



WEST CENTRAL *LAND + WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION*

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EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
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February 3, 2020
Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center
Eau Claire, WI

Call to Order

Tyler Gruetzmacher called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Roll Call:

Barron, Buffalo, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Seven member counties were present.

Adoption of the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were addressed. A motion was made by Barron County to adopt agenda, Buffalo seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Barron motioned to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting, Pepin County seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statement

Rod Webb gave a summary of the financial report through January 31, 2020.

Reports

No reports from committees due to time availability.

USDA-NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations – Josh Sherman. Josh provided updates on the status of several popular NRCS programs. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) will be using new ranking criteria to encourage landowners to raise the level of conservation on their land, in order to receive funding in 2020. Only high ranking applications will be considered for contracting. Josh also discussed the development of land lease templates that include conservation requirements. These templates could be provided to landowners who would like to conservation requirements in their land leases.

New Business

Resolutions will be discussed during the March 4th meeting in Green Bay

Presentation

A J Leiden from Beaver Creek Reserve discussed the future of invasive species grants from DNR and how staff from Beaver Creek may be able to assist counties with invasive species programs.

Future Agenda Items

Future West Area events and activities

Resolutions to be acted upon during Annual Business Meeting in Green Bay

Next Meeting Date

March 4, 2020 KI Convention Center Green Bay, WI

Adjournment

Pierce County made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pepin County Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary:

Rod Webb, Secretary/Treasurer/Coordinator