



MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION •

Date: Monday, August 12, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: *Ag Resource Center, Room 103 & 104 – 227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720*

Members Present: Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka, Jim Stensen, Glory Adams, Joe Knight, Loralee Clark, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent: Robin Leary

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Tim Wucherer, Holly Weigand (LCD), Rod Eslinger (P&D)

Others Present: Liz Osborne (DNR)

Call to order by Chair

Vice Chair Schraufnagel called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll call

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

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Vice Chair Schraufnagel confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

Public Comment Period

None.

Review/Approval of July 8, 2024, meeting minutes

Motion by DeLuka to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0

Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The July expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements

Steven Peterson – Nutrient Management (2023 NMFE) – \$400.00

Marcella Jordan – Well Abandonment (County Cost Share) – \$400.00

Huntsinger Farms Inc. – Streambank Protection (MDV) - \$1,957.74

Motion by Strauch to approve the Nutrient Management and Well Abandonment cost-share agreements as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0-0

Motion by Adams to approve the Streambank Protection cost-share agreement adding the MDV funding.

Motion carried, 7-0-0

LCD Program Review

Chad Berge continued the program overview of the Land Conservation Division website.

LCC Tour Planning

The committee discussed potential locations to visit on the tour.

2024 Conservation Awards

The committee discussed multiple potential recipients.

Environmental Engineer Recruitment Update

Rod Eslinger gave a brief update that the position is not currently posted, and hiring is paused.

State Land and Water Conservation Board Elections

Chad Berge gave a brief overview and urged the committee to read the information provided and watch a video on their website. Ideally looking for 1-2 representatives from each County.

Town of Clear Creek Farmland Preservation Program Participants Notice of Noncompliance

There are 41 participants that will be affected due to the Town of Clear Creek opting out of county zoning. The entire Town of Clear Creek is no longer eligible to claim the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit.

Motion by Strauch to acknowledge all FPP participants with land located within the Town of Clear Creek will receive a Notice of Noncompliance due to the Town electing to not opt into County Zoning. Motion carried, 7-0-0

Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a. **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:**
Update of plan since the current plan expires 2027.
- b. **USDA-APHIS Wildlife Damage Program:**
No new updates
- c. **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:**
No new updates
- d. **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:**
No new updates
- e. **USDA-NRCS / FSA:**
No new updates
- f. **DNR-Forestry:**
No new updates
- g. **UW-Extension:**
The UniverCity meeting will be held August 14th from 11:30am – 2:00pm.
- h. **Beaver Creek Reserve**
Butterfly House will be closing the Sunday of Labor Day.

Future Agenda Items

Conservation Awards, Conservation Tour, and Tim Wucherer – No-Till Drill.

Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for September 16, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Schraufnagel adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk