

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 114

1. Call meeting to order.
 2. Declaration of Quorum.
 3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
 4. Review Correspondence.
 5. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Approve bills
 - c. Receive staff activity reports
 6. Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.
 7. Risk and Injury Report
 8. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Wild Parsnip update.
 - b. Discuss 2022 budgets.
 - c. Summer Intern update.
 - d. No-till drill update.
 - e. Committee Reports
 - i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
 - ii. Health Committee report.
 - iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.
 - iv. Golden Sands RC&D report.
 9. Private Sewage
 10. Land Records
 11. County Surveyor
 12. Planning
 - a. Request to approve a zoning map amendment/rezone – Town of Grand Rapids
 - b. Update on the Wood County Private Well - Water Systems Program
 13. Economic Development
 - a. Discuss 2022 budget.
 - b. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update.
 - c. Update from Wood County Health Department on bike share, and consider release of 2021 Economic Development Grant Funds.
 - d. Update from Alexander Field and Roy Shwery Field, and consider release of 2021 Economic Development Grant Funds.
 14. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
 - b. Remote Work for Staff
 - c. 4-H Program Staffing Update
 - d. Educator Presentation – Jackie Carattini, Human Development & Relationships Educator
 15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants.
 16. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
 17. Agenda items for next meeting
 18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
 19. Adjourn
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MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine and Bill Leichtnam.

Members Excused: Carmen Good.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn and Kim Keech.
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig, Klayton Kree and Lori Ruess.
UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler and Matt Lippert.

Others Present (for part or all of the meeting): Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendening, Dist. #16 Supervisor Lance Plimi, Sue Kunferman (Wood County Health Department), Ben Jeffrey (Wood County Health Department), Ray Bossert (Village of Port Edwards Administrator), Kyle Kearns (City of Wisconsin Rapids), Josh Miller (City of Marshfield) and Steve Schneider (Bug Tussel Wireless).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the June 2, 2021 CEED meetings, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Scott Custer, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpfennig, Adam Groshek, Caleb Armstrong, Emily Salvinski, Rod Mayer, Klayton Kree, Julianna Kollross, Lori Ruess, Matt Lippert, Allison Jonjak, Janell Wehr, Jackie Carattini, Hannah Wendels, Nancy Turyk, Rachael Whitehair and Laura Huber.
 - A. Minutes of June 2, 2021. No additions or corrections needed.
 - B. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - C. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the June 2, 2021 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Kenneth Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.** None..
7. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
8. **Land & Water Conservation Department.**
 - A. Open/approve low bid for Paul Schreiner's rock stream crossing project. Klayton Kree shared that no bids were received for the rock stream crossing project. Land & Water Conservation staff estimated the project a little on the higher side due to the pandemic and cost of materials. Shane Wucherpfennig commented that there was an initial complaint from a neighbor. Staff reached out to Paul Schreiner who is the land owner after the complaint was made. The renter was interested

in the rock stream crossing cost share project. Rocks for the stream crossing would make it more stable to cross. There is no erosion issues.

- B. Update on North Central Land & Water Conservation Summer Tour/Meeting. Shane Wucherpennig shared that Wood County was to host the summer tour in 2020 but the tour was cancelled due to the pandemic. Wood County will host the tour this year on Friday, August 20th. Tour stops: Cold Snap Aquaponics, Mead Wildlife Area, Heiman Holsteins and drive by Twin Lakes Cranberry fence. CEED members wishing to attend the tour should contact the LWCD. Robert Ashbeck is the Wood County representative for North Central Land & Water Conservation.

Bill Leichtnam encouraged short presentations from the department staff on any conferences or meetings attended.

C. Committee Reports:

i. Citizens Groundwater Group

Bill Leichtnam mentioned that Scott Provost, Water Resource Specialist with the Wisconsin DNR was the guest speaker. Highlights of "Neonicotinoids" (aka neonics) presentation:

- Neonicotinoids is an insecticide applied to field seed.
- Distribution? USGS detected year-round on 74% of all water. UW: 78% of 91 irrigation wells tested positive.
- Bees (pollinators) are very susceptible:
LD50 of 2 neonics are 5-4 nanogram.
1 ng = 1 billionth of a gram (example - 1 grain of sugar weights 635,000 ng).
Volume of a grain of sugar can kill 600 million bees.
- What can be done? Development of safer products with the same efficiency.
Employ Conservation practices to use less. Product is banned in Europe.

Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group next meeting is on Monday, July 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114 with a WebEx virtual option. Guest Speaker: Colleene Thomas, Chief Environmental Aide with US Senator Tammy Baldwin's Office.

- ii. Health Committee report A meeting with the Armenia Growers Coalition was held on June 9th. A study on nitrates is being conducted. Additional residential nitrate testing is planned for August 4th & August 5th. The next Armenia Growers coalition conference call will be held on Wednesday, September 15th @ 2:00 p.m. Farmer-led initiatives remains a concern.

There is a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Wednesday, July 7th at East Jr. High School Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Rapids from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report. Bill Leichtnam reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26th to be held virtual. There has been 25 applicants with the field narrowed down to 9 candidates. The Research Associate will analyze the data for the counties that make up the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative with project completion in approximately 12 months.
- iv. Golden Sands RC&D report. Bill Leichtnam and Bill Clendening are Wood County Board representatives. Robert Ashbeck will attend the July 22nd meeting in Bill Clendening absence. Council meetings meet the third Thursday every month. The next meeting is Thursday, July 22nd.

Bill Leichtnam shared a summary of the presentations from the Portage County Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on June 3rd. Speakers were:

- i. John Exo, UW-Extension and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Water Quality Programs Coordinator presentation:
 - Nitrate issues - 10% of all private Wisconsin wells are over 10 ppm safe limit. That is 20% in Portage County and 20-30% in agriculture areas in Portage County.
 - Cooperating agencies on the nitrate issue are DATCP, NRCS Wisconsin DNR, UW-Madison and UWSP.
 - Problem is lack of funding.
 - What have they done so far (i.e. UW-Extension/UW-Madison)? Created a Nitrate Workgroup. Hired more Educators. Created a website on groundwater and nitrates. Developing tools to determine the amount of nitrates that are leaching into groundwater. On-farm research. UW Extensions examining a large study in Europe.
 - What is the problem? The problem is the decision today is at the individual level of what a farmer or farm cooperative would choose to do. The state legislature has not acted. The problem has only been addressed on the research and Individual level.
 - ii. Chris Clayton, Wisconsin DNR, NR Program Manager “NR151 Nitrate Targeted Performance Standard” presentation:
 - WT-19-19 Draft Rule updating the Wisconsin Administrative Code with NR151 called “Nitrate Targeted Performance Standards”. Work was done back in 2018-2019 by 17 counties in northeastern Wisconsin. Extended to Wisconsin Administrative Code rule.
 - The rule will target 43% of agricultural land in sensitive areas in Wisconsin (i.e. Central Sands, southern Wisconsin and Chippewa Valley).
 - The rule will prohibit fall application of nitrogen except on fall seeded crops after September 1st. Will try to ensure that nitrogen is only applied when needed.
 - NMP will try to ensure that less than 2.2 pounds per acre of nitrogen is leached into the groundwater and hopefully keep the groundwater under the 10 ppm safe limit.
 - Lower the nitrates safe limit to 5 ppm in well-head protection areas.
 - What is the process to adopt the rule? Adoption of a rule takes 2-1/2 years. The rule process was started in late 2019 and may be adopted in mid-2022. Economic Income Assessment (EIA) is being prepared. Public Comment was accepted until April 10, 2021. Wisconsin Natural Resources Board will be requesting a Public Hearing. The rule goes to the Governor for approval and then to the Wisconsin State Legislature.
9. **Private Sewage.** Jason Grueneberg commented that there were 63 sanitary permits issued through the end of May 2021. For comparison purposes, 2020 had 58 sanitary permits issued through the same time period. New and replacement sanitary permits remain strong in 2021.
10. **Land Records.** Jason Grueneberg shared that the server migration occurred 3 – 4 weeks ago with a slow return on the Wood County website. The issue is expected to be solved within a week. The problem is that there is no test environment.
11. **County Surveyor.** Nothing to report.
12. **Planning.** Adam DeKleyn clarified that there were (12) CSM's submitted for review/approval. (8) CSM's approved and recorded. (10) CSM's are pending approval.
13. **Economic Development.**
- A. Update from Bug Tussel Wireless on Broadband expansion efforts in Wood County. Steve Schneider of Bug Tussel Wireless shared that the Public Service Commission grant deadline is July 27th. The broadband grants were authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This legislation allocated funds to aid the state in its response to the COVID-19 emergency. Broadband expansion will fill in the gaps in rural areas in Wood County. Apply for additional grant

funding for installing fiber between towers. There are 9,405 households in Wood County that currently do not have broadband.

Existing and future towers in Wood County:

- 20 national carrier existing towers
- 10 national carrier future towers
- 16 broadband towers

Project completion is to have a total of 46 towers in Wood County.

Bug Tussel Wireless goals:

- Bug Tussel Wireless Education – Educate the community on broadband.
- 25 megabytes per second for 98% of Wood County residents.

Broadband financially phases:

- Phase #1 – Bug Tussel Wireless was awarded a \$1 million broadband grant by the Public Service Commission to implement broadband in Wood County. The initial grant award is to construct 9-10 towers with construction in progress. Bug Tussel Wireless to contribute \$3 million and Wood County will contribute \$1 million which won't be borrowed.
- Phase #2 – Public Service Commission grant deadline is July 27th. Property and Information Technology Committee approved at their July committee meeting that Bug Tussel Wireless should apply for the Broadband Grant then get conduit bond funding from Wood county, or not accept the grant award. If the grant is not approved by the Public Service Commission, there will be another opportunity to apply for the broadband grant in December.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to support Phase 2 of the Broadband expansion grant application which is part of the REDI Plan in Wood County. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Presentation of the City of Marshfield Economic Development Strategy – Josh Miller, Development Services Director. Josh Miller presented the draft of the Strategic Plan. The City of Marshfield Strategic Plan is similar to the REDI Plan.

Three components of the Strategic Plan:

- i. Housing
 - Identify priorities and opportunities for quality, attractive housing.
- ii. Quality of Place
 - Identify desirable amenities and business mix for the community.
 - Support efforts to enhance the Downtown to make it for attractive for businesses, consumers, and residents.
- iii. Attract and grow business and workforce
 - Develop robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in the area.
 - Attract people and new, desirable businesses to the area.
 - Retain existing businesses and support expansion efforts.
 - Identify and support economic development and redevelopment opportunities.

Josh Miller shared that the City of Marshfield is creating a city subdivision in Wood County on the city west side on a 10 acre farm field. It is expected to take 5 years to build the subdivision and sell all 23 of the lots. There is a presale option with 13 lots already sold. The tax base is expected to be \$7 million generating \$185,000 per year.

- C. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update. Jason Grueneberg updated the committee on current projects in Wood County:
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
 - ATV/UTV Project Survey
 - City of Wisconsin Rapids Verso Mill closure redevelopment project.
 - Town of Grand Rapids Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail

- D. Update on the City of Wisconsin Rapids trail/signage project, and consider release of 2021 Economic Development Grant Funds. Kyle Kearns gave an update on the trail/signage project. There are two types of signs which will be a Pedestrian Kiosk and Trailhead Kiosk-Roof for a total of 24 signs. City Council approved Graphic House as the project contractor. Graphic House will begin sign fabrication soon and plans to install the signs with completion by the end of the year. The City of Wisconsin Rapids Community Development Department and GIS Department will finalize the map components for the trailhead signs.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to release the \$15,000 in grant funds to the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the trail/signage project. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Extension.

A. General Office Update

Jason Hausler shared the following office updates:

- COVID-19: No capacity limit for in-house programming.
- Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator will be receiving national recognition for her “4-H Camp in A Box” at the National 4-H Conference this fall.
- Budget: 4-H Program Educator position is currently 100% funded by Wood County with no state cost share. Preliminary state budget will be that the 4-H Program Educator position will be state co-funded. What does this mean for Wood County? Wood County can add an additional 4-H staff member for Wood County in the 2022 budget.

- B. County Board Presentation Focus/Emphasis UW Extension will present the Annual Report to the Wood County Board of Supervisors meeting in September.

Presentation highlight suggestions: educator accomplishments, virtual 4-H camp, cranberry growers update, farmer educational opportunities, water quality, and broadband expansion. Share how virtual programming was adapted during the pandemic for the community to connect.

- C. Educator Presentation – Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator. Matt Lippert gave a presentation on the SARE Alternative Dairy and Beef Forage Grant:

- Fosters cooperation between agriculture professionals and small groups of farmers to catalyze on-farm research, demonstration, and education activities related to sustainable agriculture.
- The grant was extended to 2023 due to COVID-19.
- Protects water quality.
- Focus: Feeding and Profitability
- Types:
 - Ryelage – Winter hardy rye wheat hybrid,
 - Winter Triticale –Hybrid of wheat and rye.
 - Italian-Ryegrass – Short-lived annual grass which does not survive the winter. Digestible feed.
- Advantages:
 - Nutrient Recycle (protects groundwater)
 - Manure versatility (spread in summer)
 - Summer warm season grasses.
 - Yields heavy right away,
 - Less herbicide and insecticide use.
- US criticized for being a modern agriculture and not monocultures.
- The mindset has always been to plant perennial plants such as alfalfa.

15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants. None.

- 16. Schedule Next Regular Committee Meeting.** The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.

17. **Agenda items for next meeting.** Agenda items are due by Wednesday, July 28th.
18. **Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.** A special CEED meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20th immediately following County Board at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.
19. **Adjourn.** Chairman Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

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Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine and Bill Leichtnam.

Members Excused: Carmen Good.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg and Kim Keech.

UW Extension Staff: Nancy Turyk.

Others Present: Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendening, Josh Miller (City of Marshfield), Tami Hahn (City of Pittsville), Jeff Gaier (Marshfield Municipal Airport), Scott Larson (Marshfield Area Chamber Foundation), Angel Whitehead (Heart of Wisconsin Rapids Chamber of Commerce), Ray Bossert (Village of Port Edwards), Meredith Kleker (Wisconsin Area Convention & Visitors Bureau), Cole Walters (Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau), Karen Olson (Marshfield C2 Makerspace), Connie Milz (Town of Milladore), Gail Kretschmer (Town of Saratoga) and Jamie Rokus (Sentrail Bark Community Dog Park).

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairman Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Economic Development**

- a. Review 2022 Economic Development Grant Applications. Jason Grueneberg gave an overview of how the office solicited the availability of grant funding to the grant applicants. There were 15 applicants for 2021 grant requests for a total of \$256,499 with a total of \$165,500 that was approved by the CEED Committee. There were 21 applicants for 2022 for a total requested amount of \$433,364.45. The grant application review process is early in the budget cycle. County budget is unknown. There is no timeline as to when grant requests are approved. No action is necessary today.

The first two grant requests were shared from the applicants.

Motion by Jake Hahn to approve and accept the Marshfield Economic Development City of Subdivision for Marshfield grant in the amount of \$80,000. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion failed 2-3. Kenneth Curry feels that all grant applications should be reviewed before approved. Bill Leichtnam would like to hear about all projects from all applicants for grant requests. Robert Ashbeck would like to review all grant requests before making a decision.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to review all grant applications and make determination on the grant request. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development stakeholders gave a brief presentation of the grant request, return on investment and use of funds. Grant applications were reviewed by the committee.

#	2022 Economic Development Grant Requests	Requested
1	<i>C2 Makerspace</i> Start-up lab prep	\$ 30,000
2	<i>Marshfield Economic Development Board</i> City Subdivision for Marshfield	\$ 80,000
3	<i>Marshfield Economic Development Board</i> Housing Economic Impact for Marshfield	\$ 10,000
4	<i>Marshfield Economic Development Board</i> Lake Economic Impact for Marshfield	\$ 15,000
5	<i>City of Pittsville</i> Building Incentive Program	\$ 30,000
6	<i>City of Pittsville</i> LED Message Board	\$ 20,000
7	<i>City of Pittsville</i> Outdoor Recreational Rink-Shelter	\$ 5,000
8	<i>Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce</i> General Funding for Economic Development	\$ 19,500
9	<i>HOW, MACCI, Visit WR, Visit Marshfield</i> Marketing	\$ 4,000
10	<i>Marshfield Chamber Foundation</i> General Economic Development	\$ 19,500
11	<i>Marshfield Municipal Airport (Roy Shwery Field)</i> General Economic Development	\$ 10,000
12	Town of Dexter Board Informational Kiosk	\$ 2,850
13	Town of Milladore Blenker Road from Highway 10 to Trestik Drive	\$ 2,885
14	Town of Milladore Trestik Drive from Blenker Road to Mayflower	\$ 4,129.45
15	Town of Saratoga Seed Money	\$ 15,000
16	Town of Saratoga Nepco Lake Rest Area	\$ 30,000
17	<i>So Wood Co Airport Commission (Alexander Field)</i> General Funding for Economic Development	\$ 10,000
18	<i>Wisc Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau</i> State Fair Booth	\$ 3,000
19	Village of Port Edwards Dog Park	\$ 46,000
20	Village of Port Edwards Kayak Put-Ins	\$ 36,500
21	<i>Wood County Highway Department</i> Phase III ATV Route/Trail System	\$ 40,000
	Total Requested	\$433,364.45

Brief discussion. How do we proceed? Every partner of the county should be represented and receive something. REDI Plan has an Economic Development funding component of approximately \$46,000 in 2021 budget. All grants have merit.

- b. Discuss the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for economic development.
 Encourage the County Board to spend some of the American Rescue Plan for Economic Development.

6. **Schedule next regular committee meeting.** The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.
7. **Agenda items for next meeting.** Agenda items need to be submitted by Wednesday, July 28 for the next regular CEED meeting.
8. **Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.** A special CEED meeting to discuss Economic Development grant funding for 2022 will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the County Board meeting at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.
9. **Adjourn.** Chairman Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: July 2021

For the range of vouchers: 30210042 - 30210051

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30210042	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	Agriculture Mailing - CWAS	07/13/2021	\$97.37	P
30210043	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	4-H Day Camp Supplies	07/16/2021	\$41.85	P
30210044	AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INS CO	4-H Day Camp Insurance Premium	07/16/2021	\$30.00	P
30210045	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	07/16/2021	\$50.25	P
30210046	UW SOIL TESTING LAB	Soil Testing Fees	07/16/2021	\$105.00	P
30210047	4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION	4-H Camp Reimbursement	07/27/2021	\$85.00	
30210048	NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL SUPPLY SERVICE	4-H Promotion & Award Items	07/27/2021	\$146.64	
30210049	HUBER LAURA	July Expenses	07/27/2021	\$103.04	
30210050	LIPPERT MATTHEW	July Expenses	07/27/2021	\$121.35	
30210051	JONJAK ALLISON	July Expenses	07/27/2021	\$42.00	
Grand Total:				\$822.50	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: JULY 2021

For the range of vouchers: 18210068 - 18210071

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18210068	KMA DAIRY INC	MDV - COST SHARE RESIDUE MGT	06/25/2021	\$1,232.10	P
18210069	CITY OF MARSHFIELD	LWC - RETURN DRILL RENTAL FEE	06/18/2021	\$90.00	P
18210070	WISCONSIN MEDIA	NMM - DUPEE PUBLIC NOTICE	06/17/2021	\$34.63	P
18210071	US BANK	MC/LWC - WATER SAMPLING,SUPPLI	07/19/2021	\$120.74	
Grand Total:				\$1,477.47	

Signatures

Committee Chair:

Committee Member:

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: July 2021

For the range of vouchers: 22210072 - 22210077

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22210072	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit(June)	06/30/2021	\$2,100.00	P
22210073	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract(July)	07/06/2021	\$833.00	P
22210074	CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL INC	LR-Bldg Footprint 100% Comp	06/30/2021	\$1,895.00	P
22210075	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/SErviceS (July)	07/01/2021	\$299.00	P
22210076	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PL-Office Supplies	07/13/2021	\$31.75	P
22210077	US BANK	Credit Card Charges	07/19/2021	\$822.72	
Grand Total:				\$5,981.47	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

Committee Member: _____



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4-H – Positive Youth Development

Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator

- Planning for summer camp for 4-H youth, in collaboration with camp counselors. This effort is designed to prepare camp counselors to lead recreational activities at camp with confidence.

Agriculture

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Agent

- A virtual workshop (Heart of the Farm) for farm women where they learned about value added production of dairy products through direct marketing. The purpose of this program is to improve farm sustainability and profitability.
- A newsletter article for dairy producers and nutritionists where they learned about utilizing the latest laboratory analytical tools and ration balancing procedures in order to survive tight economic feed margins while protecting the environment by not wasting protein.
- On farm interviews are being conducted to assess needs and educational interests of dairy producers in Clark and Wood County.
- Live radio interviews on local radio stations where the listeners learned about current agriculture programs and issues. The purpose of this effort is to increase understanding of food production systems.
- An ongoing series of group training and one-on-one consultation with dairy producers where they learn about how to improve and modernize dairy facilities. The purpose of this effort is to improve participants' business and facilities which is critical for the long term sustainability of dairy farms.
- Sample collection and survey information is being carried out for a Sustainable Agriculture Grant to evaluate the ability to utilize cover crops as high quality feed for lactating dairy cattle.

Community Development

Nancy Turyk, Community Development Educator

- A collection of information and resources for County board and staff where they receive up to date information and available resources about energy efficiency and renewable energy to ensure they are aware of programs and funding opportunities.
- A collection of information and resources for economic development partners where they receive up to date information and available resources to ensure local business learn about economic development programs and funding opportunities.
- Developing a climate resilience menu for communities and Extension Educators to identify and guide strategies to enhance community resilience and mitigation.



Cranberry Outreach

Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Outreach Specialist

- A training for cranberry growers, where they refreshed their knowledge of soil fertility principles. The goal of this effort is to support them in drafting nutrient management plans to be approved by the DNR for responsible use of nutrients.
- A randomized trial was conducted, comparing 8 registered and non-registered chemistries against an untested control and grower standard products, for control of the adult phase blunt-nosed leafhopper, to allow growers to prevent the spread of a disease vectored by the leafhopper.
- A regularly published journal for cranberry growers in Wisconsin (2), where articles educated about red-headed flea beetle, water stress on cranberries during the fruit development growth stage, soil health, pollinator reports, and grower updates in order to educate growers to use best management practices in dealing with late season challenges, and to remain connected to cranberry activities.
- A youtube video was produced for cranberry growers discussing the physiology of canopy growth and berry color, to encourage growers to use proper nutrient management for better fruit quality and reduced nutrient input.

FoodWise

Hannah Wendels, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

- A farmers market tour for families or adults, where participants learn tips on selecting, using, and storing produce, learn about seasonality at the farmers market, and how to process FoodShare, Senior Farmers Market vouchers, and fruit and vegetable prescription transactions to help participants feel more comfortable shopping at the farmers market and help create more access to low-cost fruits and vegetables.
- A monthly meeting of a coalition of local agencies where they learned/discussed community and program specific updates, how many community members inquired about food insecurity each month, and how to support each other's programs to fulfill our purpose of the coalition. The purpose of this effort is to reduce hunger by increasing access to food for community members.
- A monthly meeting of a coalition of local agencies where they learned/discussed how we can establish meaningful and authentic relationships with the community's varied cultural groups, commit resources (human, financial, organizational) to support and encourage community engagements, and work toward and support each other's programs to fulfill our purpose of the coalition. The purpose of this effort is to collaborate with the Wood County Area community to better support, honor and celebrate its unique cultural assets.
- A virtual strength building and healthy eating class (StrongBodies) for older adults, where participants improve strength, balance, and flexibility to stay healthy and socially connected during a time of isolation.

Horticulture

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Coordinator

- Planning and redeveloping an online course about Wisconsin horticulture for consumer audiences (home gardeners) and those interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer. This effort is designed to increase learners' decision-making and problem-solving skills to improve the



productivity and health of gardens and landscapes, while also expanding access to new underserved audience members.

- Planning an educational webinar about prevention and management of hosta diseases for consumer horticulture audiences. The goal of this effort is to educate consumer audiences on best management practices of hosta plants.
- Planning to present at the Distance Teaching and Learning conference. The goal of this effort is to share what we have learned from the pilot of the Canvas course Foundations in Horticulture with other distance educators.
- Planning and development of the optional Lab component of the fall 2021 Foundation in Horticulture online course that will provide an opportunity for course participants to dig deeper into important horticulture concepts and apply what they learn through interactive activities.

Human Development and Relationships

Jackie Carattini, Human Development and Relationships Educator

- A series of meetings with local partners to learn about current community needs that will lead to the development of future programs.
- Development of a seven-session curriculum for adults where participants learn about end-of-life decision making tasks including health care wishes, financial responsibilities, legal requirements and documentation, distribution of personal property, end-of-life care options, and dealing with grief. The goal of this effort is to help participants proactively learn how to manage the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life, so they don't feel so overwhelming and so that burdens on loved ones are reduced.

Natural Resources

Rachael Whitehair, Natural Resource Educator

- A facilitated discussion session for the board members of the "14 Mile Watershed Alliance", where they discussed notes from a previous brainstorming session and began developing an action plan. This effort is designed to assist the group in building organizational capacity including membership, leadership, partnerships, and programs.
- On-site management consultation for producer-led partners where Extension assisted with plant identification, removal of non-native plants, and provided information on management decisions. Through this effort, we ensure the visited plots continue to provide the Farmers of the Mill Creek Producer-led group with successful educational prairie areas.
- A radio presentation with WFHR focusing on the side effects common chemicals have on our local wildlife.



Photo taken at a pollinator pledge sites in the Mill Creek Watershed. Picture is of a Monarch butterfly on swamp milkweed, both beneficial prairie species.



Upcoming Programs

- [Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Summer Meeting, Field Day & Trade Show | August 11](#)
- [Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers Market Tours | August 12, & September 9 - 10am](#)
- [Wood County Clean Sweep | August 28, 8am-12pm | Saratoga Town Hall](#)
- [Foundations in Horticulture - Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin | Sept. 12 - Dec. 11](#)

Staff Report for July 2021

Caleb Armstrong

- Mapped and Sprayed Wild Parsnip in Wood County and parts of neighboring counties.
 - Controlled over 30 spots this month and counting.
 - Spots have either been controlled by backpack sprays and chemical use.
 - Or by physical use of a shovel on smaller areas of parsnip.
 - Around 18 miles of continuous controlled areas of parsnip so far.
 - Working with a farmer who has over 50 acres of wild parsnip in land to chemically control the plants from spreading.
 - Reached out and educated some locals who were curious on wild parsnip and how to take control of this noxious weed.
 - Worked with Emily on updating GIS map, along with 2021 brochure update for public reach out.
 - Planning on continuing control throughout August as young plants will start to flower.
- Controlling a section of Phragmites (invasive weed)
 - Farmer asked us to help take care of an invasive that was starting to spread on their land.
- Moved and picked up No-Till Drill along with helping aid setup for farmers for use in Wood and surrounding counties.
 - Drill was used between 5 different farmers this month.
 - Was used for no-till planting over acres 80 worth of land.
 - Majority of it was for interseeding into cut hay fields.
 - The drill needed some maintenance done this month with a replacement of a hydraulic hose done by Chester Eron.
 - The drill also needed some repairs to some metal stabilizers on the discs down pressure.
 - Shane and I were able to do in house repairs on the metal stabilizers.
 - Shane also made a stainless steel bracket for support on the main drive gears.
- Moved and picked up roller crimper
 - Crimper was used by farmer to help eliminate a bad weed control field.
 - He was pleased with the work it did.
- Working with a couple farmers on updates along with pictures on different agricultural practices in use in the county.
 - Different practices have been documented with dates for comparison throughout growing season.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-July 2021-

- **Thursday, July 1.** Recorded total phosphorus and total suspended solids results from DNR's surface water data viewer. Went to take care of a spot of wild parsnip, added to department's database and publicly available EddMaps, with location and photos.
- **Friday, July 2.** Met with landowner to gather info on which fields were no-tilled.
- **Tuesday, July 6.** Controlled a new wild parsnip site. Updated parsnip database with information from Caleb and Klayton's control efforts. Worked on no-till contract and P tracking.
- **Wednesday, July 7.** Picked up contracts from one farmer, got contract signed by another. Both for no-till. Updated parsnip database.
- **Tuesday, July 13.** Caught up on TP and sediment reduction calculations for 2021.
- **Wednesday, July 14.** Prepped paperwork and bottles for water sampling. Updated tracking spreadsheets.
- **Thursday, July 15.** Went along to deliver roller crimper. Wrote up contracts for a farmer for no-till.
- **Monday, July 19.** Took streamflow measurements at 6 locations in southeast Wood County.
- **Tuesday, July 20.** Collected water samples for total phosphorus and total suspended solids at 8 locations throughout the Mill Creek watershed. Downloaded results from streamflow monitoring, organized into files and spreadsheets and reported them to DNR through SWIMS.

Activities Report for Julianna Kollross

July 2021

- Went parsnip mapping with Caleb, Klayton, and Emily several times
- Worked on updating the Animal Waste Ordinance database
- Watched multiple previously recorded webinars and attended a live webinar
- Checked details at a marsh with Rod so he can design their fence
- Organized pictures of no-till fields
- Updated the Native Plant Garden brochure
- Attended a meeting between Rod, a marsh landowner, and a DOT person
- Got contracts signed with Emily and Caleb and did a no-till inspection
- Updated the Wild Parsnip brochure with Emily and Caleb (needed some numbers and a map)
- Did multiple alfalfa appraisals with Rod
- Read the floodplain, sewage, and shoreland ordinances
- Ran an errand with Caleb and Klayton to get a strap for the trailer
- Printed and folded several brochures for both the office and citizens
- Picked up/dropped off the crimper and no-till drill
- Collected water samples of the Mill Creek Watershed with Emily to send them in for nutrient testing
- Watered plants in the Pollinator Garden and picked up trash
- Spent a day shadowing Planning and Zoning to get an idea of what they do. Went with Scott Custer for two mound pump inspections and one holding tank inspection. Talked with Jeff Brewbaker about what his job entails.
- Laminated papers & cut them to size for the drill – owner's manual and seed information
- Looked at no-till fields multiple times to check on their progress
- Completed two pond inspections with Rod

Staff Report for Klayton Kree

July 2021

- Assisted in delivering the No-Till drill to Hamel and then when they were finished using it, picked it up and delivered it to Feltz.
- After Feltz was done with the No-Till drill, we picked it up and delivered it to Marten and then picked the drill up from there and brought it back to the garage as the hydraulic hose was leaking/broke.
- Helped with the delivery of the crimper to a landowner and picked the drill up after we delivered the crimper. Once the landowner was done with the crimper, we picked it back up and brought it back to the shop garage.
- I finished a rough draft for the Cashen Stream project and then sent it to Drew Zelle. Drew sent a revision document with all the changes I needed to make along with additions to what I didn't have. I revised the plan the rest of the week and sent him the revised plan.
- Wild Parsnip mapping to identify problem areas and see if spots have rebounded/regrew from previous treatments and also continued the spraying and shoveling of spots as well, using chemical treatment that we also had to mix.
- Attended Grand Rapids town hall meeting for discussion about a Golden Sands RC&D project from the 1970's/80's. Discussion was about problems with the north part flooding and excessive water issues
- Started working on Mrozek WSF Closure tentatively, creating a drawing using an old hand drawn design of the Waste storage facility

**Activities Report for Lori Ruess
July 2021**

- Answered phones and replied to emails
- Reviewed general ledger.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Completed June sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Attended July 7th CEED meeting.
- Approved staff time cards for July 15th payroll.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the July 1, 15, & 29th payrolls.
- Updated various forms using Adobe, making them fillable.
- Worked on spreadsheet with NMM mining information to give to Dan Brandl for the new NMM program.
- Made copies of Wild Parsnip brochures for Town of Rudolph Chair to distribute at a town meeting.
- NCLWCA tour prep.
- Teleconference meeting with Dan Brandl to review progress on new nonmetallic mining program.
- Meeting with Rod Meyer to discuss new nonmetallic mining program updates.
- Preparation for 2022 budgets.
- Assisted a landowner with reserving the no-till drill.
- Log and deposit no-till drill payments.
- Attended Coffee Chats webinar – Heart of the Farm.
- Attended webinar on BITS – DNR’s online system to track BMP’s implemented through pollution abatement programs.
- Organized County Board packet and electronically submitted to the County Clerk’s office.
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk’s office for CEED packet.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer

JULY 2021

- Issued non-metallic exemption – extension for pond project delayed.
- BudzNBudz LLC cranberry – multiple field visits: marked ROW, documented pics, met with DOT and landowner. Edits and changes to preliminary fence design/estimate. DNR fence request packet with write up and final design maps completed – sent to DNR for approval.
- Inspected fields for Dupee Act 82 shooting permits – prepared maps and enrollment forms – signatures – sent to DNR and updated database.
- Met with UW for use of dip nets with 4-H youth days.
- IT virtual meeting to discuss NMM software.
- Wisconsin River Cranberry fence project – researched deeds/surveys, field visit – went over program with landowner & drive around for fence design, Set up GIS and completed preliminary design/estimate for fence build, listed site work needing to be done, documented and filed pics, letter of intent to landowner.
- Knuth alfalfa appraisals on two fields – completed inspection maps and forms – sent to DNR – updated DNR database.
- Completed managed enrollment for wildlife claims for additional landowner – processed paperwork, field maps, met with landowner for signatures, updated database, sent to DNR.
- Picked up bird banger from landowner – discussed goose issues going forward.
- Completed 2nd quarter wildlife reimbursement report and sent to DNR.
- Marti alfalfa appraisals on four fields – completed inspection maps and forms – sent to DNR – updated DNR database.
- Completed paperwork and maps for Bymers Act 82 shooting permits – mailed to landowner.
- Correspondence with nursery for availability of trees we had reserved for the 2022 tree sale – made the changes to our spreadsheet.
- Completed enrollment and permit forms for a field addition to Marti farm in the program – made edits for additional acreage to the program – dropped off with landowner for signatures.
- Contact with fence owner for needed repair status.
- Set up meeting with Peter Kastenholz (Corp Counsel) and Shane to discuss going forward with Weiler mine site property (formerly from CIM bankruptcy).
- Completed and mailed letter to Rick Weiler to contact us with status of plans for continuing the mine site vs reclamation – updated file.
- Researched cattle guard questions and informed requirements to landowner.
- Research needed fields for NMM software for reports and tracking – create documents to send to IT for further work on the software.
- Completed two site visit pond inspections for our NMM exemption – mapped inspection survey for pond edge and total disturbed areas – sent packet to DNR for wetland concern – published inspection photos – sent completion letters.
- Sent info packets to two landowners for interest in pond builds for exemptions from mining.



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig – July, 2021

- **July 1** - CSGCC Communications Team Meeting.
- **July 2** – Off
- **July 5** – Holiday
- **July 6** – Project. TMDL Tracking, worked on data bases.
- **July 7-20** - Vacation
- **July 21**– Attended Central WI Farm Profitability Expo Planning Meeting
- **July 22**– CIM/Weiler meeting with Peter Kastholz, Emails, Phone correspondence.
- **July 23**– Field Work, Had Hydraulic hose replaced on No-Till Drill.
- **July 26** – Luke Kueffer/Cal Reno No-Till Drill Check. Had to fix drill again, hose blew apart.
- **July 27** – Field visits and Cad Projects.
- **July 28** – Lidar Point clouds and CAD Surfaces. Agenda items & staff report.
- **July 29** – CSGCC Communications Team - grant project meeting.
- **July 30** – Field work, GIS Mapping.

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Adam DeKleyn, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
Scott Custer, Code Technician
Kim Keech, Program Assistant
Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant

RE: Staff Report for August 4, 2021

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Central Wisconsin Economic Development (CWED) Fund Executive Committee - On July 16th, the CWED Executive Committee met to discuss utilizing loan funds for housing projects in the future. The current Policies and Procedures do not allow funds to be used towards housing projects, and no action was taken.
- b. Wood County Unit Meeting of the Wisconsin Towns Association - On July 16th, I attended the Wood County Towns Association meeting and provided an update on broadband expansion efforts in the County.
- c. Broadband Expansion - In the past month, I have been providing data and information requested for a broadband expansion grant application. The grant was submitted by Hilbert Communications by the July 27th deadline. There are \$100 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated by the State of Wisconsin for this broadband grant opportunity.
- d. Central Wisconsin Economic Development (CWED) Fund Board of Directors - On July 21st, I participated in a CWED Board of Directors meeting. Some of the agenda items included review of financials, the President's report, Loan Committee updates, and the fund Administrator's report.
- e. Wisconsin Rapids Recovery and Redevelopment Planning - On July 23rd, I participated in a meeting that was scheduled to select a shortlist of proposals for developing a redevelopment strategy for the idled Verso Mill. Interviews with the 4 finalists took place during the following week.
- f. Jail Project Workgroup - I participated in the July 29th jail project workgroup meeting. I am currently facilitating the rezoning request for the Avon Street parking lot, as well as the vacation of Avon St. I will be meeting with city of Wisconsin Rapids staff to establish a timeline for both processes.
- g. Census and Redistricting - Decennial Census data that is necessary for creating updated county supervisory district maps is typically available by April 1st, however, this year it was delayed until approximately September 1st due to COVID. This will cause the redistricting process to be compressed into a shorter timeframe with a required completion of November 23rd, in order for the newly created district maps to be used in the spring election. The County Census and

Redistricting Committee will meet on August 20th to initiate the redistricting process and establish a timeline.

2. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)

- a. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – CSM: (7) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (4) CSMs were approved/recorded. (14) CSMs are pending approval.
- b. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Final DRAFT of the *Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – 2021* is available online [HERE](#). Plan will be presented to the TB in August with public hearing. The Town may enact an ordinance officially adopting the new plan.
- c. Wood County Private Well – Water Systems Program – Continuing to navigate the DNR implementation process. Started outreach and education activities with local well drillers and pump installers. Three department staff are now certified by DNR to administer the program, including myself. A general program update will be provided at August CEED meeting. I will be working with CEED to adopt an ordinance that allows local administration pertaining to Wis. Admin. Code - Chapters NR 812 and NR 845 – Well Location, and Well and Drillhole Filling and Sealing. DRAFT ordinance and program information is available [HERE](#).
- d. Wood County ATV/UTV Survey and Economic Impact Project – Survey completion deadline – July 31. Specifically, the survey will gather input and opinions related to route and trail usage; rider preferences and experiences; and basic economic impacts from users. The input collected will help determine how to improve ATV/UTV trails, routes and facilities throughout Wood County. Survey link [HERE](#).
- e. Wood County Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update – Initiating plan update with assistance of RPC. Community survey and mapping application have been developed with input from core planning group. Survey and mapping application will be rolled out in the near future.
- f. Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Update – Updated the town’s zoning map. An interactive official town zoning map is available: [HERE](#)
- g. Other Town Zoning Updates – Completing updates to the following official town zoning maps: Seneca. Presenting at upcoming town meetings.
- h. Town/County Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance to the general public and several town officials.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- a. Creating/Re-Creating a full suite of zoning maps and applications for all municipalities that have zoning except for the Cities of Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids.
 - I. Each Municipality gets a Small Map, Wall Map and Interactive Application

- II. The City of Pittsville and Villages of Rudolph and Vesper do not have any existing data and we are looking for any maps if they exist.
 - III. Some were previously done, but changing workflows and data have prompted some re-working.
- b. Address Updates as needed.
 - c. Parcel Updates as needed.
 - d. Hydrography Digitizing – both lines and polygons.
 - e. Survey Record Indexing.

4. Code Administrator (Jeff Brewbaker)

06-30-2021 – Issued renewal mound >24” (plumber change) TN: 20; inspection replacement mound >24” (mound core) plow & abs cell TN: 18; navigability determination TN: 19; unpermitted system verification TN: 27

07-01-2021 – Inspection replacement mound A+0 abs cell TN: 01

07-02-2021 – Soils evaluation & issued new system-in-fill TN: 07; inspection replacement mound A+O tank TN: 01; inspection shoreland violation TN: 17

07-06-2021 – Inspection replacement mound plow TN: 15; issued replacement <24” mound TN: 19; soils evaluation replacement HT TN: 01; inspection report <24” mound TN: 16; inspection report conventional TN: 07

07-07-2021 – Soils evaluation & hydrograph conventional TN: 07; inspection report <24” mound TN: 09; soils evaluation replacement <24” mound TN: 18; inspection report mound A+0 TN: 15; inspection report conventional TN: 18; inspection report conventional TN: 07

07-08-2021 – Inspection replacement <24” mound abs cell TN: 15; soils onsite replacement mound A+0 TN: 22; unpermitted system verification TN: 11; inspections mound seed & mulch TN: 15, TN: 04, TN: 18; soils onsite replacement mound A+0; unpermitted system verification TN: 20

07-09-2021 – Unpermitted system verification TN: 21; site visit plumbing without license violation TN: 07

07-12-2021 – Soils evaluation new <24” mound, soils evaluation replacement <24” mound; soils evaluation new HT TN: 22

07-13-2021 – Failing septic system replacement orders with due date 8/16/2022 TN: 20, TN: 11, TN: 21

07-14-2021 – Failing septic system replacement orders with due date 8/16/2022 TN: 27, TN: 09, TN: 14, TN: 17

07-15-2021 – Inspection report mound A+0 TN: 01

07-16-2021 – Request Shoreland Permit (after-the-fact) TN: 17; Study for Well Delegation Exam

07-19-2021 – Site Stream Crossing Onsite TN: 04; soils evaluation TN: 15

07-20-2021 – Unpermitted system verification (steel tank collapsing) TN: 21; failing system replacement orders with due date 7/21/2022 TN: 21

07-21-2021 – Tutored LWC intern on (3) ordinances

07-22-2021 – Inspection replacement mound >24” plow, tank & abs cell TN: 13

07-23-2021 – Plan review & issued new mound <24” TN: 02; soils evaluation new mound A+0 TN: 01

07-26-2021 – Well Delegation Exam (passed); issued shoreland permit >300’ OHWM TN: 17; soils evaluation replacement HT TN: 11; issued non-plumbing sanitary permit TN: 16

07-27-2021 – Soils evaluation, plan review & issued new mound <24” TN: 13; soils evaluation, hydrograph, plan review replacement conventional & plumbing easement TN: 18; inspection replacement conventional TN: 07; soils evaluation, plan review conventional TN: 07; plan review new HT TN: 01

5. **Code Technician (Scott Custer)**

7-6-2021 – Conventional application review TN-07. Mound application review TN-18.

7-7-2021– Parcel research questionnaire V-29 X 2. GIS maintenance for POWTS project.

7-8-2021 – System verifications X 2: TN-15 and TN-20*. Soils onsite X 2: TN-22 and TN-15*. Mound final inspection TN-01*.

7-9-2021 – Unpermitted system verification TN-21*. Site inspection of unpermitted system TN-07*.

7-12-2021 – Order letter TN-01. Conv. Inspection TN-18. Shoreland Meeting for TN-14 in my office. Parcel research and maps TN-06.

7-13-2021 – Mound application review TN-18. Conventional inspection X 2 TN-07. Mound final inspection TN-15.

7-14-2021 – Holding tank application review TN-16. Mound inspection X2 TN-22.

7-15-2021 – Conventional inspection TN-07. Well delegation exam preparation and creation of ordinance and informational binder.

7-16-2021 – Conventional inspections X2 TN-07. Address/permit research for pumper TN-06.

7-19-2021 – Took work truck in for oil change. Stream crossing site inspection TN-04*. Conventional system inspection TN-18. Groundwater web meeting.

7-20-2021 – Mound inspection X 2 TN-01. Unpermitted site inspection TN-21*. Studied for well delegation exam.

7-21-2021 – Mound Plow Inspection X 2 TN-21 and TN-19. Re-inspection of Mounds TN-21 and TN-19. Holding tank inspection TN-11. Mound Re-inspection TN-20. Had land conservation intern shadow me for the day.

7-22-2021 – Mound Plow inspection TN-01. Mound re-inspection TN-01. Mound plan review TN-01.

7-23-2021 – Mound re-inspection TN-01. Conventional inspections X 2 TN-18. Studied well delegation exam.

7-26-2021 – Well delegation exam (passed). TN-07 in fill system replacement inspection. Shoreland permit TN-09.

7-27-2021 – Inspection reports X 8. Mound plan review TN-09.

*Training purposes with Code Administrator.

6. **Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)**

- a. **Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity** – There were 23 sanitary permits issued in June 2021 (7 New, 14 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 2 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$14,650. There were 24 sanitary permits issued in June 2020 (10 New, 14 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$13,875.

There were 86 sanitary permits issued through June 2021. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the previous five years: 2020 – 82, 2019 – 73, 2018 – 68, 2017 – 82 and 2016 – 83.

**Sanitary Permits through June is the highest on record for the same time period for the previous 10 years.*

- b. **2021 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP)** – As of July 27th, Wood County received an additional \$705.00 for one (1) payment for a total of \$4,550.18 on seven (8) outstanding cases for 2021.
- c. **2021 Maintenance Notices** – Septic Maintenance Notices, ATU (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, White Knight (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, Holding Tank (Farmer Exempt) and Holding Tank Maintenance Notices were mailed Friday, April 23rd with a due date of Friday, August 13th. There are approximately 3,207 to be mailed between the five notices. Second reminders are tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 24th.
- d. **Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims)** – None

- e. Sanitary Permit Database System Project – The next phase for the sanitary permit system database will consist of creating a service provider and comments interface. Information Technology Department continues work on the design phase of the project.
- f. ArcGIS Pro Software Project – ACE comparison of over 3,100 addresses provided by Datamark to establish a master database for use by Wood County.
- g. Wisconsin Fund Grant Program - 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the 2017 biennial budget act, repealed, effective June 30, 2021 the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program for failing septic systems. 2021 Senate Bill 84 delays the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Grant program to sunset on June 30, 2023. The 2021 Senate Bill 84 has been passed by the Senate and Assembly. The governor signed the bill on July 8, 2021 as 2021 Wisconsin Act 67. The bill did not provide appropriation authorization for the grant. DSPS will need to request funding for the POWTS grant program from the Joint Finance Committee which has to approve or deny the funding request.

Office Staff continues to promote and take applications for the grant program. Wisconsin Fund Grant program brochure and application form can be found on the Wood County Planning & Zoning website. As of June 27th, Wood County has 8 applicants that have applied for Wisconsin Fund Grant.

- h. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:
 - i. CEED Committee on July 7th.
 - ii. Wellness Committee on July 13th.
 - iii. Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group on July 19th.
 - iv. CEED Committee on July 20th.
 - v. Questica Budget Training w/Finance on July 28th.

CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, July 19, 2021
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In-Person (Wood County Courthouse, Room #114) & Teleconference via WebEx

Present: Ray Bossert, Bill Clendenning, Scott Custer, Bruce Dimick, Gordon Gottbeheut, Tamas Houlihan, Keith Iverson, Ben Jeffrey, Kim Keech, Gail Kretschmer, Bill Leichtnam, Emily Salvinski, Robert Sorenson, Colleene Thomas, Mike Tiboris, Gregg Wavrunek, Rachael Whitehair, Ken Winters and Tim Wuebben.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Bruce Dimick commented that the current state legislature reaction to PFA's is a disappointment.
3. **Speaker – Colleene Thomas, Lead Legislative Aide, Washington D.C. office, for U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, “Federal Clean Water Initiatives”**
Colleene Thomas is the Lead Legislative Aide in Washington D.C. for U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin.

Highlights of “Federal; Clean Water Initiatives” presentation:

- Federal agencies providing resources to address contaminated groundwater. There is a Grant Specialist in Senator Baldwin's Milwaukee Office who can assist in grant resources. The Grant Specialist position can provide a letter in support of grant funding.
- How does the federal government assist with groundwater?
 - a. Strategies to support our working land managers such as farmers, foresters and rural land owners to be equipped with knowledge and financial assistance to put in conservation practices to improve the long-term health of the their land, water and soil.
 - b. Regional Conservation Partnership Program
USDA and Natural Resources Conservation Service – Regional office located in Madison with staff located throughout the state. Provide support to county conservation offices in each county. The goal is to provide technical support for challenging local problems and increase conservation practices such as cover crops, erosion control, buffer strips.
 - c. Research funding – Mark Borchardt USDA website <https://www.usda.gov/>
 - d. Midwest Geological Society – Research bedrock and how bedrock interacts with water.
- Clean Water is a human right and should be available for all of our communities
- Clean Water is the core to our quality of life and health.
- Federal Focus:
 - a. Do people have access to clean water? How do people have access to clean water? Temporary solutions are a filtration system or bottled water?
 - b. What is contributing factors to the quality of water going into the aquafer?
- Next steps? What actions? What can the federal government do to improve groundwater?

Discussion comments:

- Greater Lakes – How can you get clean water from Lake Michigan? Would like to know where the watershed and divide line?
- Wells tested in the Town of Armenia and Town of Port Edwards in 2018 that were contaminated with pesticides and nitrates never made the newspaper. In 2021, homeowners received their own well results but not anyone else's.
- Other pollutants and insecticides? PFA's, neonicotinoids. Keep pressure on the state legislature.
- Depth of well is irrelevant to clean water.
- DNR dissatisfied of the repair of the reservoir on the Armenia Growers Coalition farms.
- Nitrates cannot be treated over 30 ppm.
- WPDES permits need to take soil type into consideration. Federal effort needs to include that nutrients are applied for crop type but soil type as well.
- The EPA and DNR need to regulate and enforce groundwater.

- Farmers need to make a living.
- Plants need nitrogen. There are controlled release nitrogen. We know how much to apply but the problem is the amount of the rainfall. Long-term better weather prediction and weather instrumentation.
- Refill USDA agriculture research position and UWEX educator joint position on potato breeding. Goal is to breed better potatoes that use less nitrogen.
- CAFO's can survive financially better than small farms.
- Animals can only tolerate so much nitrate in their drinking water.
- Is it sustainable? Two issues: Economic standpoint. Health concerns.
- Next Steps? Better farming practices for soil types. Federal Government needs standards for PFA's, nitrates and other pollutants. There needs to be better agriculture standards. Enforcement across all industries.
- Long-term solution is to support organic farming or those that follow organic practices. Federal Farm bills lobbyists are trying to change the definition of "organic." Industries shouldn't take advantage of the word "organic" by downplaying the standards.

4. **Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports:**

Bill Leichtnam shared the following:

- Bill Leichtnam shared that he and Bill Clendening attended the Portage County Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on June 3rd. Speakers: John Exo, UW-Extension and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Water Quality Programs Coordinator and Chris Clayton, Wisconsin DNR, NR Program Manager "NR151 Nitrate Targeted Performance Standard". New provisions in RN151 may not be enough to get through to the next decade.
- "Cow Manure Predicted To Cause Most Sickness From Contaminated Wells in Kewaunee County" – Study by Tucker Burch, USDA research agricultural engineer published a story in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives. The study predicts cow manure causes 230 cases of acute gastrointestinal illnesses in the county per year. Symptoms of gastrointestinal illness can include nausea and vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramps, sometimes accompanied by a fever. Children, the elderly and people with underlying health conditions are more vulnerable.

A companion study by USDA microbiologist Mark Borchardt found that nitrate in coliform in Kewaunee's drinking wells mostly comes from agriculture – not human waste. Mark Borchardt's research shows a new or deeper well does not necessarily provide protection. Farming practices need to change.

The new rules will target 43% of agricultural land in sensitive areas in Wisconsin (i.e. Central Sands, southern Wisconsin and Chippewa Valley).

5. **Action Items proposed by Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group** None.
Actions proposed by citizens that would go to the Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee of the Wood County Board. Citizens have access to their board.
6. **Roundtable** None.
7. **Announcements of members / visitors (upcoming parallel events / meetings)** None.
8. **Future Speakers:** Please contact Bill Leichtnam with any suggestions for speakers.
August – To be decided

Speaker suggestions:

- a. Maurine Muldoon, UW Oshkosh Professor of Geology
- b. Wisconsin Green Fire, retired DATCP, DNR professionals
- c. James Matson, retired DATCP chief legal counsel
- d. Ed Odgers

9. **Agenda Items for next meeting**

Agenda items should be submitted to Bill Leichtnam or Kim Keech by the second Monday of the month.

Update on MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Armenia Growers Coalition.

10. **Next Meeting** Meetings will be the third Monday of each month @ 2:00 p.m.

The next regular Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16th at 2:00 p.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114. A virtual WebEx option will also be available for this meeting.

11. **Adjourn Groundwater Group Meeting** Chair Bill Leichtnam adjourned @ 3:47 p.m.

Notes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

DATE: August 4, 2021 Meeting
TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee (CEED)
County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Adam DeKleyn, County Planner
RE: Request to Approve a Zoning Map Amendment/Rezone - Town of Grand Rapids

STAFF MEMORANDUM

Introduction:

The Town of Grand Rapids adopted and administers their own town zoning ordinance. On July 23, 2021 the town submitted a zoning map amendment/rezone to the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) for review and approval. Request is further discussed herein.

Background:

Wood County adopted the Wood County Zoning Ordinance #700. This ordinance is in effect in all 22 towns within its jurisdiction. In counties having a county zoning ordinance, no town zoning ordinance or amendment of a zoning ordinance may be adopted unless approved by the County Board of Supervisors Wis. Stat. §60.62(3)(a). This rule also applies to town zoning map amendments, also known as rezones.

Analysis:

Zoning Map Amendment/Rezone: Lot 1, 2 and 3 of CSM 10925, (S34, T22N, R6E) Parcel #: 0700991F, 0700991 and 0700991G

Area proposed to be rezoned consists of three parcels ranging in size - 2 to 2.6 acres. Existing zoning on Lot 1, 2 and 3 of newly created CSM: 10925, is Agricultural (AG) (*Attachment 1*). The request is to rezone all three lots, a total of 6.64 acres, to Residential (R-2). (*Attachment 2*). The purpose of the amendment is to bring the newly created parcels into conformance with the town's zoning ordinance and allow for residential development. The town's current zoning ordinance does not allow parcels under 5 acres in size to be zoned Agricultural.

The Town Plan Commission recommended approval of the zoning amendment on June 14, 2021. Subsequently, the Town Board held a public hearing and approved the zoning amendment on July 13, 2021. The final step in the process is approval or disapproval by County Board.

Conclusions & Recommendations:

County review and decision concerning approval or disapproval of a town rezone is limited to cases of abuse of discretion, excess of power, or error of law. Based on the information submitted to the DPZ, the Town of Grand Rapids adhered to the process for zoning amendments as outlined in the Wis. Stats. Additionally, I find no conflict with any county planning and zoning programs or ordinances.

DPZ has reviewed the request and recommends forwarding the attached resolution (*Attachment 3*) to the County Board of Supervisors, approving the zoning amendment to the Town of Grand Rapids Official Zoning Map, with a favorable recommendation.

Attachments:

1. Existing Zoning Map
2. Proposed Zoning Map
3. Resolution

(ZA-2021-003)

Attachment 1: Existing Zoning

Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, WI
(ZA-2021-003)

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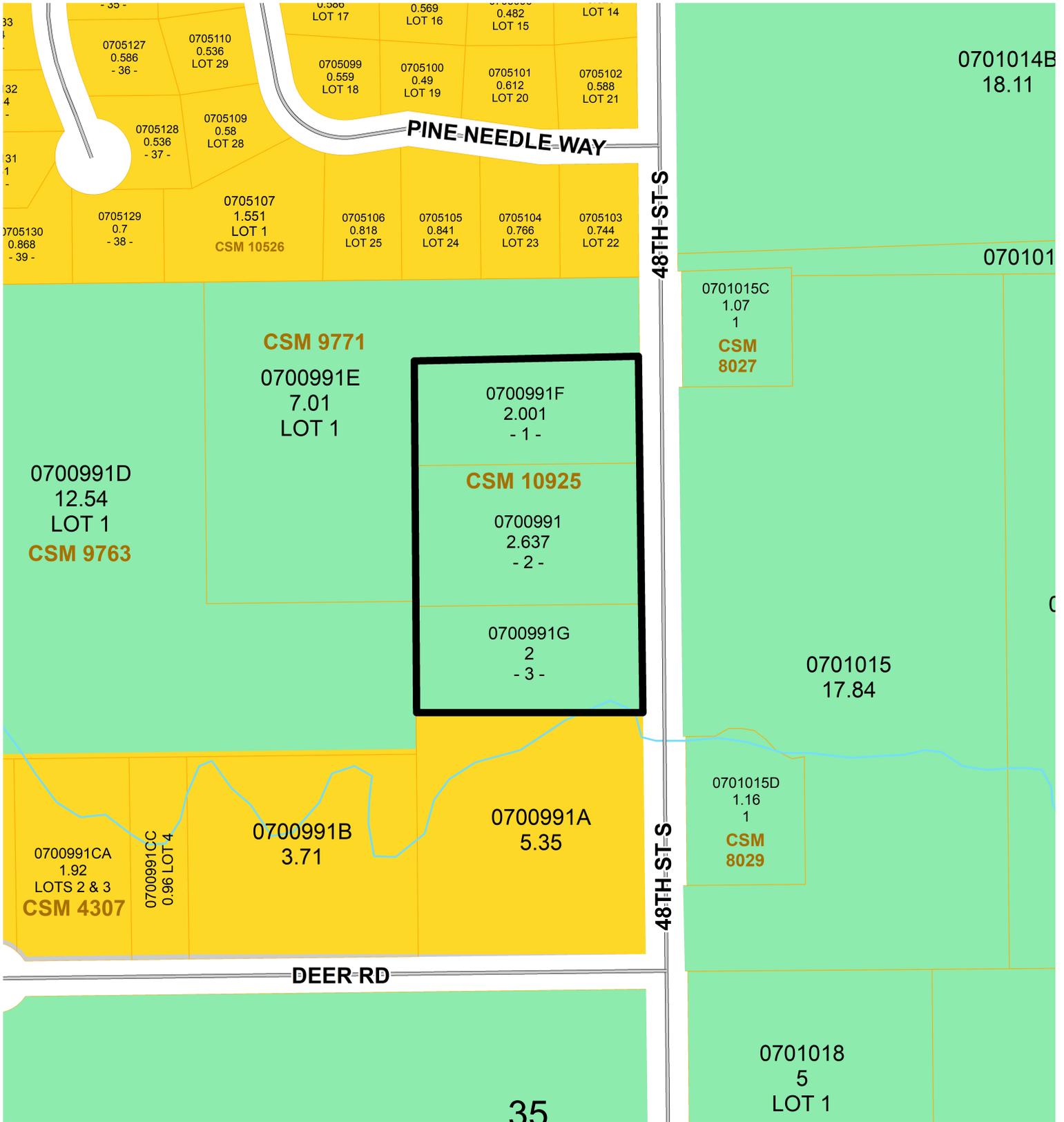
 Agricultural (A)

 Residential (R-2)

 Rezone Area



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Attachment 2: Proposed Zoning

Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, WI
(ZA-2021-003)



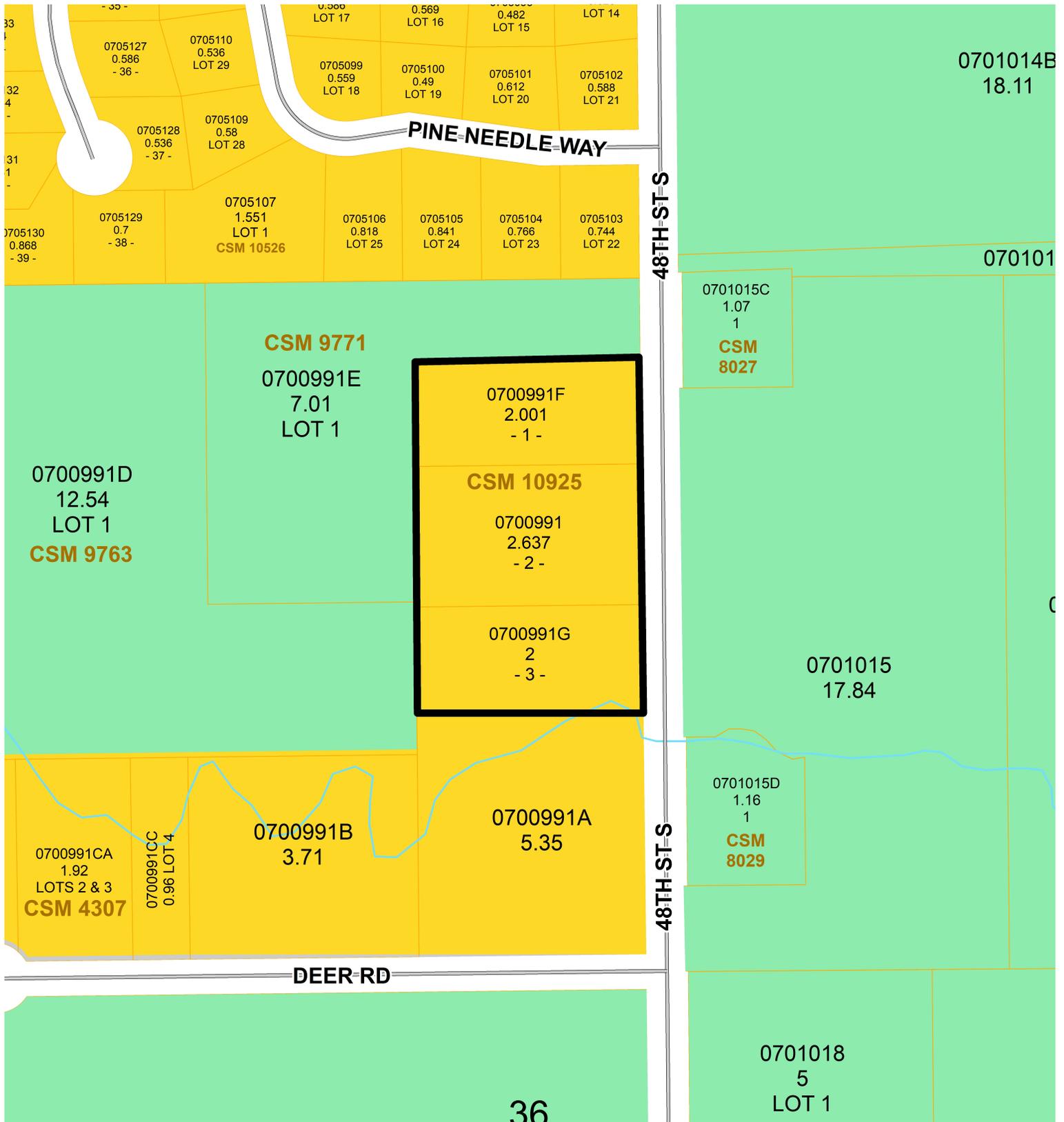
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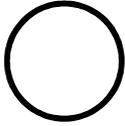
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RESOLUTION# _____

Introduced by CEED Committee
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Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 st _____	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd _____	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____ Yes: _____	Absent:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approve a zoning amendment to the Town of Grand Rapids Official Zoning Map.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The Town of Grand Rapids is responsible for any costs associated with administering their town zoning ordinance.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Thao, L			
11	Curry, K			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Rapids adopted and administers a zoning ordinance to promote the health, safety, aesthetics, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare of the town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 60.62(3)(a) Wis. Stats., in counties having a county zoning ordinance, no town zoning ordinance or amendment of a zoning ordinance may be adopted unless approved by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2021 the Town of Grand Rapids submitted a zoning map amendment/rezone to the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning for review and approval pursuant to the Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, county review and decision concerning approval or disapproval of a town zoning amendment is limited to cases of abuse of discretion, excess of power, or error of law; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning reviewed the information submitted by the Town of Grand Rapids and finds the town adhered to the process for zoning amendments as outlined in the Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning finds no conflict with any county planning and zoning programs and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021 the Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee (CEED) reviewed the request and recommended approval; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to § 60.62(3)(a) Wis. Stats., hereby approves the following Town of Grand Rapids zoning map amendment/rezone:

- (1) Lot 1, 2 and 3 of CSM: 10925, (S34 T22 R6E) Parcel #: 0700991F, 0700991 and 0700991G
Rezone from Agricultural (AG) to Residential (R-2)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Town of Grand Rapids for inclusion in their records.

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KENNETH CURRY, (Chair)

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JAKE HAHN

ROBERT ASHBECK

DAVE LAFONTAINE

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 17th day of August 2021.

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



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2021 Wood County Economic Development Funding Request

Questions regarding eligible funding or this application should be directed to:
Jason R. Gruenberg, Director at 715-421-8478 or jgrueneberg@co.wood.wi.us

Applicant Organization: Wood County Health Department/Health People Wood County

Mailing Address: 111 West Jackson Street, 3rd Floor

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Street Address (if different): Click here to enter text.

Web Site: <https://www.co.wood.wi.us/> and <https://healthypeoplewoodcounty.org/>

Organization Telephone: 715-421-8911

Contact Person/Title: Kristie Egge/ Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives

Contact Person Telephone: 715-421-8915 Email: krauter-egge@co.wood.wi.us

Wood County Economic Development Mission Statement:

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- *fostering a business friendly environment with a skilled workforce,***
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Request Overview - Provide a summary overview of your program or project and explain how it is consistent with the Wood County Economic Development Mission Statement.

(If you require additional space, attach separate sheet.)

River Riders Bike Share started in Wisconsin Rapids in 2014 as an initiative to increase physical activity, and decrease obesity by enhancing outdoor recreation options and creating a new mode of non-vehicular transportation.

In Wood County, the leading causes of death and disability include chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, and stroke. Obesity and physical inactivity are the largest risk factors for chronic conditions. In Wood County, 32% of the population is obese and 39% of the population is overweight...(additional information in attached summary)

Return on Investment - Explain how the proposed program or project will provide a Return on Investment (ROI) to Wood County. Please be as specific as possible. *e.g. County funding allowed us to conduct 25 business prospects leading to the establishment of 2 new local businesses creating 10 full time jobs; County funding contributed to funding an entrepreneurial boot camp that led to the development of 12 business plans and the creation of 2 businesses employing 6 people.*

(If you require additional space, attach separate sheet.)

County funding will allow us to grow an existing program to the remainder of the county. It will allow the program to double in size, with an additional 30 bikes and 6 bike racks. The attached 2019 Bike Share Report shows the number of riders, rides, where riders live, and includes a GIS map of where riders are taking the bikes. Future annual reports will show ROI and other outcomes of the program. See attached report from 2019.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

(If you require additional space, attach separate sheet.)

	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$15,000		9,000 grant (Ho-Chunk Nation)
Professional Services			
Conferences & Dues			
Misc. or Other			
Total	\$15,000		

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In Wood County, the leading causes of death and disability include chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, and stroke. Obesity and physical inactivity are the largest risk factors for chronic conditions. In Wood County, 32% of the population is obese and 39% of the population is overweight. Additionally, more than one in four residents live without parks and recreation facilities nearby and one in five report no physical activity. Bike share increases accessibility to physical activity opportunities, empowers residents to think differently about physical activity and transportation in an otherwise car-centric community, and enhances quality of life.

In Wood County, higher incomes are associated with longer lives, lower obesity rates, and more physical activity. Economic variables have negatively impacted the county in recent years; regional median household income for Wood County is \$51,025, below the state average of \$55,623. It is a key priority that the program is accessible for all! The program is a low-cost option for outdoor recreation and physical activity.

Bike Share in Rural Communities is a Win-Win:

- Increases outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors!
- Another mode of transportation!
- Heart-healthy physical activity; enhancing quality of life!
- Continues to generate community excitement and serves as a pride-point!
Environmentally friendly!
- Shows support of bicyclists.
- Enhances bikeability improvement planning.
- Improves quality of place; realizing quality of place is essential to a strong economy

River Riders Bike Share in 2018 and 2019, contracted with the company called Zagster, an app-based program. Riders subscribed through a smartphone or computer and receive a code to unlock a bike at their chosen location. If riders do not have a smartphone there is an SMS text option and a code can be typed into the back of the bike. Zagster memberships are customizable; riders can ride for the first two hours free before being charged \$1.00/hour after the free period. Annual (\$20), Student Annual (\$15) are available for purchase by community members. A new ACCESS Membership was created for those with limited income barriers. This membership code waives upfront costs and allows up to 12 hours free per bike ride. A banked credit/debit card is required for use of the program. We are actively searching for solutions to the barrier of needing a credit/debit card.

Wisconsin Rapids has very limited public transit, and bike share users in Wisconsin Rapids have reported using bicycles to meet basic needs such as getting groceries and traveling to work. An enhanced public bike share program will help fill a gap in the community by increasing access to transportation, physical activity, and recreation opportunities. The program is

available for use by the public. The attached report for 2019 shows outcomes and the growth of the program since inception.

In early June 2020, the Wood County Health Department was notified by Zagster, Inc. that due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic they had to discontinue the River Riders Bike Share program. Unfortunately, other communities with bike share programs operated by Zagster received the same news. In the months to follow, our team explored and researched other bike share programs to partner with so that River Riders Bike Share could continue in our community for years to come. In order to redeploy this program 34 bikes and 6 stations were purchased from the leasing company that owned them through our lease with Zagster. Our team also connected with our local maintenance technician to ensure that whatever bike share company we decided to go with, he would still be involved in the program. We had conversations with two different bike share programs about logistics, cost, and the values of each company. After much thought and research, we have decided to partner with Koloni, Inc. housed in the small town of Pocahontas, Iowa. They have created a program for us that will allow us to launch 15 bikes and 3 stations for the remainder of this fall season at a tailored price. During the off season winter months, we will revisit what next year's River Riders Bike Share program will look like with Koloni, Inc. as well as working with a team from the Clean Green Action committee to finding innovative ways so that bike share is accessible to everyone. The new program allows us to set prices for membership and rides per hour.

Our request to the CEED committee is to help the program purchase additional bikes and bike racks to place in the Northern part of Wood County, specifically Marshfield area. Since the start of the program, there has been a lot of interest in growing River Riders Bike Share countywide and we now have the ability to do that in an economical way. Our goal is to nearly double the fleet of our current program and are request funding to purchase 30 additional bikes with 6 bike racks. The team will work with leadership on the North end of the county to determine the best locations to host the bikes during the prime biking season. Locations may include; North Wood County Park, Downtown Marshfield, Wildwood Zoon, etc.



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Applicant Organization: Marshfield Municipal Airport, Roy Shwery Field

Mailing Address: 400 West 29th Street, Marshfield, WI 54449

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Street Address (if different): Click here to enter text.

Web Site: <http://www.flymfi.com>

Organization Telephone: 715-384-3149

Contact Person/Title: Jeff Gaier Airport Management

Contact Person Telephone: 715-384-3149 Email: jeff@duffysaircraft.com

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Request Overview - Provide a summary overview of your program or project and explain how it is consistent with the Wood County Economic Development Mission Statement.

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Marshfield Municipal Airport and the South Wood County Airport are doorways into the County. They allow for the transfer of people and goods within the county to anywhere in the world. The airports are used by businesses, organizations and individuals for their activities. The airports are transportation tools that help benefit the communities they support and in turn the county. Marshfield along with South Wood County Airport is asking for your continued support of this economic tool for the county. Wood County is the only county in Wisconsin that has two airports with runways and instrument approaches capable of landing and taking off of jet aircraft and larger aircraft. We are again asking for a \$10,000 contribution to each airport.

Return on Investment - Explain how the proposed program or project will provide a Return on Investment (ROI) to Wood County. Please be as specific as possible. *e.g. County funding allowed us to conduct 25 business prospects leading to the establishment of 2 new local businesses creating 10 full time jobs; County funding contributed to funding an entrepreneurial boot camp that led to the development of 12 business plans and the creation of 2 businesses employing 6 people.*

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The airport provides a trickle effect. When someone flies into the community, they are spending money in the community. This may be from fuel sales at the airport, restaurants in the communities, hotels in the communities, car rental agencies, etc. They may be visiting a business and purchasing products from that business. At Marshfield donor parts go out. Those aircraft purchase fuel, require transportation to the hospital. By aircraft coming into the communities, it supports the businesses and employees they visit. There is a further trickle effect as the businesses and employees spend money in the community at shopping locations, grocery stores, recreational activities, events and schools. Aviation is a valuable tool for economic development of a community.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			
Office Supplies & Expenses			
Professional Services			
Conferences & Dues			
Misc. or Other	10,000		
Total	10,000		

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Applicant Organization: South Wood County Airport Commission
Mailing Address: 3620 1st. St. South Wisconsin Rapids
Web Site: <https://www.wirapids.org/department/?fDD=27-0>
Organization Telephone: 715-423-0330
Contact Person/Title: Jeremy Sickler
Contact Person Telephone: 715-423-0330 Email: jsickler@wirapids.org

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Request Overview

For the fourth straight year, Alexander Field has experienced a significant seasonal activity increase. Those who choose private air travel expect and rely on equipment, facilities, and services for their aircraft. South Wood County Airport Commission has reacted to these needs as best as possible based on current funding levels. The Wood County contribution has been critical in Commission purchases of equipment which it may not otherwise be able to afford. Terminal modernization and renovation is an ongoing effort which the County contribution has propelled. The Commission has also established successful partnerships with local tourism and economic development entities to further accommodate these needs. As the Airport continues to diversify, establishing a welcoming and lasting first impression is critical, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission appreciates previous contributions and thanks you for your consideration for 2021.

Return on Investment

The economic impact of the transient aircraft activity at Alexander Field is hard to quantify. The measurable metric has been fuel sales which continue to perform well. Unfortunately 2020 revenue levels have been negatively affected by COVID-19. The County contribution will be more important this year than ever before. The regional economic impact of Sand Valley’s employees and guests is becoming glaringly apparent. Alexander Field serves as the door to the community for many of these visitors and employees. Success story testimonials are being heard from local businesses including transportation, food and beverage, lodging, and retailers. Aircraft crews spend their time in the community while their passengers patronize Sand Valley. This results in significant dollars spent in the aforementioned businesses. Continued investment in amenities and service offerings at the airport assures repeat patronage as well as potentially attracting guests which choose to land at other airports.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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Wages & Benefits		Please see financial statements	
Office Supplies & Expenses		Please see financial statements	
Professional Services		Please see financial statements	
Conferences & Dues		Please see financial statements	
Misc. or Other	\$10,000	Please see financial statements	
Total	\$10,000	\$281,453	

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