

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 - 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Tim Wucherer, Christina Rauh, Zach Mohr, Holly Weigand (LCD), Rod Eslinger (P&D)

Others Present: Liz Osborne (DNR), 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 February 12, 2024, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: The February 12, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The February 2024 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

*Ricky Strauch arrived at 1:03pm.

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:

Doug Graff – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$500.00

Matthew Krenz – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$1,250.00

Matthew Gabler – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$500.00

Charles Scott – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$1,000.00

Jody Larson – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$1,000.00

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve all cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0

8) SEG funding transfer to St. Croix County

DISCUSSION: Tim Wucherer gave a brief overview of the SEG funding and what it is used for. Eau Claire County will not use all the funds allotted.

ACTION: Motion by Christopherson to approve the SEG funding transfer to St. Croix County (\$25,000.00). Motion carried, 8-0-0

9) Wildlife Damage Program changes and USDA Wildlife Services Contract

DISCUSSION: Zach Mohr gave a brief overview of the Wildlife Damage Program. Members of the LCC discussed and agreed to have this looked over by Corporation Counsel. Suggested to have this continued at the next April 2024 meeting.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to postpone to April 2024 meeting. Motion carried, 8-0-0

10) 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:

Tim Wucherer gave an update on the Perennial Forage Program. Deadline to apply is March 25, 2024.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

No new updates.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

Kolby gave a program update.

e. DNR-Forestry:

Zach Mohr gave an update that was sent from Jed Kaurich.

f. UW-Extension:

No new updates.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

No new updates.

h. Ascent Stormwater Database

Some changes are needed for workflow, but overall the database is available and working.

11) Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Damage changes and USDA Wildlife Services Contract

12) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for April 08, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

13) Adjourn

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk