



MINUTES

Eau Claire County

- LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION •

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka, Jim Stensen, Joe Knight, Lorelee Clark,
Members Absent: Glory Adams, Ricky Strauch
Staff Present: Chad Berge, Tim Wucherer, Holly Weigand (LCD)
Others Present: Kolby Grint (NRCS)

Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Roll call

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

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Chair Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

Public Comment Period

None

Review/Approval of August 12, 2024, meeting minutes

Motion by Clark to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0

Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The August expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

Darren & Lisa Vetsch – Well Abandonment (County Cost Share) – \$175.00

Motion by DeLuka to approve all cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0

Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) Program 2025 funding

Chad Berge gave a brief overview on the MDV Program and the proposed estimated funding projections.

Motion by Knight to approve to apply for the proposed 2025 MDV funding. Motion carried, 6-0-0

SEG Funding Transfer

Chad Berge gave an update on the current balance of SEG funding. Stated other counties could better use these funds as Eau Claire County does not have multiple projects to use the funds.

Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the authorization of the LCC chair to transfer unspent 2024 funds to other counties. Motion carried, 6-0-0

LCC Tour Update

It was recommended that we do not do an in-field LCC Tour due to staffing shortages. Suggested partnering with the Lake District's to use the drone, and then do a virtual drone tour. If the Land Conservation Commission would like to see any of those spots in person, then a Spring Tour could be done.

2024 Conservation Awards

Finalized the conservation awards. Will work with Administration to present them at the January 2025 County Board meeting.

State Land and Water Conservation Board Elections

Chad Berge reviewed and presented materials for the LCC members to join if wanted.

Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a. **Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:**
No new updates
- 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:**
Kolby Grint gave a brief update
- f. **DNR-Forestry:**
No new updates
- g. **UW-Extension:**
Final interview to be done end of September for new Livestock position
- h. **Beaver Creek Reserve**
Beaver Creek's annual meeting is coming up on October 12, 2024, 4:00-8:00pm

Future Agenda Items

Alec – APHIS – October meeting

Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for October 21, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Adjourn

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk