

**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