

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**

**AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104**

**227 - 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720**

Members Present: Robin Leary, Heather DeLuka, Jim Stensen, Glory Adams, Tami Schraufnagel, Joe Knight, Lorelee Clark  
Members Absent: Ricky Strauch  
Staff Present: Chad Berge, Holly Weigand, Hunter Larson, Tim Wucherer, Zach Mohr (LCD)  
Others Present: Kolby Grint (NRCS), Brad Koele, Seth Zesiger (APHIS)

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**1) Call to order by Chair**

Chair Pro-term Leary called the meeting to order at 1:08 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) Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**DISCUSSION:** Gloria Adams nominated Robin Leary for Committee Chair.

**ACTION:** Motion by Knight to close nominations approving Robin Leary for Chair. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**DISCUSSION:** Robin Leary nominated Tami Schraufnagel for Committee Vice Chair.

**ACTION:** Motion by Clark to close nominations approving Tami Schraufnagel for Vice Chair. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**6) Election of Committee Clerk**

**DISCUSSION:** Chad Berge was nominated for Committee Clerk.

**ACTION:** Motion by Leary to approve Chad Berge for Committee Clerk. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**7) Review/Approval of March 18, 2024, meeting minutes**

**DISCUSSION:** The March 18, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed.

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

**8) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update**

**DISCUSSION:** The March and April 2024 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

**9) 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:

John Ristau – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$500.00

Timothy Bluem – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$280.00

Joseph Matz – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$976.00

Zachary Volbrecht – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$1,000.00

George Peck – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$988.00

Steve Strey – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$1,250.00  
Tyler Hart – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$1,215.00  
Walker Brothers – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$1,250.00  
Douglas Krenz – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$472.00  
Derrick Westphal – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$292.00  
Mitchell McKaig – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$760.00  
Andrew & Donna Odegard – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$82.00  
Brent Bredlau – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$735.00  
Derek Frank – WI DNR Multi-Discharger Variance – \$2,500.00  
Larry & Dale Wathke – WI DNR Multi-Discharger Variance – \$2,325.00  
Waller Revocable Grantor Trust – WI DNR Multi-Discharger Variance – \$1,187.50

**ACTION:** Motion by DeLuka to approve all Nutrient Management cost-share agreements. Motion carried, 7-0-0  
Motion by Schraufnagel to approve all Multi-Discharger Variance cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**10) Review of the WI DNR Wildlife Damage Program Contract delegating program implementation to USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service**

**DISCUSSION:** Brad Koele from APHIS gave an overview of the Wildlife Damage Program.

**ACTION:** Motion by Knight to approve to allow the LCD Manager to sign the contract. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**11) Review of the 2025 DATCP Staffing Grant**

**DISCUSSION:** Chad Berge went over a brief overview of the staffing grant.

**ACTION:** Motion by DeLuka to approve the 2025 DATCP staffing grant and to authorize the county administrator to sign the DATCP staffing grant. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**12) Erickson Farmland Preservation Program Notice of Noncompliance**

**DISCUSSION:** Tim Wucherer gave an overview of the notice of noncompliance. Erickson stated he is not interested in completing a nutrient management plan, a requirement of the FPP. The LCD will give him a time schedule to complete it and if the plan is not submitted Erickson will not receive the FPP tax credit.

**ACTION:** Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the Notice of Noncompliance for failing to certify compliance as required under 91.82(1) (c)2 (landowner failed to certify compliance). Motion carried, 7-0-0

**13) Review Title 17 updates and make recommendation for approval**

**DISCUSSION:** The committee reviewed the Title 17 updates and edits. Staff addressed committee questions.

**ACTION:** Motion by Adams to approve the recommended Title 17 edits as proposed. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**14) Review the LCD 2023 Annual Report**

**DISCUSSION:** The committee reviewed the annual report.

**15) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates**

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a. **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:**  
Starting discussion on 9-key element plan, needs to be updated by 2027.
- b. **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:**  
No new updates.
- c. **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:**  
No new updates.

**d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:**

Kolby gave a program update.

**e. DNR-Forestry:**

No new updates.

**f. UW-Extension:**

Lyssa Seefeldt left UW Extension in April.

**g. Beaver Creek Reserve**

DeLuka gave a brief update. Beaver Creek Reserve is currently interviewing for an intern.

**h. Ascent Stormwater Database**

Database is up and working.

**16) Future Agenda Items**

Multi-Discharger Variance overview.

Tour of Ascent Stormwater Database.

**17) Set date for next meeting**

The next LCC meeting was set for June 10, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

**18) Adjourn**

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk