



## MINUTES

Eau Claire County

### • PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE •

**Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Eau Claire County Courthouse, 721 Oxford Ave, Room 1277, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703

Members Present: Dane Zook, Robin Leary, James Dunning, Michele Skinner, Caleb Aichele (remote)

Members Absent:

Ex officio Present: Connie Russel

Staff Present: Rod Eslinger

### Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Zook called the meeting to order at 6 pm and confirmed the meeting notice with Director Eslinger.

### Roll Call:

Director Eslinger called the roll. The members that were present are noted above.

### Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

### Review/Approval of March 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Robin Leary to approve the March 25, 2025, committee meeting minutes subject to the correction noted on page 4. Motion carried on a voice vote: 5-0-0.

### Proposed Resolution File No. 25-26/005 to designate the Planning & Development Director the Responsible Unit Contact for DNR

Director Eslinger briefed the committee on resolution 25-26/005 to designate the Planning and Development Director the Responsible Unit Contact for the DNR.

Motion by James Dunning to approve the Proposed Resolution: File No. 25-26/005. Motion carried on a voice vote: 5-0-0.

### Continuation of Groundwater Advisory Committee Projects/Duties

The committee continued its discussion regarding the project and duties it would like the groundwater advisory committee to work on in 2025. The following items were identified by the committee as potential duties the groundwater advisory committee could add to its workplan:

1. Review and update the 2018 County's State of Groundwater Report
2. Identify a strategy to update the county's groundwater data, similar to Bayfield County's approach in developing its groundwater atlas
3. Identify information that may be of common interest with the Eau Claire River Coalition and West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission – Clearing house of all data
4. Oral report on groundwater advisory committee's activities to the committee of planning and development at a regular meeting

### 2025 Committee on Planning & Development Meeting Schedule Modification

Director Eslinger noted there were two changes, one in October and the other was in November, on the 2025 meeting schedule mainly due to 2026 Budget schedule. The committee accepted the changes presented by staff.

### Review of Planning & Development Annual Report

Eslinger reviewed the 2024 annual report with the committee and answered questions.

### **2026 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)**

Director Eslinger presented four capital improvement projects (aerial and LiDAR acquisition, Lake District Rehabilitation requests, and Emergency Management Duty Officer Response Vehicle). He also shared his ranking of priorities that he would recommend to the finance director.

### **Proposed Future Agenda Items**

Next scheduled meeting May 13, 2025 (NOTE the April 22, 2025 meeting was cancelled due to absence of a quorum).

### **Director's Update**

Eslinger noted that the Beaver Creek Recycler was sent out to every mailing address in Eau Claire County. The tree and shrub pick up is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the home compost bin orders can be picked up there too. He informed the committee that GIS Specialist interviews are scheduled for Thursday this week. He also noted that FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities funding was eliminated late last week. This likely means that we won't receive reimbursement for the work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

### **Announcements**

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rodney Eslinger  
Clerk, Committee on Planning & Development