

Eau Claire County  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

Monday, March 18, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street West • Room AG120  
Altoona, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Robin Leary, Gary Gibson, Ray Henning, Heather DeLuka, Glory Adams, Dean Solie, Tami Schraufnagel, Ricky Strauch

**Members Absent:** (none)

**Staff Present:** Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters, and Liz Fagen (Land Conservation); Matt Krueger, Executive Director-WI Land+Water Conservation Association

**Others Present:** (none)

1. Call to Order  
Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law  
Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.
3. Public Input Session (15 minutes maximum) – Discussion  
(none)
4. Approve Minutes from February 18, 2019 meeting – Discussion/Action  
**ACTION:** Motion by Gibson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0.
5. Update on Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee process – Discussion  
Leonard provided an update on the Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee’s process. The committee is requesting a 2-month extension, which will allow the committee to complete its task, and allow time for drafting and passage of the proposed ordinances to implement their recommendations. The extension request will be discussed and voted on at the County Board meeting scheduled for March 19.
6. Matt Krueger, Executive Director of WI Land+Water Conservation Association – Discussion  
Matt Krueger, Executive Director of WI Land+Water, provided an overview of the association’s mission and program areas, the Governor’s budget recommendations, and the history of decreasing land conservation staff funding over the past 20 years.
7. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion  
The February expenditures and revenues were reviewed. DATCP grant reimbursements for 2018 were received, and Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) funds were received from several sources located outside of Eau Claire County.
8. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action  
There were no cost-share applications.
9. Staff and Agency Updates
  - a. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program  
Eau Claire County Land Conservation has received or will soon receive \$8,401.15 in MDV funds from surrounding communities through the MDV program. Participation is voluntary for Eau Claire County. These funds can be used to further conservation practice installation but is dependent on submitting a plan to DNR within one year.

b. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta

The City of Augusta's engineer has submitted a draft agreement for the Water Quality Trading program. Leonard will be working with Corporation Counsel to finalize the agreement.

10. Future agenda items

Multi-Discharger Variance and Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta will remain as future items on the agenda, and Ag Ordinance Review will be on the next agenda.

11. Set date for next meeting

- a. The date for the next LCC meeting was set for Monday, April 15, 2019.
- b. The annual LCC tour will be in conjunction with the West Central Area Land+Water Conservation Association summer tour. The date was set for June 12, 2019 and will include stops in the eastern portion of the county.

12. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard  
Clerk, Land Conservation Commission