

Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee
Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan
August 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by D. Masterpole (LCFM) at 6:30 p.m. Citizen advisory members present were C. Anderson, G. Bergstrom, T. Bowe, L. Danielson, D. Dukerschein, K. Filkins, S. Gygi, M. Holub, T. Lueck, , B. Panzer, K. Schmitt, and J. Skorczewski.

Members absent were S. Hilger, A. Jinkerson, W. Jones, P. Laliberte, J. McMullen, P. Michels, R. Smith, B. Steele, and C. Treiber.

Agency staff advisors present were J. Clark (UWEX), T. Lindsay (USDA NRCS), D. Masterpole, C. Meyer, and R. Yohnk (LCFM).

Agency staff advisors absent were D. Clary, M. Dahlby, M. Hazuga, T. Kafka, K. Lentz, J. Lepsch, S. Schneider, and C. Willger.

Others present at times throughout the meeting were D. Gullickson (LCFM Committee Chair) and P. Pople. D. Gullickson left the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Item #1 – Welcome and Introductions

D. Masterpole welcomed the group.

Each citizen advisory member introduced themselves and the group that they represent.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
C. Anderson	Non-Metallic Mining Interests
G. Bergstrom	Conservation Nonprofits/Land Trust Interests
T. Bowe	Streams, Lakes & Water Interests
L. Danielson	Agricultural Interests
D. Dukerschein	Outdoor Recreational Interests
K. Filkins	Non-Metallic Mining Interests
S. Gygi	Outdoor Recreational Interests
T. Lueck	Agricultural Interests
B. Panzer	Agricultural Interests
K. Schmitt	Agricultural Interests
J. Skorczewski	Woodlot Owners & Forestry Interest

Item #2 – Overview of Chippewa Co. Groundwater Inventory

D. Masterpole presented portions of a Power Point report titled: 2016 Chippewa County Groundwater Quality Inventory, (UWSP, UWEX, Chippewa Co. LCFM, and Chippewa Co. Public Health - copy on file). The Power Point report introduced principles of groundwater management and general results of groundwater well sampling conducted in Chippewa County by UW-Stevens Point in 2016.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Contributing components of the Chippewa County Groundwater Inventory, as now managed, to monitor groundwater quality and groundwater quantity.

2. Groundwater quality, sources of groundwater pollution, and best management practices to control groundwater pollution.

Item #3 – Overview of Land & Water Resource Management Goals and Objectives, as Established in Sec. 5.31-5.34 (Pages 27-31) of the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan

D. Masterpole presented a Power Point report titled: Overview of Current Resource Management Objectives, Chippewa Co. Land & Water Resource Management Plan, (LCFM 8/22/18 – copy on file).

A formal review and group discussion of the existing resource management goals and objectives was deferred.

Citizen advisory members and agency staff were encouraged to provide written feedback on the existing resource management goals and objectives, and on the associated program goals and objectives, by addressing and submitting focus questions #3 and #4.

Item #4 - Identify & Consider Concepts and Proposed Activities to Advance Resource Management Objectives.

D. Masterpole solicited general points of discussion and ideas that could be used to address resource management concerns and to the pursuit of resource management objectives.

Discussion focused on the following:

1. The current use of cover crops and field buffers as part of agricultural cropping systems, the barriers that limit their use, and incentive-based approaches that could be used to expand the use of these practices.
2. The amount of grazing that is now occurring (limited) and approaches that could be used to further support and encourage grazing.
3. The proportion of agricultural land that is now leased and approaches that could be used to encourage more widespread use and ongoing maintenance of conservation practices on leased land.
4. The rate of residential development in rural and urbanizing areas of the county, and associated contributions of nitrate to groundwater from subdivisions developed with traditional septic systems.
5. The importance of a well-informed public, and the different approaches, and institutional mechanisms that can be used for community outreach and education.
6. The importance of youth, and the different approaches, and institutional mechanisms that can be used to provide opportunities for outdoor based environmental education and civic engagement.

The group briefly reviewed the next steps in the planning process. The responses that are provided to the focus questions, and the outcome of advisory meetings 1-3 will be used to develop a working draft of a revised Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

This information and the working draft of the plan will be provided for review and comment.

It is anticipated that the existing planning schedule will be revised in the interest of providing additional time and opportunities for further input.

P. Popple addressed the advisory group as a member of the public. She provided information to be considered as part of the planning process.

Item #5 – Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.