

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

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

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Adam DeKleyn, Justin Conner and Kim Keech.

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig.

UW Extension Staff: N/A.

Co Surveyor: Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Dist. #12 Supervisor Douglas Machon, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendening and Nancy Eggleston (Wood County Health Department).

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 November 7, 2018, November 12, 2018 and November 13, 2018 CEED meetings, 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, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Jackie Carattini, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau and Laura Huber.
 - A. Minutes of November 7, 2018. No additions or corrections needed.
 - B. Minutes of November 12, 2018. No additions or corrections needed.
 - C. Minutes of November 13, 2018. No additions or corrections needed.
 - D. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - E. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the November 7, 2018, November 12, 2018 and November 13, 2018 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.

7. **Land & Water Conservation Department.**

- A. Approval of 2018 Crop Prices Shane Wucherpennig presented the 2018 Crop Prices for Field Corn \$3.39/bushel, Soybeans \$9.03/bushel, Other Hay \$101.50/ton, Alfalfa \$144.31/ton and Cranberry (fresh fruit) \$64.70/barrel.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve the 2018 Crop Prices as presented. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Nonmetallic Mining Update Shane Wucherpennig stated that there has been a lot of activity in the county for Nonmetallic Mining and that Tracy has been finishing up the inspections for 2018. 2019 renewal applications are being mailed out.

The Joan Arnold case has been wrapped up and waiting for a decision from the Hearing Commissioner for Certification of Completion.

The Coulee Frac Sand application has been received and is on revision #3. Coulee Frac Sand is a provider of white frac sand to the oil and gas industry. The soonest the permit can be issued is 30 days from the date of the public hearing. Land & Water Conservation Department regulates the reclamation part of the ordinance. Wood County Highway Department has been involved in the application process regarding the use of county roads. Coulee Frac Sand harvests sandstone.

- C. Discuss and consider resolution to approve agreement addressing nitrate concerns in the Town of Port Edwards Nancy Eggleston presented the resolution by the Health & Human Services Committee to approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement addressing nitrate concerns in the Town of Port Edwards. The resolution has been approved by the Health & Human Services Committee. Health & Human Services Committee is seeking a co-sponsor to the resolution. Nancy Eggleston commented that the Memorandum of Understanding is a band-aid but not a fix for the nitrate problem. The 4 year verbal agreement outlines provisions for the future reducing nitrates in the water and isn't binding for the county. This agreement will help reduce cost for citizens to buy bottled water and to work with the farms not against them. Residents are currently purchasing bottled water. The EPA can still take action against Armenia Growers Coalition if the problem isn't addressed.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to accept and approve the Health & Human Services resolution to authorize and direct the Public Health Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Wood and Juneau Counties, the Wis. DNR and the Armenia Growers Coalition and present resolution to County Board. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Citizens Groundwater Committee request to become advisory to CEED Bill Leichtnam discussed a brief overview of the Citizens Groundwater Committee which has been meeting for the past 24 months consisting of county employees, county elected officials, town elected officials and citizens. Robert Ashbeck has concerns that that the Citizens Groundwater Committee doesn't include the north end of the county. Bill Leichtnam shared that the Citizens Groundwater Committee seeks to be inclusive which includes the north end of the county. If approved as an advisory to the CEED Committee the Citizens Groundwater Committee will help take some of the pressure off of the CEED Committee.

Motion by Mark Holbrook to accept and approve the Citizens Groundwater Committee to become advisory to the CEED Committee. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Discuss on groundwater

- i. CEED member attendance at WLWCA "County Conservationists Meeting", December 6th, Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids Bill Leichtnam expressed the interest to attend County Conservationists Meeting with Mark Holbrook. There is a breakout session on "Protecting groundwater at the county level". Chairman Curry commented that Mark Holbrook and Bill Leichtnam are interested in attending the meeting with no per diem paid.

- ii. Proposed JOINT meeting of Wood/Adams/Juneau CEED-type committees to discuss "water issues" Shane Wucherpennig shared that Juneau County recommends having a joint meeting between Wood / Adams / Juneau CEED-type committees to discuss water issues. Bill Leichtnam shared that he tentatively scheduled a planning session for all 3 counties for January 24th. The planning session will consist of Chairs from each county or a designated county official, Land & Water Conservation Directors and the Health Department.

Harvey Peterson was excused at 10:33 a.m.

8. Economic Development.

- A. Wood County ATV Trail committee update Chairperson Curry updated the committee that the resolution has been approved at the joint meeting of the HIRC Committee and CEED Committee as well as the Executive Committee. The resolution will be forwarded to County Board on December 18th for approval. The resolution directs the HIRC to implement an ATV/UTV trail and route network in 2019 consisting of 42 miles of on-road main-line routes, and 7 miles of off-road trails with a budgeted amount of \$48,300 to provide signage and trails. Adam DeKleyn commented if approved at County Board the ATV/UTV trail and route network will be included in the Wood County Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- B. Discussion on Wood County's funding and role in Economic Development Agenda item will be on the CEED Committee agenda in January 2019.

9. Private Sewage. Nothing to report.

10. Land Records.

- A. Consider approval of the 2019 Wood County Land Information Plan Justin Conner shared that the Wood County Land Information Plan has to be updated every 5 years and approved by the Wisconsin Land Information Program. The purpose of the plan is to meet the funding eligibility requirements necessary for receiving grants and retaining fees for land information and to plan for county land records modernization in order to improve the efficiency of government services to businesses and county residents. The Wood County Land Information Plan was last approved in 2015. The Wood County Land Information Plan will focus on the following projects PLSS Monumentation, 2020 Orthophotography, Register of Deeds System Upgrades, Document imaging, Hydrographic Layer Improvement and NG911.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to appoint and accept as presented the 2019-2021 Wood County Land Information Plan. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

11. County Surveyor.

- a. County Surveyor annual Report. County Surveyor Kevin Boyer updated the CEED Committee on a brief history of the County Surveyor and 2018 past maintenance work. It was noted that at in March 2017 Wood County is 100% monumented. The county has gone from catch-up to maintenance mode. Quest Engineering has completed all of the 259 corners for the 2018 Town/Highway Contract.
- b. Consider renewing appointed County Surveyor 2-year contract. Justin Conner recommends renewing appointed County Surveyor 2-year contract for Surveyor Kevin Boyer.

Motion by Mark Holbrook to appoint and extend 2-year contract to Surveyor Kevin Boyer. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Planning. Nothing to report.

13. UW Extension.

- A. Presentation-FoodWise Program Update, Jodi Friday Jodi Friday had a conflict. Presentation will be postponed at a later date.

14. Schedule Next Meeting.

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.

15. Agenda items for next meeting.

- A. Discuss placement of Economic Development in Wood County Committee structure.
- B. Discuss placement of Census Review and Redistricting in Wood County Committee Structure.
- C. Report on WLWCA County Conservationists Meeting.
- D. Consider recommending adoption of the Wood County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan – 2018.

16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.

17. Adjourn.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Holbrook, Secretary
Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office
Review for submittal to County Board by Mark L. Holbrook (approved on December 11, 2018 @ 3:57 p.m.)