.

- LCC feedback on Land Donation Special Subcommittee recommendation
- Access update for donated property

13) Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for May 24th at 9:30am Rm. 103/104.

14) Adjourn

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Zachary Mohr, Subcommittee Clerk in Reserve