

Eau Claire County  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

Monday, August 26, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street West • Room AG103/104  
Altoona, Wisconsin

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

**Members Absent:** Ray Henning, Ricky Strauch

**Staff Present:** Rod Eslinger, Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters, and Liz Fagen

**Others Present:** Marlo Orth, Mike Lea, Lauren Lea

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

Marlo Orth thanked the Land Conservation Commission and staff for their support over the years and announced that he is no longer the Chair of the Lake Eau Claire Protection & Rehabilitation District. Marlo introduced the new Chair, Mike Lea. Mike thanked everyone for their ongoing support and looks forward towards working together in the future. Lauren Lea commented on the success of the emergency warning siren installed at Lake Eau Claire as a project she oversaw as a sophomore.

4. Approve Minutes from July 29, 2019 meeting – Discussion/Action

**ACTION:** Motion by Gibson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

5. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update – Discussion

The July expenditures and revenues were reviewed. The expense for the summer tour lunch will be reimbursed by the West Central WI Land+Water Conservation Association.

6. Cost-Share Applications – Discussion/Action

There were no Cost-Share Applications.

7. Budget discussion and update – Discussion/Action

Rod Eslinger, Planning and Development Director, provided an update on the budgeting process, grants, and performance management revisions.

8. Authorized individuals to sign Nutrient Management Memorandum of Understanding with Adjoining Counties – Discussion/Action

Leonard reviewed correspondence from Corporation Counsel concerning who does or can have authority to sign such an agreement. The LCC is delegated the power from the county board. The LCC could authorize the LCC Chair, Land Conservation Manager, or both to sign. After discussion, Leary instructed Leonard to draft an authorization for the Land Conservation Manager to sign upon Land Conservation Commission review.

9. Staff and Agency Updates

- a. Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update: Land continues working on an event for Eau Claire River riparian owners tentatively scheduled for Spring/Summer of 2020.
- b. Recent Water Quality initiatives and/or legislation: The DNR recently announced the targeted performance standards for groundwater protection from nitrate in sensitive areas.
- c. Livestock Siting information: Peters provided an update from the public hearing held in Eau Claire recently.
- d. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program: As reported last month, we received notice from Xcel Energy that the No-till drill grant proposal will be funded as requested. Combining MDV funds, Xcel Energy grant funds,

and donations from Pheasants Forever and an anonymous donator, the entire funding of the No-till drill is secure without any tax levy. This is being planned for purchase early in 2020.

- e. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta: The Water Quality Trading agreement with the City of Augusta has been signed and approved by the City of Augusta. We have begun survey and sampling work.

10. Future agenda items

Follow up on Nutrient Management Memorandum of Understanding will be on the next agenda. Fagen requested time for education for elected officials on municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) storm water management permit.

11. Set dates for next meetings

The next meeting was tentatively set for Monday, September 16, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Ag Center.

12. Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:58 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