

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam, Mark Holbrook, and Harvey Petersen. (Dave LaFontaine was excused)

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Jeff Brewbaker and Stevana Skinner
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Adam Groshek and Alex Delaney
UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler and Katie Tomsyck

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Nancy Eggleston (Health Dept.), Jeremy Sickler (Alexander Field), Jeff Gaier (Roy Shwery Airport)

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Curry called the meeting to order at 9:03am
2. **Public Comments.** None
3. **Review Correspondence.** None.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the May 2, 2018 CEED meeting, and the April 24th special CEED meeting. 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Justin Conner, Jeff Brewbaker, Stevana Skinner, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Alex Delaney, Matt Lippert, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Laura Huber, Jackie Carattini and Jeremy Erickson

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve and accept the minutes of the May 2, 2018, and April 24th, 2018 meetings, the bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation, and UW-Extension, and the staff activity reports as presented. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
6. **Economic Development**
 - a. Activity update Alexander Field and Roy Shwery Airport. Jeremy Sickler gave a report on the projects happening at Alexander Field in Wisconsin Rapids. They received grant funds from the state and the FAA to increase capacity and safety at the airport. There has been a large spike in airport activity since the opening of Sand Valley Golf Course. They will be increasing the capacity for 20 more aircraft. There will not be any renovations to the terminal at this point. Jeff Gaier shared a report on the Roy Shwery Airport in Marshfield. They are currently working on a hangar development project. Last year, they hosted a law enforcement canine training for aviation. They recently acquired a 12ft broom and truck to help with snow removal. They have also been working with the Sheriff's Department to get drone applications for the vendors at Farm Tech Days. They are expecting anywhere from 20 to 50 aircraft for the event. LifeLink III will now be based from the Marshfield Clinic, so helicopter activity will increase. The Marshfield Hamburger Social will be during Farm Tech Days on July 11th. The Wisc. Rapids Hamburger social is Wednesday, June 27th. These are both fundraisers for the local EAA chapters.
 - b. Wood County ATV Trail committee update- A committee met on May 17th between the Highway, Planning & Zoning and the Parks and Forestry departments. They asked the municipalities in

Wood Co. about their current ATV ordinances and collected information on all the ATV trails in the county. They want to identify some mainline routes in the county, and possibly try to link up some key destinations in the county. They are also identifying routes that go through county forests to determine if there is potential for ATV trails. They are looking at different funding sources and connecting with ATV clubs in the area. There are many things to consider including state standards and the county's liability if ATVs are allowed on county roads. The next meeting will be held June 13th. Mark Holbrook suggested having a multi-purpose trail system, not just ATV trails to include things like snowmobiles and off-road biking. This will stay as an agenda item.

7. Private Sewage

- a. Presentation on Private Onsite Waste Treatment permitting, maintenance and compliance. Jeff Brewbaker gave an overview of his background in soil science. He gave an educational presentation on the oversight of onsite waste systems. There are 12,000 total septic systems in the county. He educated the committee on the bacteria and microbes in septic systems and explained how mound systems work. People seem to be seeking out mounds more than before. He then explained how a conventional septic system works.

8. County Surveyor. Nothing to report.

9. Planning. Nothing more to report.

10. Land & Water Conservation Department

- a. Groundwater Committee discussion. In July, there will be a representative from the Portage County Groundwater Committee speaking to the CEED Committee. The Wood County Health Department will be giving a report in August. Bill Leichtnam shared that the Central Sands Citizens Groundwater Committee is continuing to meet and reorganize. The next meeting will be held at Riverblock on June 18th at 2:00pm. At the last meeting, the group took action steps to rename themselves to the Central Sands Citizens Groundwater, to send a letter to invite all municipal heads and to make a regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday of each month at the Wood County Riverblock building. Shane also shared that the Land & Water Conservation department is going through the process of writing the 9-key element plan for Mill creek, which is due in September. Shane will present it to the DNR for approval, and then on to the EPA for approval. At that time, Shane will need the committee's approval to open an account to receive funds for this into.
- b. Open and approve low bid for closure of a manure storage facility on property owned by Michael Van Wyhe. Six bid packets were sent out. One bid was received from Troy Weichelt in the amount of \$3,282.50.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve the bid for the Michael Van Wyhe manure storage facility closure to base the low bid for cost sharing on. Second by Harvey Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Update on Notice of Discharge for Schiferl & Accola. Shane Wucherpfennig and Adam Groshek passed out a report on the Lee Accola manure abandonment situation. During an inspection in April, Groshek discovered definite evidence that liquid manure from Accola's farm was reaching the Black River. Accola has had continuous violations over the past 15 years, despite many conservation projects in which he received over \$100,000 in aid. Wood County is working with the current contractor to finish abandoning the western pit, and then will let the Department of Justice and the Wisconsin DNR deal with the legal proceedings. To date, the DNR has not fined this individual, but the county has.
Schiferl Discharge: The Randy/Alan Schiferl farm has had a 10 year history of poor manure management and questionable manure spreading. In 2016, a complaint of manure discharge resulted in 100,000+ gallons of manure flowing into Mill Creek. The facility was found out to be of CAFO size without a CAFO permit. Cost share assistance and multiple other sources of funds were offered to assist the Schiferl farm if they reduced their facility below the CAFO threshold,

but they refused to do so. They denied access to DNR to come on to the farm. The DNR is taking this to the Department of Justice. Wucherpennig stated that unless we have state legislative changes that allow us to regulate more, there is not much more the county can do.

- d. Update on Notice of Noncompliance for Dave Huser slurry-store system overflow. In this case, the solids were a foot above the rim of the slurry-store system. The owner took immediate corrective action and was therefore not fined.
- e. Discuss Capital Improvement Plan request for pickup truck. The 5-year capital plan earmarked the replacement of a 14-year-old 2WD truck. This will be brought to the Executive Committee as part of the Land & Water Conservation Department's budget plan.

Motion by Mark Holbrook to recommend to the Executive Board that the truck be replaced. Second by Harvey Peterson.

Discussion: Robert Ashbeck will support this if they finance it on a 4-year plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Discussion on concerns with small dairy businesses going out of business. Shane Wucherpennig explained that there is a big concern in Wisconsin with small dairy business being forced out of business. Some counties are taking action in the form of a moratorium to limit CAFO expansion until some kind of a plan is developed on how these expansions should occur. Portage County is looking into this. Discussion followed. The committee directed Shane to bring back what the other counties are doing in print.
- g. Update on Badger Sandstone contested court hearing. Wucherpennig gave an update on the hearing. There was a site visit on May 25th and a hearing was on May 26th which was rescheduled for August 1st. Wucherpennig and Tracy Arnold will testify. The contested hearing will be overseen by a hearing officer, Bill Weiland. The LWCD will likely be billed for this.
- h. Nonferrous Metallic Mining & Reclamation Ordinance review & possible action. Adam DeKleyn shared that the Wisconsin Counties Association published a model zoning ordinance this morning. Taylor County has not received comment from their outside attorney on their licensing ordinance. The CEED committee gave the following guidance for the licensing ordinance:
 - 803.08- Administrator shall be the Land & Water Conservation Department.
 - 803.10-the metallic mining committee shall be the Wood Co. CEED committee.
 - 803.13- Use direction from the WCA ordinance to see how they address financial assurance.
 - 803.15- fee shall be \$25,000
 - 803.17 (2)- fee shall be \$25,000.
 - 803.20- fee shall be \$50,000.
 - 803.21- The CEED committee shall be in charge of overseeing the administration of the ordinance.
 - 803.22- fee shall be \$50,000.
 - 803.25- The committee gave direction to contact the Highway commissioner to see if \$100,000 is sufficient.
 - 803.25 (5) (b)- the Trust Administrator shall be Land & Water Conservation Department Head.
 - 803.26 (1) - In regards to workload, the LWCD will likely hire outside consulting. The CEED committee will absorb the workload then direct it to LWCD.
 - 803.26 (2) In regards to workload, the LWCD will likely hire outside consulting. The CEED committee will absorb the workload then direct it to LWCD.
 - 80329- Land and Water Conservation

DeKleyn and Wucherpennig will continue to review the WCA model ordinance and Taylor County's ordinance.

- i. Update on Juneau/Wood County well testing program in the Armenia area. Shane Wucherpennig and Nancy Eggleston gave an update on the program. Eighteen wells were tested in Wood County of the 104 total wells that were sampled. A \$25.00 discount was given to participants. After the results are received, the sites that come back high will be resampled. This would be a good project that the Central Wisconsin Citizens Groundwater Group could give a recommendation to the CEED committee on what else needs to be done.
- j. North Central Land & Water Conservation Assoc. meeting report – Robert Ashbeck gave a report on the meeting.
- k. LCC supervisor training. This will be held on July 24th in the Lincoln County Board room from 4:00-6:00pm.

Motion made by Bill Leichtnam to pay supervisor attendees per diem and mileage. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

- l. 2018 National Envirothon.

Motion made by Mark Holbrook to approve Conservation Program Coordinator, Tracy Arnold to travel to the 2018 National Envirothon in Idaho at no cost to the county. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

11. UW Extension

- a. Staffing Update – Fifteen people applied for the Extension Communities Educator position. Six people were interviewed and two people received final interviews. Jason Hausler is currently making reference checks and will extend an offer to one of the candidates.
- b. Office Furniture Update- Jason shared three quotes for the office furniture and requested that savings from wages be transferred into office supplies to purchase the furniture. Emmons had the lowest quote including installation. If the money is not spent, it will go back to the general fund at the end of the year.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to appropriate the unused wage funds for office supplies, not to exceed \$21,000 and to accept the lowest furniture quote. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Organizational Update / Presentation. Jason met with Chairman Machon about this presentation and shared what he will be presenting with the CEED committee.
- d. UW-Extension presentation to County Board.

Motion by Ken Curry for the UW-Extension Department head to present to the Wood County Board at the July 17th meeting. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Area 7 Situational Analysis. Jason Hausler explained that UW-Extension is undergoing a statewide needs assessment and a formal process is happening in every county. The CEED committee will schedule a special meeting on July 18th at 9:00am to cover this and UW-Extensions other agenda items.

12. Schedule next regular committee meeting –

The next regular CEED Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 5th, 2018 at 9:00am at the Wood County Courthouse, Room 115.

13. Agenda items for next meeting.

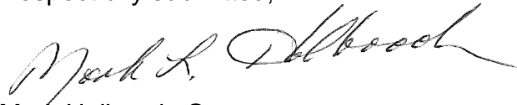
- a. Wisconsin LWC Association annual meeting.
- b. Groundwater County Committee discussion and direction.

14. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary-

There will be a special CEED committee meeting on Wednesday, July 18th at 9:00am at the Wood County Courthouse, Room 115 to discuss the UW-Extension Situational Analysis.

Chairperson Ken Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Holbrook, Secretary

Minutes by Katie Tomsyck, UW-Extension

Review for submittal to County Board by Mark Holbrook (approved on June 12, 2018)