



**Land Stewardship Subcommittee of the
Land Conservation Commission
AGENDA**

October 9, 2024

12:00 P.M.

Ag Resource Center, Room 203
227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

Join by Phone:

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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

For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Chad Berge at chad.berge@eau Claire County.gov at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-3**
6. Land Stewardship Flyers (Discussion/Action) **Pages 4-9**
7. Airport Mitigation Fund Criteria (Discussion/Action)
8. Property Updates (Discussion)
9. Stewardship Fund balance **Page 10**
10. Future agenda items
11. Set Next Meeting Date
12. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE •

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Ag Resource Center, Room 203, 227 – 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Koziel, Heather DeLuka, Dave Dresel, Joe Knight, Kevin Stelljes, Larry Jolivette
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tony Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Chad Berge & Zach Mohr (Land Conservation)
OTHERS PRESENT:

Call to Order by Chair

Chair Koziel called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 6 members.

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Koziel confirmed that the open meeting requirements had been complied with.

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Approval of the December 6, 2023 meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion by Stelljes, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

Airport Mitigation Fund Criteria

Discussion: Koziel opened the floor regarding the Airport Mitigation Fund criteria. Stelljes and DeLuka gave a history of how the Land Stewardship Subcommittee acquired the funds. The committee discussed the proposed criteria that would be used to allocate the Airport Mitigation Funds.

Action: Motion by Stelljes to approve the following criteria and publish the requirements in a document for further review.

Airport Mitigation fund criteria is as follows:

1. Wildlife habitat or tree component with an emphasis to replace bird and pollinator habitat.
2. Urban area preference.
3. Native trees and plants.
4. Continuity of the Project. Projects that cover a larger connected area will be emphasis over sporadic proposals.
5. Incremental to new conservation with a goal of creating approximately 20 acres of habitat.
6. Only organizations are eligible.
7. Project proposals to be approved by LSSC.
8. Reimbursement will be awarded after project completion and a summary is provided.

Motion carried, 6-0-0.

Property Updates

DISCUSSION: Potential Properties were discussed.

Stewardship Fund Balance

DISCUSSION: The fund balance has not changed since last meeting.

Future agenda items

Mitigation fund criteria and property updates.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for March 13, at noon Rm. 203.

Adjourn

Koziel adjourned the meeting at 1:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Zachary Mohr, Subcommittee Clerk in Reserve

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EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.

Aldo Leopold

American author, scientist, ecologist, forester, and environmentalist, 1887-1948



The Eau Claire County Land Stewardship Program, created by the County Board in 2010, was formed to protect and preserve key lands that offer recreational opportunities for the public and have significant ecological value for future preservation. Support from the public is crucial to the success of the Land Stewardship Program as there is increasing pressure to develop and fragment lands which threaten our natural resources.

What is the Land Stewardship Program?

The Eau Claire County Land Stewardship Program is a framework to facilitate the protection and preservation of land tracts within Eau Claire County that meet the following priorities established by the Land Conservation Commission:

- Significant Ecological Value
- Recreational and Public Access
- Strong Community Support
- Good Value for County Residents
- Sustains Resource Base and Quality of Life
- Proximity to Water
- Wildlife Habitat
- Ability to Leverage Funding
- Development Threat
- Full Acquisitions



“ A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children. ”

John James Audubon
French-American ornithologist, naturalist, and painter, (1785 - 1851)



- Managed by the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division with oversight and direction provided by the Stewardship Subcommittee of the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission
- Provides fair and equitable assessment and processing for all potential properties of interest through the *Policy and Procedures for Program Administration*
- Self-funded program through community donations and grants
- Separate financial account, as directed by County Code, ensures restricted funds for the Eau Claire County Land Stewardship Program use only



Stewardship Program?

Stewardship Program is a protection and preservation of County that meet the following Land Conservation Commission:

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 ase and Quality of Life

Funding

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you accept easements as well as complete land purchases?

A: Yes and yes! In acquiring land; we do prefer to hold the full title to the property; however, if there is something a land donor or financial donor has in mind, the Stewardship Subcommittee would be happy to take it under consideration.

Q: What does a typical project look like?

A: There is no set model for what an Eau Claire County Stewardship Program project looks like. All acquisitions do need to be recommended by the Stewardship Subcommittee, which are forwarded on to the Land Conservation Commission for review before it goes to the full Eau Claire County Board for approval. Projects are reviewed based on annual priorities set by the Subcommittee under parameters listed in the *Eau Claire County Stewardship Fund Policy and Procedures for Program Administration*.

Q: Who manages the property after a purchase?

A: Unless otherwise assigned, the property will be managed by the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division to ensure public accessibility while also protecting the environmental resources at the site. If they chose to, the Land Stewardship Subcommittee can make a recommendation to Eau Claire County on how the property can best be managed and protected. Land donors also have the option of indicating how they would like their donated property managed.



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PROTECTING AND PRESERVING

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Who do I contact for more information?

If you are interested in protecting and conserving your property, making a land donation, providing a public easement to your property, management ideas and options, donating to the on-going awareness and fundraising programs, please contact our office or any member of the Stewardship Subcommittee.

Eau Claire County – Land Stewardship Conservation Division
Kelly Jacobs, *Land Conservation Supervisor*
227 1st Street West
Altoona, WI 54720-1601

TEL (715) 838-6226 | FAX (715) 839-6277

EML kelly.jacobs@co.eau-claire.wi.us

WEB www.co.eau-claire.wi.us (search for Land Stewardship)

How do I make a financial donation to support on-going awareness and to put toward acquiring important habitats and critical ecosystems in Eau Claire County?

To make a donation, please send your tax-deductible donation to the Eau Claire County Stewardship Program. You will be recognized in the following Land Stewardship and Preservation Giving Levels:

\$20 - \$99	LEADER
\$100 - \$499	STEWARD
\$500 - \$999	PROTECTOR
\$1,000 - \$4,999	GUARDIAN
\$5,000 +	LEGACY

If you are interested in participating in the Land Stewardship Program please contact the Land Stewardship Office and we can discuss ideas that match your wishes.

Please talk to your tax advisor or call us on how your donation can become a substantial tax benefit to you and your family.

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Eau Claire County
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION

Aldo Leopold
American author, scientist, ecologist, forester, and environmentalist, 1887-1948

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.”

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Eau Claire County
LAND STEWARDSHIP DIVISION
227 1st Street West
Altoona, WI 54720-1601

DONOR INFORMATION

[please print]

NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME *(if applicable)* _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____ BUSINESS TELEPHONE *(if applicable)* _____

DONATION

[check all that apply]

- I would like to make a donation to support and promote the Eau Claire County Land Stewardship Program.
- I would like to make a donation to fund future land purchases.
- My employer is a Matching Gift company.
 - The Matching Gift form is included.
 - I have contacted my employer.
- I would like my donation be in honor/memory of:
- I have named the Eau Claire County Land Stewardship Program in my will/estate.
- Check here if you wish your donation to remain anonymous.
- My total gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Make check/money order payable to: ***ECC - Land Stewardship Program***

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Thank You for your support.

Donations to the Eau Claire County Stewardship Program, Department of Planning & Development – Land Conservation Division, are tax deductible.

LAND STEWARDSHIP FUNDS

1/1/2012	Balance Forward (Stelljes, Leary, Willett Donations)	\$150.00		\$150.00
11/16/2012	CV Group Sierra Club	\$100.00		\$250.00
12/26/2012	Kevin Stelljes	\$150.00		\$400.00
2/5/13	B. Willett Donation (Finance)	\$100.00		\$500.00
5/21/13	T. Schraufnagel, L. Johnson Donations	\$240.00		\$740.00
5/21/13	Journal Entry/K. Jacobs Registration	\$50.00		\$790.00
5/24/13	Banquet Registration/Donations	\$10,060.00		\$10,850.00
5/29/13	D. Dukersheim/H. Grange Donations	\$220.00		\$11,070.00
6/2/13	Registrations/Donations/Silent Auction	\$1,420.00		\$12,490.00
6/10/13	Rod & Gun Club - Banquet Expenses		\$8,447.59	\$4,042.41
6/10/13	Donations/Silent Auction	\$335.00		\$4,377.41
6/12/13	Donation	\$20.00		\$4,397.41
6/27/13	Donation	\$20.00		\$4,417.41
6/24/13	River Edge Design (Brochures)		\$750.00	\$3,667.41
6/27/13	Badgerland Printing (Brochures)		\$688.00	\$2,979.41
7/22/13	Dunning/Kirkeeng Donations	\$120.00		\$3,099.41
8/7/13	Wells Fargo Advisors (Anon. Stock Donation)	\$10,349.26		\$13,448.67
8/13/13	Stelljes/Tews Brochure Donations	\$750.00		\$14,198.67
8/15/13	Wells Fargo Advisors	\$500.00		\$14,698.67
9/18/13	Valhalla Management Services		\$750.00	\$13,948.67
12/23/13	Hudson/Willett Donations	\$550.00		\$14,498.67
12/31/13	Journal Entry/Stelljes/Johnson/Marjala Donations	\$350.00		\$14,848.67
2/25/14	Schraufnagel, T. Donation	\$50.00		\$14,898.67
3/6/14	Michaels - Supplies		\$13.90	\$14,884.77
March	Earnest money - Coon Gut		\$2,500.00	\$12,384.77
	Earnest money - Pinter Pines		\$2,500.00	\$9,884.77
4/10/14	D. Carlson Donation (Stelljes Memorial)	\$50.00		\$9,934.77
5/26/14	H. & Marshall Grange (Carlson Memorial)	\$200.00		\$10,134.77
5/27/14	E. Wolf	\$100.00		\$10,234.77
5/27/14	J. Murray	\$100.00		\$10,334.77
5/28/14	G. Moore	\$1,000.00		\$11,334.77
5/31/14	Generous Juror	\$5,364.09		\$16,698.86
6/23/14	G. Adams	\$25.00		\$16,723.86
6/23/14	C. Bates	\$25.00		\$16,748.86
6/23/14	Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club	\$1,000.00		\$17,748.86
6/23/14	R. Leary	\$40.00		\$17,788.86
6/23/14	T. Wagener	\$25.00		\$17,813.86
6/26/14	Pat & Patricia Stoffers	\$14,845.56		\$32,659.42
7/1/14	J. Dunning	\$20.00		\$32,679.42
7/2/14	R. Hudson	\$50.00		\$32,729.42
7/17/14	Trouts Unlimited WI Clear Waters Chapter 255	\$300.00		\$33,029.42
7/21/14	Ziemann, Richard	\$100.00		\$33,129.42
7/16/14	K. Stelljes	\$1,049.25		\$34,178.67
7/30/14	Ziemann, Richard	\$100.00		\$34,278.67
8/11/14	Ziemann, Richard	\$200.00		\$34,478.67
8/26/14	Ziemann, Richard	\$200.00		\$34,678.67
9/5/14	Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance	\$2,000.00		\$36,678.67
11/11/14	Supreme Graphics - Dedication Invitation		\$70.00	\$36,608.67
11/14/14	Dollar Tree - Dedication Supplies		\$6.00	\$36,602.67
11/14/14	Festival Foods - Dedication Supplies		\$133.16	\$36,469.51
11/24/14	Donations	\$11.00		\$36,480.51
	(2014 JE) Coon Gut/Pinter Pines Purchase		\$26,741.00	\$9,739.51
12/9/14	White, Steven	\$100.00		\$9,839.51
12/9/14	White, Steven	\$100.00		\$9,939.51
3/24/15	Viking Gas Transmission Co.	\$15,000.00		\$24,939.51
4/7/15	Schwengel, William	\$100.00		\$25,039.51
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7/30/15	Edson, Jane	\$150.00		\$25,189.51
12/7/15	J.C. Norby Assoc. (Stenske Property Appraisal Estimate)		\$1,250.00	\$23,939.51
1/21/16	Journal Entry/Stelljes, Kevin 2015 deposit	\$100.00		\$24,039.51
2/15/17	Kevin Stelljes-Donation	\$100.00		\$24,139.51
6/26/17	Laura Englesby-Donation	\$160.00		\$24,299.51
6/22/18	Western WI Title Services_Kiwani Land Purchase		\$3,750.00	\$20,549.51
9/12/18	Edson, Jane Donation	\$100.00		\$20,649.51
11/2/20	Marlene Jannusch-Donation (for Lowes Creek Park)	\$1,000.00		\$21,649.51
12/31/20	Journal entry to adjust for activity within 207 Watershed acct		\$1,786.92	\$19,862.59
9/2/22	Ayres Associates		\$3,600.00	\$16,262.59
9/9/22	Memorial for Gary Gibson - Donation	\$250.00		\$16,512.59
1/20/23	Rick Koziel Donation - Memorial for Bruce Willett & Doug Burrows	\$500.00		\$17,012.59
3/6/23	Airport Doantion	\$20,000.00		\$37,012.59
			Total	\$37,012.59