

Eau Claire County

LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 • 9:00 a.m.

Eau Claire County Courthouse • 721 Oxford Avenue • Room 3420

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Members Present: Peter Strand, Roxann Schmidt, Dean Roth, Shana Harmsen Robin Leary, Tina Pommier, Gregory Rosno

Members Absent: Glenda Lyons, Realtor-Vacant

Staff Present: Heidi Pederson

1. Call Meeting to Order

Peter called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Public Comment **(15 minute maximum)**

No public comments. No one online via WebEx.

3. Review/Approval of November 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes / Discussion – Action

Action: Motion by Robin Leary second by Shana Harmsen to approve November 16, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor.

4. Land Information Program Updates

Tina – Back scanning started in May 2023. 125,000 documents imported and ready to index. Moved ½ of the books to storage. County Clerk staff moved into Register of Deeds office this past year. Recordings have slowed.

Dean – Mathy Property donated is now designated as The Red Flint Recreation Area. Dean was part of the Mathy Land Donation Committee, walked the land and presented information gathered to the Committee for decision making on how that parcel will be used. Survey has completed replacing road monuments that can be replaced due to road construction. Some will need to wait as roads will remain gravel over the winter and will be replaced once hard surface is in place. Have moved remonumentation replacement project into Town 27 North, Range 6 West. Some of the monuments haven't been visited since the 1980's. Putting GPS and mapping on for the first time so data collected can be pushed out to GIS. Also working to complete Town 26 North, Range 6 West. This area was put on pause during the pandemic and had a lot of information recovery done. Up to number 48 for certified survey map review and just approved Lady Bug Lane Subdivision at last night's Planning and Development meeting.

Peter – Beacon product will be replacing the current WGX and will be live by the end of the year. Similar functionality to WGX and should have same look/feel. We are moving towards more of a National Standard. Addressing will be based on primary structure point in accordance with NextGen 911 conversion of data. Scanning of all parcel paper folders is nearing completion.

Realtor (Vacant) –Peter Strand gave update on realtor committee member. Bruce King resigned due to a change in positions and no longer represents the realtors. Reached out to Admin and there were no nominations. Peter will be reaching out to the legislative chair for the state organization and seeing if she has any suggestions.

Roxann – Assessment work wrapped up and tax bills sent out. Recorded documents in inbox for 2022 versus 2023 is down, but not as much as expected. The number of splits is down about 15-20 percent this year. Personal property will be eliminated starting next year. Buildings on leased land will still be taxed but won't be realized until next year's tax bill. Roxy went to an accessors' meeting regarding this process this fall.

Greg – NexGen 911 coming. Change in infrastructure of how phone calls are delivered. Transition scheduled with the state and AT&T for the second quarter of 2024. Six counties have already gone through the transition and approximately 15-20 counties ahead of Eau Claire. Should be a smooth transition with most of the kinks worked out by then. Shana & Peter have been working with Datamark to redo the structure of data including address points. Applied for 2024 DMA OEC grant to hire a limited term employee to assist with further data remediation.

Glenda –Treasurer Absent

Shana – Working with NG911 and Beacon product in the city.

Robin – Requesting a brief for County Board Members for any big changes that might generate a lot of public response or phone calls. Let Robin know if we need help with anything regarding grants or funding.

5. Wisconsin Land Information Update

WLIA is proposing changes for WLIP. Working on increasing document recording fees. Currently a first draft of a bill to raise recording fees to \$45. The extra \$15 will be split with \$8 going to the Department of Administration to be distributed back to counties through the Strategic Initiative Grant and \$7 being retained. Bill has strong support and is moving quickly.

Dean and Peter have been working with Senator James on final copy of draft bill to allow Real Property Lister to designate parcel greater in area for school district designation on parcels that have more than one school district. Yearly, the Land Information Officer will be required to submit a school district boundary layer to Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and will create statewide school district boundary. This will be given to the United State Census Bureau which will increase the accuracy of their data. If passed, this will only apply to new subdivisions and would not be retroactive.

Peter attended fall meeting of WLIA. Recordings are down and Strategic Initiative Grant funding will be down and it not advisable to fund positions with SIG funds.


6. Proposed Future Agenda Items/Meeting Dates/Discussion

Peter recommended meeting at least twice a year. Robin suggested we meet again in late March before the April elections.

7. Adjourn

Action: Motion by Dean Roth second by Tina Pommier to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Heidi Pederson

Clerk, Land Information Council