

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE  
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN  
"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, JULY 18, 2016 **TIME:** 5:15 P.M.  
**PLACE:** AGRICULTURE & RESOURCE CENTER, Room AG103  
227 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 2-3**
4. Review Vouchers – *Discussion* **Pages 4-5**
5. County Cost-Share Applications and Ledger Update – *Discussion/Action*
  
6. Demonstration on LCD's use of GIS tools – *Discussion*
7. Preliminary Budget Items for the Land Conservation Division – *Discussion/Action*
8. Next Steps for the Eau Claire River Watershed – *Discussion*
  
9. Agency Updates and Committee Member Reports – *Discussion* **Pages 6-9**
10. Next Meeting Date(s) - *Discussion/Action*
  - a. August 15 LCC tour
11. Adjourn – *Discussion/Action*

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JUNE 27, 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:** Jennifer Roetter, USDA-NRCS; Marlo Orth, Lake Eau Claire District

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 PM by Chair Leary.

**2. Public Input Session (30 minute maximum) Please note: Limit of 3 minutes per speaker**

Marlo Orth, Lake Eau Claire District president reported on current activities and topics including:

- Army Corps & DNR Canoe Tour - looking at lake re-connectivity.
- Options to stabilize banks along river as well Two (yellow banks and one other).
- July 11—DNR Stepp tentatively scheduled to visit. Concern that Governor Walker is also coming for a lunch presentation at the Chamber.
- Aeration, Fish Cribs and Tree Drops.
  
- Looking for support for what they have been doing and their capital improvement request. Won't know until December if the sediment trap needs cleaning. Total project cost of \$222,800 and looking for \$100,000 from County. Leary encouraged attendance at the Finance and Budget hearings: Augusta at 6 p.m. on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and Eau Claire. Also discussed the budget for the Watershed work and that should also be highlighted at those meetings.

**3. Approve Minutes**

Motion by Henning to approve minutes of May 16, 2016 LCC meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Review Vouchers**

Vouchers were reviewed

**5. County Cost-Share applications and Ledger Update**

Leffel Roots Cost Share application for a well abandonment. Schraufnagel moves approval. All in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Appointment of Land Stewardship Subcommittee Members**

Adams makes Motion to approve appointments for Dave Carlson and Rick Koziel of an additional 3 years as well as the appointment of Dave Dresel through April 2017. The LCC thanks to them very much for their service. All in favor. Motion carried. Jacobs will send official notice out.

## **7. Annual report from the Land Stewardship Subcommittee**

Vision Document for Long Term Land Stewardship was reviewed. Suggestion to caption photos with a phrase that highlights the kind of things we are doing. Positive feedback provided – members liked that the document was brief but still had a lot of depth. It does not get too wordy, but hits the highlights and capture all partners involved.

Request for any fundraising options coming up and take the opportunity associated with new and/or potential acquisitions. The LCC would invite a visit from Kevin Stelljes, Land Stewardship Subcommittee chair, whenever he would like to attend.

## **8. Preliminary Budget Items for Land Conservation Division**

Fees were reviewed with increases based on standard IRS inflation with the exception of the two \$50 fees (Farmland Preservation Late Filing Fee as well as the Technical Service Hourly fee). Motion by Gibson to recommend fees. All in favor. Motion carried.

Capital Improvements were reviewed. Schraufnagel made a motion to move the capital improvement projects forward as presented and in the order presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussed IS requests. LCD is looking really good right now as far as equipment and software needs.

Comments from LCC members stating that it is expensive to have Administrative Assistant work being completed by a supervisor position.

## **9. Review Title 17 for any needed updates**

Bring it forward to next meeting.

## **10. Agency updates and committee member reports**

NRCS: Josh Sherman is the new NRCS Area conservationist that replaced Judy Derricks. Additional program supports specialists were hired in the Altoona Area Office (Robert), Barron Office, and Durand Office.

Nick will be based out of Whitehall office. Rick Zerk coming back 90% of time to help Jen during Kelly's leave.

LCC members were invited to the July 19th annual work group meeting at Washington Town Hall. Set funding priorities through EQIP as part of this meeting. EQIP covers crop sign-up (\$1.6 million for cover crop initiative) had 8 Eau Claire County applications screen high. General sign-up—apps due September 2. CSP—2016 general sign-up: 3 funded out of 13 in our county with an additional 15 renewal contracts. CRP—Xerces Society and Paula from the University are putting together a video with interviews; while NRCS is reviewing expiring CRP. The Cover Crop Tour will be done again this fall with new signs posted that include estimated production.

## **11. Next Meeting**

July 18, 2016.

## **12. Adjourn**

Leary adjourned meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Jacobs, Land Conservation Manager

**June 2016 LCD Deposits**

<b>Date Prepared</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
6/14/2016	207-15-43588-000-000	R2R SW Outreach	\$ 2,615.12	DNR SW planning grant reimbursement
6/14/2016	100-15-44405-000-000	Land Conservation Storm Water	\$ 280.00	Permit Fee - Real Land Surveying
6/28/2016	100-15-47586-000-000	Contracted Services	\$ 800.00	Collaboration with City-County Health Dept.: Grant funds toward LCD costs associated with GW Nitrate sampling
6/28/2016	100-15-44405-000-000	Land Conservation Storm Water	\$ 280.00	Permit Fee - Dayle Travis

**Total Deposits      \$                      3,975.12**

**Planning and Development  
June 2016**

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment:

**Planning**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Line Item#
Jay's Sign Service	\$ 520.00	Public Notice Sign	51820-200-000
Office Depot	271.64	Office Supplies	51820-310-000
Matt Michels	40.29	Mileage - Regular	51820-330-000
Eau Claire Press	247.99	Public Notice	51820-321-000
Jared Grande	210.40	Mileage - Regular	51820-330-000
Steve Maley	545.05	Mileage - Regular	51820-330-000
Peter Strand	168.30	Mileage - Regular	51820-330-000
Peter Strand	279.00	Mileage - Travel/Training	51820-340-000
Rod Eslinger	47.83	Mileage - Regular	51820-330-000
Matt Michels	33.54	Mileage - Regular	51820-330-000

**Resurvey**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Line Item#
EC County Highway	96.47	Fuel	51740-241-200

**Emergency Management**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Line Item#
Michael Morlan	26.01	Mileage - Regular	52410-330-000
Michael Morlan	95.37	Mileage - Training	52410-340-000
Michael Morlan	103.53	Mileage - Regular	52410-330-000
Badger Utility	326.68	Mobile Command repairs	52410-390-000

**Recycling**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Line Item#
Retzer Nature Center	86.10	Compost Bins	54885-912-000
Boxx Sanitation	22,124.52	Recycling Services - Curbside	54885-201-000
Waste Management	14,807.06	Recycling Services - Curbside	54885-201-000
Advanced Disposal	40,948.18	Recycling Services - Curbside	54885-201-000
Dunn County Solid Waste	2,686.20	Recycling Specialist	54885-912-000
Village of Fairchild	108.80	Dropbox Attendant	54885-208-000
Advanced Disposal	3,192.28	Recycling Services - Dropbox	54885-208-000
Town of Wilson	82.08	Dropbox Attendant	54885-208-000
Waste Management	15,220.80	Recycling Services - Curbside	54885-201-000
ProVyro Waste Services	8,138.90	Recycling Services - Curbside	54885-201-000
EarthBound Environmental Solutions	377.50	Recycling Services - Curbside	54885-201-000

**Land Conservation**

Vendor	Amount	Description	Line Item#
Valhalla Mgmt Services	750.00	Stewardship program - Franks	57589-200-000
Lake EC Protection & Rehab	28,500.00	Sediment trap cleaning	57415-700-000
Durand Builders	20,500.00	Assurance reimbursemet	23172-000-000
Melvin Seuferer	3,111.15	Cost-Share	57410-200-232
Melvin Seuferer	288.85	Cost-Share	57410-483-229
Dougs Trucking VOID, CHECK CANCELED	2,905.54	Cost-Share	57410-200-232
Dougs Trucking VOID, CHECK CANCELED	492.46	Cost-Share	57410-483-229
University of WI-Steven Point	6,025.92	Watershed, Social Science	57410-200-009
EC Highway Dept	145.50	Fuel	57410-241-000
Dougs Trucking	169.90	Cost-Share	57410-438-229
Dougs Trucking	2,378.60	Cost-Share	57410-200-232

Division	Totals
Planning	2,364.04
Resurvey	96.47
Emergency Management	551.59
Recycling	107,772.42
Land Conservation	65,267.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,784.52</b>



## UPCOMING DEADLINES AND EVENTS

- June 30 Request for Proposals due to NACD for urban agriculture conservation technical assistance grant opportunity
- July 1** **Producer Led Watershed Protection Grants' Request for Proposals released by DATCP**
- July 11 Outreach and Education, Technical Assistance, and Financial Education for FSA Programs, Functions and Activities applications due to the Farm Service Agency
- July 15 Lake Michigan Area Association summer tour in Marinette County
- July 21 WI Land+Water Board of Directors' meeting in Wisconsin Rapids
- July 21-22 County Conservationist meeting in Wisconsin Rapids
- August 2 Land and Water Conservation Board meeting
- August 26 Conservation Observance Day in Calumet County at Meuer Farm
- September 1** **Proposals for the Producer Led Watershed Protection Grants due to DATCP**
- September 30 Lake Winnebago Area Association meeting and tour in Waushara County
- October 14 Lake Michigan Area Association meeting and fall conference
- October 15 WI Soybean Yield Contest entries due. More information at [www.coolbean.info](http://www.coolbean.info)
- December 1-2** **Tentative dates for winter County Conservationist meeting in Wisconsin Rapids**
- December 9 Northwest Area Association meeting in Hayward
- December 10** **DNR Surface Water Planning Grant deadline**
- January 13 Lake Michigan Area Association meeting
- January 27 Lake Winnebago Land and Water Area Association meeting
- February 15** **DNR Surface Water Management Grant deadline**
- March 15-17 WI Land+Water Annual Conference in Elkhart Lake



### WISCONSIN LAND+WATER

For more information or questions, please contact  
Penny Pohle at [penny@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:penny@wisconsinlandwater.org) or (608) 441-2677 Ext. 6



## WISCONSIN LAND+WATER

(608) 441-2677 <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/>

The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water) is a membership organization that supports the efforts of land conservation committee (LCC) supervisors and conservation staff through training, conservation standards development, youth education, grants, partnership building, and advocacy.

### WI LAND+WATER STAFF

#### **Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director** ([jjim@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:jjim@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Lead Wisconsin Land+Water and is responsible to the WI Land+Water President and Board of Directors
- ◆ Manage day-to-day affairs of the association, budget development, financial management, policy advocacy and communication with agency's partners, elected officials, and other organizations

#### **Christina Anderson, Training & Outreach Program Specialist** ([christina@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:christina@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Work with the State Interagency Training Committee (SITCOM) to develop and provide training
- ◆ Work with the Outreach Committee to promote WI Land+Water and its members
- ◆ Coordinate pilot project with DNR and local stakeholders to assess nitrate transport in wellhead protection areas in three demonstration areas

#### **Scott Hennelly, Communications Specialist** ([scott@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:scott@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Promote land and water success stories
- ◆ Assist with the Food, Land, and Water project

#### **Penny Pohle, Membership Services Coordinator** ([penny@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:penny@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Coordinate member services including maintaining a statewide directory of county staff and land conservation committees
- ◆ Work closely with area associations and be their point person at WI Land+Water
- ◆ Work with State Interagency Training Committee (SITCOM) to develop and provide training
- ◆ Develop and maintain area association webpages on WI Land+Water website

#### **Chris Schlutt, Training & Outreach Program Coordinator** ([chris@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:chris@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Plan and execute the annual conference
- ◆ Work with the State Interagency Training Committee (SITCOM) to develop and provide training
- ◆ Create and collect material for Land Conservation Committee (LCC) supervisor training; coordinate LCC trainings

#### **Jennifer Thieme, Standards Oversight Council (SOC) Program Manager** ([jennifer@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:jennifer@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Manages the activities of the Standards Oversight Council and their team approach for revising and developing technical standards for soil and water conservation programs in Wisconsin
- ◆ Work with WI Land+Water Technical Committee and serve as a liaison between WI Land+Water membership and state agencies for technical standard related issues

#### **Kim Warkentin, Operations Manager/Youth Education Director** ([kim@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:kim@wisconsinlandwater.org))

- ◆ Manage the operations of the organization
- ◆ Point person for Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and business and county conservationist meetings
- ◆ Direct the Youth and Education programs including poster and speaking contests, Wisconsin Envirothon, Conservation Camps, and the Land+Water Conservation Initiative in coordination with the Youth Education Committee

## DATCP REPORT

July 2016

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### **Land and Water Conservation Board**

- The next meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Board is August 2. The Board will address LWRM plan requests for approval, receive a report on the preliminary 2017 joint allocation plan and hear a presentation on an amendment to CREP spending authority.

### **Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants**

- Applications are now being accepted for Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants. Applications are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. More information and application materials can be found on the [DATCP website](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- The emergency rule for the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant program was extended. DATCP continues to work on the permanent rule for the program, which will be ATCP 52.

### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**

- New CREP 15-year agreements and applications must now be submitted electronically via a secure FTP site. You will need a username and password provided by DATCP to access the site. Contact Brian Loeffelholz at 608-224-4632 when you are ready to submit your next CREP 15-year agreement and application for assistance.
- The CREP 15-Year CREP Agreement form (LWR-283) was updated to include a DATCP signature and remove the requirement to notarize landowner and county signatures. The updated agreement also clarifies landowner responsibilities under the CREP contract which should help enforce a contract or handle future compliance issues. The updated form is available on the CREP website and should be used for all new CREP applications. If you have agreements ready to submit using the old version we will accept them in the short term. A hard copy of the first page of the 15-year CREP Agreement including DATCP's signature will be provided in a mailing with the landowner incentive check and CREP cost share form.
- 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](mailto:Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov) if you are interested in arranging a training or have any other CREP-related questions.
- With the retirement of Kris Modaff, all CREP agreement and easement applications, payment requests, buyout applications and questions should now be directed to Brian Loeffelholz until further notice.

### **Farmland Preservation**

- Two new AEAs will be designated and one existing AEA will be modified in 2016. The two new AEAs include the Evergreen Wolf River AEA in Langlade County and the North-West Pierce County AEA. Additional acreage in the Cadott Area Cooperative AEA in Chippewa County will be designated. After designation, there will be 33 AEAs in the state totaling just over 1,100,000 acres.
- DATCP has distributed copies of an editable Access database file to help track compliance issues related to the Farmland Preservation program. Counties can edit the file themselves or talk to Katy Vosburg, [Katy.Vosburg@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Katy.Vosburg@wisconsin.gov), for more information about making additional changes/updates to the base file.
- DATCP has been out monitoring PACE easements this year. So far, 8 of the 17 easements have been visited. The remaining easements will be visited later this year.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/ProducerLedProjects.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ProducerLedProjects.aspx)

## **Conservation Engineering**

- DATCP has developed a simplified procedure for cancelling conservation engineering practitioner certification in cases where staff voluntarily agree to no longer maintain it. An example is where a practitioner no longer performs engineering duties and no longer wants to obtain PDHs. Talk to your engineering contact for additional information.
- The draft of the revised NRCS 635 Vegetated Treatment Area standard will be going out for broad review this week. There will be a two week period to review and provide comments back to the Standards Oversight Council team.

## **Other Items**

- After 30 years with DATCP, Kris Modaff will retire on July 7. Many of you have worked with her over the years on CREP agreements, Farmland Preservation agreements and SWRM grants. We thank her for all that she has done for conservation over the years and wish her the best as she begins this next chapter in her life.
- DATCP has a re-designed website. Although the [main web address](#)<sup>2</sup> is the same, the addresses for individual pages have changed. If you have any links to DATCP pages, or have pages bookmarked, you will need to reset your links.
- DATCP will be at Farm Technology Days July 19 – 21 near Lake Geneva in Walworth County. We will have information on the Producer-Led Watershed Protection grant program, as well as information about nutrient management planning and SnapPlus.
- DATCP staff will be participating in most of the NRCS Local Workgroup meetings being held around the state between July 14 and August 3. The workgroup meetings are opportunities to collaborate with partners on the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and other NRCS programs.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://datcp.wi.gov>