

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

- Groundwater Advisory Committee •

**Date:** Thursday, May 02, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 P.M.

**Location:** Eau Claire County Court House, Room 0302

721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

### ***Join WebEx Meeting:***

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**[chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov](mailto:chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.**

*A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.*

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period (15 minute maximum)
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Discussion/Action)
6. Election of Committee Clerk (Discussion/Action)
7. Review/Approval of the January 18, 2024, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-3**
8. Groundwater Flow Model Project (Discussion/Action)
9. Member, Staff and Agency Updates
  - a. Committee Members
  - b. Regional Planning Commission
  - c. Planning and Development
  - d. Land Conservation
  - e. Health Department
  - f. County Municipalities
10. Set next meeting date
11. Future agenda Items
12. Announcements
13. Adjourn

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – January 18, 2024, 4:00 pm,  
Eau Claire County Courthouse, Rm 0302  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Dunning, Jodi Lepsch, Jane Mohler, Sham Anderson, Darryll Farmer, Anna Mares, Mary Kenosian

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Smiar, 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), Jane Mueller (Town of Washington)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Coffey (Eau Claire County Board), Karla Sparks, Peter Allen (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 Vice Chair Dunning at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Roll call of members present**

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

**3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Dunning confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

**4. Public Comment Period**

Vitale provided a Well Water Testing Program update.

**5. Election of committee officers**

**DISCUSSION:** Jodi Lepsch was nominated for the committee chair. No other nominations were brought forward.

**ACTION:** Motion by Dunning/second by Farmer to nominate Lepsch as the Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**6. Review/Approval of July 20, 2023, meeting minutes**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** Motion by Anderson to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0

**7. Groundwater Flow Model Project Update.**

**DISCUSSION:** Sparks provided an update summarizing that Eau Claire County did not receive funding under the Environmental Justice Waiver for full funding. Sparks discussed 5 potential paths the committee could follow:

1. Submit the same proposal under the Floodplain Management Services Program as a special study which allows for 100% federal funding.
  2. Resubmit a Public Assistance to States proposal that would require 50% matching funds.
  3. Resubmit the Public Assistance to States proposal and reduce the scope to include phase 1 only.
  4. Submit a proposal as a Comprehensive Study.
  5. Not move forward with the US Army Corps of Engineers.
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**ACTION:** Motion by Mares/Second by Anderson to resubmit the proposal under the Floodplain Management Services program offering 100% funding and requested P&D to add the Groundwater Study funding back into the County Budget for 2025. Motion carried. 7-0-0

**8. Review of the WI DNR Water Use Report**

**DISCUSSION:** The committee had a short discussion regarding the report and suggested keeping this report in mind for future planning.

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

- a. **Committee Members** – Coffey – Safe Water meeting moved to February 1, 2024.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – Not present
- c. **Planning and Development** – Eslinger provided a department update.
- d. **Land Conservation** – Berge provided a division update.
- e. **Health Department** – Steinback shared the department’s well water sampling program was very successful with 10,066 tests conducted on 3,400 samples.
- f. **County Municipalities** – City of Altoona is installing two new municipal wells.

**10. Set next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting date is May 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in room 0302.

**11. Future Agenda Items:**

**12. Adjourn**

Coffey adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager  
Groundwater Advisory Clerk