

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE
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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"**

In Accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19, subchapter IV, Wisconsin Statutes,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following public meeting:

THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 **TIME:** 5:15 P.M.
PLACE: AGRICULTURE & RESOURCE CENTER, Room AG103
227 1ST ST. WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

OPEN SESSION

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input Session (30 minute maximum) – *Discussion*
Please Note: Limit of 3 minutes per speaker
3. Approve Minutes – *Discussion/Action* **Pages 5-7**
4. Review Vouchers – *Discussion* **Page 8**
5. County Cost-Share Applications and Ledger Update – *Discussion/Action*

6. Appointment of Land Stewardship Subcommittee Members – *Discussion/Action*
7. Annual report from the Land Stewardship Subcommittee – *Discussion/Action*
8. Preliminary Budget Items for the Land Conservation Division – *Discussion/Action*
9. Review Title 17 for Any Needed Updates – *Discussion/Action*

10. Agency Updates and Committee Member Reports – *Discussion* **Pages 9-15**
11. Next Meeting Date – *Discussion/Action*
12. Adjourn – *Discussion/Action*

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June 22, 2016

TO: Land Conservation Commission
FROM: Kelly Jacobs, Land Conservation Manager
RE: Land Conservation Meeting – Monday, June 27, 2016

Call to Order

Public Input Session (30 minute maximum) – *Discussion* Limit of 3 minutes per speaker

Approve Minutes – *Discussion/Action*

Approve the enclosed 5/16/2016 LCC minutes.

Review Vouchers – *Discussion*

Voucher Listing for May provided in the packet. Deposit listing to be provided at the meeting.

County Cost-Share Applications and Ledger Update – *Discussion/Action*

Copies of cost-share contracts to be provided at the meeting. Anticipated contracts with David Hermundson and Bayard ‘Chip’ Renninger for practices associated with stabilizing a large gully.

Appointment of Land Stewardship Subcommittee Member – *Discussion/Action*

The Land Stewardship Subcommittee is recommending appointment of Dave Carlson and Rick Koziel to another three year term (through April 2019) as well as appointment of new member Dave Dresel to fill the remainder of the term currently held by Randy Tews (through April 2017).

Annual report from the Land Stewardship Subcommittee – *Discussion/Action*

A status report will be given to the Commission on the current activities of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee.

Preliminary Budget Items for the Land Conservation Division – *Discussion/Action*

Any necessary paperwork will be provided at the meeting.

Review Title 17 for Any Needed Updates – *Discussion/Action*

This agenda item is carried forward from the previous meeting for further discussion, as needed.

Agency Updates and Committee Member Reports – *Discussion*

A number of documents have been included in the packet for your reference.

Next Meeting Date – *Discussion/Action*

Tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2016

LCC annual tour to be held in August.

Adjourn – *Discussion/Action*

2016 LCD Programs & Projects

Cost-Share –

NAME	PROJECT	COUNTY COST SHARE	STATE COST SHARE
David Hermundson	Gully Stabilization, access road, etc.		
Bayard ‘Chip’ Renninger	Gully Stabilization, etc.		

Farmland Preservation and Nutrient Management

Wildlife Damage Program

Other Projects

WellIntel Tri-County Groundwater Monitoring Project: Need a location for two more units.

Eau Claire River Watershed: Final comments on the final draft of the plan (to be provided at LCC meeting if available) are due to Chris Straight by July 8.

Hiring for LCD staff to commence soon for the following positions:

- Environmental Engineer -- Applications being accepted from June 26, 2016 through July 10, 2016.
- Administrative Specialist II – Position requisition paperwork still in progress.

Construction Site Erosion Control a

Stormwater and/or Erosion Control Plans & Subdivision Reviews –

2016 Permit Applications

Date	Name	Permit #	Permit Type
1/6/16	Arrowhead Properties	EC-01-16	Small Site
1/11/16	Menards – Westgate	SW-01-16	Stormwater
1/28/16	Haas Residential Lot	EC-02-16	Small Site
3/18/16	Creative Construction	EC-04-16	Small Site
4/26/16	Jeff Jackson	EC-05-16	Small Site
5/5/2016	Menards-Extrusion Plant	ECL-01-16	Large Site
5/20/16	Menards-Distribution Center	SW-04-15	Stormwater
5/31/16	Crestview Academy	SW-02-16	Stormwater
6/9/16	Jeff & Jenny White	EC-06-16	Small Site
Pending	Trillium Estates		Stormwater

The Land Conservation Division continues to also review UDC erosion control plans as well as Certified Survey Maps.

Defined process for Municipal projects under the Stormwater Mgt. & Erosion Control Ordinances:

Completed:

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 Lincoln	3-14-2015	Agreement Complete and signed by all parties.
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 and therefore will comply project-by-project.

Still Pending:

Town of Union		Agreement approved by Town Board and waiting on final signatures.
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. Jacobs will be drafting a template for their consideration.
Lake Altoona District		Recent dredging project covered under the assumption that we're working towards the intergovernmental agreement for their projects.

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016
AGRICULTURE & RESOURCE CENTER – ALTOONA, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Henning, Tami Schraufnagel, Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Bruce Willett, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Ricky Strauch

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

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

2. Election of Officers

Motion by Gibson to nominated Robin Leary for Chair of the Land Conservation Commission. Second by Henning. Motion by Henning to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Willett to nominate Gibson as Vice-Chair of the Land Conservation Commission, close nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Appointment of Clerk:

Motion by Henning to nominate Jacobs as Clerk of the Land Conservation Commission, close nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Introductions

Jacobs introduced the LCC roles and responsibilities and distributed the most recent version of the LCC orientation materials that were distributed by the WI Land and Water Conservation Association as part of their recent training session. Feedback from LCC members that attended mentioned that it would have been nice to, as part of the training session, review the current policies and bills in place as well as outline the proposed legislative efforts coming out of Madison.

Discussion about how the Land Conservation Commission's efforts, as outlined in the County Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan, could be tied into the County Strategic Planning and Visioning efforts currently underway. Prioritizing Natural Resources and Land Conservation will likely be discussed at some of the upcoming sessions. Also tying all of these items into performance standards will be important.

5. Election of WI Land+Water Area Representatives

It is intended that representation will be covered by Schraufnagel, Adams, and Leary. Schraufnagel discussed that one of the items she'd like that group to get more involved with is addressing Urban Food Deserts and supporting urban agriculture as well. Concern expressed over how the proposed changes to UW-Extension may impact LCDs in the area.

6. Public Input Session

No public in attendance.

7. Approve Minutes

Motion by Willett to approve the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Review Vouchers

The vouchers were included as part of the packet and reviewed and discussed by LCC members.

9. County Cost-Share Applications and Ledger Update

The following contracts were presented to the LCC for consideration:

NAME	PROJECT	COUNTY COST SHARE	STATE COST SHARE
Melvin & Shawn Seufferer	Prescribed Grazing	\$288.85	\$4,043.97 <i>(State Bond Funds)</i>
Scott Graff	Nutrient Management Plan – (124 acres *\$14/ac)	\$0	\$1,736.00 <i>(State SEG funds)</i>
Scott Graff	Nutrient Management Plan – (56 acres *\$4/ac)	\$0	\$224.00 <i>(State MALWEG funds)</i>

Motion by Solie to approve all contracts as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Land Stewardship Subcommittee Nominations – Discussion

Jacobs outlined that the Land Stewardship Subcommittee will be considering nominees at their upcoming meeting and we will bring this forward to next month’s agenda.

11. Review Title 17 for any needed updates

Jacobs outlined a couple options for the LCC to consider in regards needed edits.

The Erosion Control Ordinance was discussed and included dialogue about the need of “small sites” as well as the disturbance area size which requires permits.

Ag Enterprise Area (AEA) notations may be needed in the County Code? The current timeline requires us to forward the applications to Madison by October which means that landowners should get their applications to Greg Leonard of LCD by the end of August. State Statute indicates that the AEA applications are to be received by the County Clerk. within Eau Claire County we need to define that process for applicants.

Consensus to pursue defining the AEA process right away. Jacobs should work with corporation counsel on this matter. Perhaps the Erosion Control Ordinance modifications and Atlas 14 edits within our Stormwater Management Ordinance could follow. Considerations for a CAFO ordinance are lower priority, but still important. Jacobs to forward notes to LCC and drafts of CAFO ordinance that have been circulated.

LCC is going to consider this topic for the next meeting and/or respond to Jacobs directly with thoughts.

12. Agency updates and committee member reports

A copy of the DATCP report was included in the agenda packet. NRCS and DNR were not able to attend this meeting.

Robin Leary's seat on the state Land & Water Conservation Board (LWCB) is still there as an option for governor reappointment (this is separate from the WI Land+Water dedicated seats). She will continue to serve until she is replaced, but with changes to structure requiring Madison meetings, it is more difficult to attend.

Jacobs outlined that the Eau Claire River Watershed plan will be completed soon and activities with that project will be happening fast over the next month.

The upcoming WI Land+Water Area tour is coming up in Chippewa County on June 14, 2016. Leary, Adams, Schraufnagel, and Solie were all interested in attending and Jacobs will take care of their registration.

13. Next Meeting Date

The second Monday does not typically work for Henning. The next Land Conservation Commission meeting will be held on June 27, 2016 at 5:15 PM. The LCC will plan to typically schedule their meetings for the third Monday, unless it is changed by the LCC at a previous meeting.

14. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Jacobs, Land Conservation Manager

May Vouchers

**Planning and Development
May 2016**

Land Conservation

Vendor	Amount	Description	Line Item#
Kevin Accola	25.00	Tree Reimbursement	57410-829-000
Kelly Jacobs	58.14	Mileage	57410-330-000
WI Land & Water	30.00	Committee Training	57410-340-000
WCWRPC	5,325.00	R2R Coordinator	57588-200-000
Eau Claire Highway Dept	229.11	Fuel	57410-241-000

Division	Totals
Land Conservation	5,667.25

May Deposits

To be provided at the meeting

DATCP REPORT

June 2016

Land and Water Conservation Board

- The June LWCB meeting was canceled. The next meeting of the LWCB will be held on August 2nd. Some items on the draft agenda include: preliminary 2017 DATCP and DNR joint allocation plan, update on implementation of annual work plans, amendment to 2016 CREP spending authority, and several requests for approval of Land and Water Resource Management Plan reviews, extensions, and revisions.

Producer Led Watershed Protection Grants

- A [press release](#)¹ was issued in May summarizing the 14 awardees and projects of the Producer Led Watershed Protection grants.
- DATCP is continuing to work on the permanent rule for the program (ATCP 52) and are also continuing to work on outreach materials.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- DATCP continues to offer CREP training for counties that covers CREP basics, county CREP responsibilities, and available tools. Trainings can be held locally and are a good opportunity for all partner agencies (LCD, FSC, NRCS, and DATCP) to convene and review CREP in their area. Contact Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in arranging a training or have any other CREP-related questions.

Farmland Preservation

- Burnett County just received certification of the FP plan.
- Forest County received certification of an amendment to their FP plan.
- DATCP is in the process of sending out about 8,300 letters to 2014 Farmland Preservation Tax Credit claimants. All the letters will be sent by mid-June. The letter asks claimants to contact the county where they own cropland if they do not yet have a certificate of compliance and wish to continue to claim the farmland preservation tax credit. DATCP is sending the letter out now so landowners have time to develop a nutrient management plan and achieve compliance with other soil and water conservation practices if necessary by the end of the year.
- DATCP has created a database tool to help with tasks related to the FP program. You can view the [short webinar demonstration](#)² to learn more.

Drainage Districts

- A Spring 2016 Drainage Program update was sent to all county drainage board members. To request a copy of the update, email Chris Clayton at christopher.clayton@wi.gov.

¹ <http://datcp.wi.gov/news/?ID=1464>

² <https://datcp-wi.adobeconnect.com/p5shcrji4j7/>

Conservation Engineering

- Conservation engineering staff continue to assess the impact of changes in technical standards related to managing discharges on livestock operations, specifically related to vegetated treatment areas. Currently nearly 50 conservation projects are under evaluation to determine if additional practices are needed to address potential discharges. For current and new non-federal projects, design and construction on operations with 300 AU and fewer should continue to move forward following the DATCP small AFO guidance which still requires co-approval from the Area Engineer. Conservation needs on medium-size operations (300 to 999 AU) will likely need additional practices to ensure that any discharge from that operation is handled appropriately. DATCP continues to work with partners to evaluate changes in the standard for vegetated treatment areas.

Kelly Jacobs

From: Jim VandenBrook <jim@wisconsinlandwater.org>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:26 PM
To: lcd-staff@wisconsinlandwater.org; bod@wisconsinlandwater.org
Subject: Re: State Audit raises many questions

Here is the full Legislative Audit Bureau Report that spawned the WSJ article.

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lab/CurrentReportsByDate.htm>

On Mon, Jun 6, 2016 at 2:08 PM, Jim VandenBrook <jim@wisconsinlandwater.org> wrote:
Here is a story from the Wisconsin State Journal regarding a backlog in water quality enforcement.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/state-audit-finds-dnr-ignoring-own-rules-on-water-pollution/article_b4471e0f-538d-5a4e-938e-2972a65d071f.html

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From: Jim VandenBrook <jim@wisconsinlandwater.org>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 5:00 PM
To: lcd-staff@wisconsinlandwater.org; lcc-supervisors@wisconsinlandwater.org;
bod@wisconsinlandwater.org
Subject: DNR will no longer consider "cumulative impacts" of high-capacity wells

DNR agrees with the Attorney General's decision that it cannot consider the impact of existing wells on surface waters when permitting a new high-capacity well. The groundwater modeling tools commissioned for DNR by the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey to do just that, will not be used in the permitting process.

Here is the story:

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/dnr-plan-for-wells-a-major-victory-for-business-b99740803z1-382495741.html>

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County Conservationists Meeting Hotel Mead & Conference Center 451 E. Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids

Draft Event Schedule

Thursday, July 21, 2016

11:30am-1:00pm **Registration Open - *Riverside Ballroom***

Noon - 12:45pm **Lunch – *Grand Ballroom A&B***

12:45pm-1:00pm **Welcome – *Riverside Ballroom***
Jim VandenBrook
An association update from the Executive Director

1:00pm-1:30pm **Around the 2017-19 Biennial Budget Corner**
Dan Bahr - Government Affairs Associate, Wisconsin Counties Association
A preview of the upcoming State Budget

1:30pm-2:00pm **NRCS updates**
Jimmy Bramblett, USDA-NRCS State Conservationist

- *National Engineering Manual/Technical Service Provider Policy*
- *CPA-52 Documentation (Planning Process Documentation)*

2:00pm-2:20pm **Food, Land and Water: Toward a Sustainable Wisconsin**
Jim VandenBrook, *An update on WI Land+Water's long-range initiative*

BREAK

2:30pm - 4:30pm **Agriculture and Water: Lessons from Iowa ~ Sponsored by River Alliance of Wisconsin**
Featured Speakers: Jennifer Terry of Des Moines Water Works and Craig Cox of Environmental Working Group

4:30pm - 5:00pm **Adjourn and hotel check-in**

5:00pm-6:00pm **Social Hour – (*Tavern 2-bar*)**

Dinner on your own.

(Friday's agenda below)

Friday, July 22, 2016

- 7:00am-8:00am** **Breakfast**
Atrium
- 8:00am – 9:00am** **Annual Workplan Process Review – *Riverside Ballroom***
Lisa Trumble & Coreen Fallat, DATCP, Kurt Calkins, Columbia Co., Jim
VandenBrook – *Review of 2016 LCD workplans and suggestions for 2017*
- 9:30am – 10:00am** **Farmland Preservation update and implementation of Certificates of
Compliance – Alison Volk/Sue Porter, DATCP**
- 10:00am** **BREAK**
- 10:15am – 10:45am** **The Latest on the Multi-Discharger Variance (Phosphorus Variance)**
Amanda Minks, Water Resources Management Specialist, DNR
- 11:00am - noon** **Discharges from Livestock Operations and Reaction to the latest Audit
Bureau report – Mary Anne Lowndes, Runoff Management Section Chief,
DNR**
- Noon -12:45pm** **Adjourn to Lunch**
Atrium

WATER AND AGRICULTURE: LESSONS FROM IOWA



Come learn from two water experts from the state of Iowa about agriculture's impact on surface waters in that state, and what some organizations are doing about it.

Sponsored by the River Alliance of Wisconsin and hosted by Wisconsin Land and Water, this two-hour session is designed and intended for soil and/or water professionals and elected officials for whom water conservation is important.

With the impending phosphorus regulations, and with nitrates and other ag pollutants in groundwater, as backdrop, this session will offer you a deeper understanding of how Iowa and Wisconsin face similar challenges, and what water conservationists need to know about this seemingly intractable problem.

OUR GUEST PRESENTERS



Craig Cox, Senior Vice President of the Environmental Working Group (EWG) (Ames, Iowa)

Over \$3 billion of federal and state conservation funds have been spent in Iowa since 2005. Despite that spending, there is no marked improvement in water quality, and threats to public health and the environment are mounting. Why? Craig will draw from several EWG Iowa investigations to offer his view on why traditional voluntary farm conservation programs fail, and he will suggest what new approaches are needed to finally get to clean water.



Jennifer Terry, Environmental Advocacy Leader, Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) (Des Moines)

The Des Moines Water Works draws drinking water for that metropolitan area of 500,000 from the surface waters of the intensively row-cropped and tile-drained Des Moines and Raccoon River watersheds. DMWW brought on-line the world's largest nitrate removal system in 1992. In recent years, the utility has spent more money, and runs the system many more days, to remove nitrates from the river water. In 2015, it sued three counties, charging that unregulated discharge from agricultural tile outlets should be regulated under the Clean Water Act as point source pollution. Jennifer will provide background and updates on the lawsuit, talk about decades of failed collaborative efforts to clean up the watershed, and where Iowa's water quality policy may be headed.

WHEN

Thursday, July 21, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
(with hospitality hour following)

WHERE

Mead Hotel, 451 East Grand Avenue,
Wisconsin Rapids

WHO

This session is part of the regular two-day summer meeting of Wisconsin Land and Water (Conservation Association), the statewide group representing county conservation staff and county land conservation committee members.

HOW MUCH

If you want to come just for this session and the hospitality hour immediately following it (cost is \$15), register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/water-and-agriculture-lessons-from-iowa-tickets-25936653228>.

If you want to come for lunch, the Water and Agriculture session, and the session preceding it (cost is \$41), and the hospitality hour, register for "Thursday only," via Wisconsin Land + Water's registration page, here:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ecguantb4a43e884&llr=7pa8l6qab>.

Questions? Contact Matt Krueger at River Alliance at mkrueger@wisconsinrivers.org