EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104 227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

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

Members Absent: Missy Christopherson

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

Others Present: Bre Klockzein (Beaver Creek Reserve)

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 7 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 October 2, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: The October 2, 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, 7-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The September 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 or presented for approval.

8) Lake Monitoring & Protection Network (LMPN) presentation by Bre Klockzien and review of the LMPN application and agreement with Beaver Creek Reserve.

DISCUSSION: Bre Klockzien gave an overview of LMPN and discussed the funding allotment for Eau Claire County.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to approve the LMPN contract with Chad Berge signing. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 7-0-0.

9) Review of the 2024 Multi Discharger Variance funding.

DISCUSSION: Chad Berge suggested to continue with the Buffalo-Whitewater and Eau Claire River Watershed funding and discontinue the Lower Chippewa Watershed funding.

ACTION: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve moving forward with the Buffalo-Whitewater and Eau Claire River Watershed funding and discontinuing the Lower Chippewa Watershed funding. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 7-0-0.

10) 2024 NACD member dues.

DISCUSSION: Discussed the different levels and what the LCC contributed last year. The members settled on the bronze level.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve \$102.00 for the NACD dues. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 7-0-0.

11) Selection of the 2023 Conservation Award Nominees

DISCUSSION: Heather DeLuka recommended Karen and Marty Voss for Forestry and Habitat. Land Conservation staff recommended Joe Kirst for Water Quality Leadership and Larry Heath for Conservation Farmer.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve all recommendations. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 7-0-0.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

No new updates

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

No new updates

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

No new updates

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

No new updates

e. DNR-Forestry:

No new updates

f. UW-Extension:

No new updates

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

No new updates

h. Ascent Stormwater Database

Waiting for an update from TTECH with the new system. Should be available by the end of the year.

13) Future Agenda Items

Ascent Stormwater Database update

14) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for November 20, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

15) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Berge, LCC Clerk