

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTER – ALTOONA, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Stelljes, Rick Koziel, Doug Burrows (phone), Bruce Willett, & Monica Lewis (phone)
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dave Carlson, Randy Tews
STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Jacobs (P&D - Land Conservation Division), Josh Pederson (Parks & Forests)
OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Chair Stelljes called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

4. Land Acquisition Proposals for Consideration

Fitz Property Update: Burrows reporting to this subcommittee on the focus committee's review and findings. The recommendation was that the County continue the conversation with West WI Land Trust to find a happy medium in some form. It's great that it is currently protected.

2. Approve Minutes

Motion by Koziel to approve the January 13, 2016 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Land Stewardship Subcommittee Nominations

Rick Koziel and Dave Carlson have terms expiring in April. Randy Tews also resigned due to time limitations. Dave and Rick are both interested in continuing to serve. Stelljes made a motion to nominate Koziel and Carlson for another three year term beginning at the expiration of their current term. All in favor. Motion carried. Replacement for Tews appointment was discussed. We considered that we will defer that nomination to the next meeting. Jacobs will check if the candidates will be required to submit applications via the County website.

4. Land Acquisition Proposals for Consideration

Additional Properties Under Consideration: One potential property was discussed and report shared with the Subcommittee. Additionally, the Elk Creek Fishery Area property being sold by DNR was discussed. It was mentioned that the Subcommittee could help to encourage landowners. Pederson reported that there are unspent stewardship funds available for County Forest property acquisitions in the state. Committee members reported that the Eau Claire County Outdoor Recreation Plan will be going to the April County Board meeting.

5. Set Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 12:00 PM.

6. Adjourn

Willett made motion to adjourn at 1:21 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Jacobs
Subcommittee Clerk