

## EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Gary Nelson, Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook and Fran Langman. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Bronson Thalacker, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Pat Richter (9:19) and Kim Collins.

Absent: Jamie McCready and Audrey Kusilek.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

**Motion: (Nelson/Langman)** to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Nelson/Gores)** to approve the minutes of October 1, 2024 meeting; carried. No edit list questions; no announcements.

Item #5. Collins presented two FPP Certificates of Compliance for approval and Gruetzmacher answered committee questions. **Motion: (Langman/Huth)** to approve the certificates; carried.

Item #6. Gruetzmacher provided information on the upcoming Land & Water Board election. After committee discussion, **motion: (Langman/Nelson)** to cast the Barron County LCC ballot for Mike Hofberger; carried.

Item #7. Gruetzmacher provided an update from the state approving the extension of the rewrite of the Land & Water Resource Mgt. Plan to 2033, with an update in 2028.

Item #8. Gruetzmacher provided a brief overview of State funding in reference to the 2025-27 State Budget and described the funding shortfall for local staffing. Committee discussion followed.

Item #9. Staff Reports –

FSA – Huth discussed November deadline dates.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed fall projects and Thalacker gave a non-metallic mining update.

UWEX – Baltrusis discussed on the new Foodwise Educator and informed the committee of Sara Waldron’s presentation at the National conference where she received the Achievement in Service Award.

NRCS – Richter provided information on the EQIP and CSP programs, stating there are 93 active CSP contracts in Barron County

Executive Committee – N/A

Fair Board – N/A

The next meeting is set for December 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items:

Chair adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

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