

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
AGRICULTURE & RESOURCE CENTER – ALTOONA, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Henning, Tami Schraufnagel, Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Ron Erickson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bruce Willett

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Besasie (USDA-NRCS), Fred Poss (Lake Eau Claire Association)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15PM by Chair Leary.

2. Public Input Session

There was no public input provided at this meeting.

3. Approve Minutes

Motion by Henning to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. County Cost-Share Applications and Ledger Update

LCC reviewed the Cost share change order for an additional \$2,500.40 for the 2015 Accola Stream Crossing project as approved by Chair Leary. No additional cost share applications were reviewed. The vouchers and ledgers were reviewed.

5. Application for 2017 State Staffing and cost-share (SWRM) grant

Motion by Erickson to approve the 2017 Eau Claire County SWRM grant application as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Stormwater and Erosion Control Intergovernmental Agreements

Jacobs indicated that the County was still working with a couple towns as follows:

- ✓ Town of Washington 5-26-2015 Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
- ✓ Town of Drammen 5-26-2015 Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
- ✓ Town of Pleasant Valley 5-26-2015 Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
- ✓ Town of Seymour 11-2-2015 Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
- ✓ Town of Wilson 11-23-2015 Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
- ✓ Town of Fairchild 12-29-2015 Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
- Town of Union Approved by Town Board and waiting on final signatures.
- Town of Lincoln Approved by Town Board and waiting on final signatures.
- ✓ Town of Ludington Town Ordinance adopted to address Storm Water Management and Construction Site Erosion Control.
- ✓ Town of Brunswick 12-10-2015 Town Board voted to reject the intergovernmental agreement.
- Town of Bridge Creek Jacobs has met with the Town Board, provided draft agreement, and final consideration was expected by the end of calendar year 2015.
- Town of Otter Creek Jacobs discussed at the November Town Board meeting and distributed draft agreement. Final consideration was expected by the end of calendar year 2015.

- Town of Clear Creek Jacobs discussed at the November Town Board meeting and has developed draft agreement. Final consideration was expected by the end of calendar year 2015.
- Lake Eau Claire District Expressed interest in the agreement. Will be drafting a template for their consideration.

7. Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest

There were no entries in the Eau Claire County Conservation Speaking Contest this year and as such the event was canceled.

Jacobs described the poster contest on display and requested LCC members to, after the meeting, vote for their favorites based on the criteria outlined on the distributed judging sheets. The poster contest was held in response to a teacher’s request. The Land Conservation Division office will purchase participation ribbons for all entrants and placing ribbons for the top three posters. The top poster will be recommended for consideration at the WI Land+Water Area contest on Wednesday. The Land Conservation Commission commended all poster contest participants for their beautiful work. Suggestion to place a copy of the winner’s poster on County website and display copies of the top finishers in the County Courthouse.

8. Report on Rain to Rivers Accounts, Grants, and Contracts

Jacobs provided a copy of the memo dated February 8, 2016 detailing the results of her internal audit of this account. Chair Leary requested an electronic copy of the memo. This item will also be included on the next meeting agenda. The committee reviewed a copy of the intergovernmental agreement for municipalities that choose to participate in the Rain to Rivers of Western Wisconsin group for stormwater education and outreach activities. Jacobs outlined that the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is now also contracted as the Stormwater Outreach Coordinator under this current grant cycle (through December 31, 2016).

9. Eau Claire River Watershed Project

Jacobs provided an update on the current status of the project.

10. Agency Updates and Committee Member Reports

Lake Eau Claire Association – Fred Poss: Fred circulated a copy of the final grant report to DNR, thanked all those that have volunteered over the last 4-5 years, outlined the current Lake Association activities which have included: publication of a newsletter, installation of fish habitat (half logs and tree falls), fundraiser events, and the sediment trap strategy.

USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service – Nick Besasie: Nick introduced himself and has been filling in a little bit for Jen Roetter over the last couple months. Upcoming EQIP sign-up deadline of March 4 (there is also a special allocation for cover crops). They will soon be looking to hire program support specialists to help with the office work (announcements will soon be posted on [USAjobs](#)).

11. Next Meeting Date

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:15 PM at the Ag & Resource Center in Altoona.

12. Adjourn

Erickson moved to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Jacobs, Land Conservation Manager