

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – July 20, 2023, 4:00 pm,  
Eau Claire County Courthouse, Rm 3312  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Coffey, James Dunning, Jodi Lepsch, Jane Mohler, Sham Anderson, Darryll Farmer, Anna Mares (arrived at 4:03p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Kenosian, Mark Kaeding

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chad Berge, Christina Rauh (Land Conservation Division); Rod Eslinger (Planning & Development); Matt Steinbach, Audrey Boerner (Eau Claire City/County Health Department), Nick Smiar (Eau Claire County Board)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karla Sparks (US Army Corps of Engineers), Sarah Vitale (UW-Eau Claire)

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**1. Call to order by Chair.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Coffey at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Roll call of members present**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 6 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 July 7, 2023, meeting minutes**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** Motion by Anderson/Second by Lepsch to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 6-0-0

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

**DISCUSSION:** Mares arrived at 4:03 p.m.

Berge and Eslinger reviewed the revised numerical model map. Sparks provided a review of the two phased project scope. The group discussed the need for a county primary contact and Audrey Boerner with the Health Department will be the primary contact moving forward.

**ACTION:** Motion by Mares/Second by Lepsch to move forward with the proposed project scope as prepared by the USACE and refer the project to the Planning & Development Committee. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 7-0-0

**7. Review of the UW Eau Claire ARPA Proposal.**

**DISCUSSION:** Vitale provided a project update to the committee. She is seeing a 25% - 30% participation success rate and has taken 25 private well samples to date.

**8. Members, Staff and Agency Updates**

- a. **Committee Members** – Mohler – City of Eau Claire passed a water rate plan.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – Chris Straight left a message stating he will no longer be participating in the committee as his workload has transitioned.
- c. **Planning and Development** – Eslinger provided a department update.
- d. **Land Conservation** – Berge attended the County Conservationist Meeting in Stevens Point.
- e. **Health Department** – Boerner shared the new testing equipment is being utilized and gave an overview of the homeowners testing bundle.
- f. **County Municipalities** – Not present.

**9. Set next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting date is November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in room 0302.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

**11. Adjourn**

Coffey adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager  
Groundwater Advisory Clerk