

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Thomas Haferman, Ruth Moody, Robert Ashbeck, Gerald Nelson, and Dale Gehrke

Member Excused:

Staff Present: Land Conservation Staff - Jerry Storke, Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, Emily Bachinski, and Lori Ruess, Planning & Zoning Staff – Gary Popelka and Jason Grueneberg, UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley and Jodi Friday

Others Present: Dist #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Doug Passineau, Wood County Highway, Keith Helmrick, Classic Development, Andrew Shie, Fox Valley Land Surveying, Jon Evenson, Village of Biron, Chuck Rasmussen, Wisconsin DOT-NC Region

1. **Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
3. **Review Correspondence.** There was no correspondence to review.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the April 26, 2011 CEED meeting; 2) bills from UW Extension, Land Conservation and Planning & Zoning, and 3) staff activity reports. **Motion by Gerald Nelson to accept the April 26, 2011 CEED minutes as presented and the UW Extension, Land Conservation and Planning and Zoning bills and staff activity reports as presented. Seconded by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Land Conservation**
 - A. Summer Internship Program
 Jerry Storke introduced Emily Bachinski, Summer Intern for the Wood County Land Conservation Department. Emily started her internship on Monday, May 23rd.
 - B. Open and Approve Bids for the Kevin Breu Project.
 Chairperson Henkel opened the bids for Kevin Breu's waste storage facility and waste transfer system project. Bids were as follows: Becker Trucking & Excavating - \$38,416.27, Jeff Ertl Trucking - \$42,218.60, Kolo Trucking - \$41,664.10, Advance Concrete and Excavating - \$30,353.60. **Motion by Thomas Haferman to accept the low bid from Advance Concrete & Excavating in the amount of \$30,353.60 for the purpose of basing cost share dollars on Kevin Breu's project, pending review and verification by Wucherpfennig that the bid is accurate and complete. Seconded by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - C. Approve Resolution to Amend 2011 DATCP Budget.
 Jerry Storke presented a resolution to amend the 2011 Wood County Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant budget as a result of receiving \$64,564.00 in unanticipated state aid and request these funds be appropriated to the DATCP grant budget expenditures. **Motion by Ruth Moody to co-sponsor a County Board resolution with the Executive Committee to amend the 2011 Wood County DATCP grant budget in the amount of \$64,565.00. Seconded by Gerald Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - D. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Update.
 Tracy Arnold gave an update on the nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance program. Concerned landowners have been contacting her regarding the proposed frac sand mining sites in Wood County. Concerns expressed by landowners include: public health/safety issues, tax burdens, reclamation of property, damage to roadways, well water, noise and environmental hazards of mining in general. She reiterated that the Land Conservation Department only regulates reclamation through the nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance and stressed that the goal for this update was to bring the other issues that she is hearing about to the committee's attention.

Doug Passineau stated the Highway Department has concerns regarding possible county road issues. He has had contact with two frac sand companies, but has not heard back from them recently. He stated the highway department would prefer bonding for roads versus posting for road limits.

A map with existing nonmetallic mine sites and proposed mine sites, mineral lease agreements and recorded options to purchase was handed out to the committee. Most of the proposed sites are in non-zoned towns. Tracy Arnold is working with Planning and Zoning and will be attending the June Towns Association meeting to answer any questions on reclamation of nonmetallic mines.

E. RC&D Meeting Update – Moody

Ruth Moody gave a brief report on the May 19th RC&D meeting and passed around a copy of the Treasurer's and Activity reports. Items discussed at the meeting included merger of WLWCA & WALCE, Clean Boats, Clean Water (a fine will be imposed if weeds are not cleaned off boats before leaving the boat landing site) and endangered and threatened plant species.

6. Planning & Zoning

A. Economic Development

1) Wood County/Biron Business Park – Review Memorandum of Understanding for WIS 54/CTH U – (Doug Passineau)

A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Wood and Portage Counties for WIS 54, 64th Street and County U/80 Street was presented for review and discussion. Chuck Rasmussen, DOT and Jon Evenson, Village of Biron explained the MOU, which includes four phases with projected timeline of the initial phase in 2011 and the ultimate phase 2025-2030. Potential improvements include:

- Initial phase - Extend 72nd Street North of WIS 54 to serve Wood County Business Park in Biron. Biron would be responsible for 100 percent of the cost of this phase.
- Interim Phase 1 – Construct improvements at County U/80th Street - may include closing median & constructing local road connections to WIS 54. This phase would be cost shared 50 percent by the State with the remaining 50 percent being 1/3 cost shared by Wood County, 1/3 by Portage County and 1/3 by the Village of Biron.
- Interim Phase 2 – Construct improvements at County U/80th Street - may include closing median, limiting access, constructing local road connections to WIS 54, and installing an overpass. May also include improvements/restrictions at WIS 54/72 Street intersection. This phase would be cost shared 75 percent by the State and 25 percent cost shared 1/3 by Wood County, 1/3 by Portage County and 1/3 by the Village of Biron.
- The Ultimate phase potential improvements may include elimination or modification of at grade intersections or conversion to an interchange and upgrading service road systems. May also include improvements/restrictions at WIS 54/72 Street intersection. 75 Percent would be cost shared by the State with the remaining 25% split equally between Wood County, Portage County and the Village of Biron.

Assumption for trip generation and the need for improvements at the intersections of WIS 54 and 64th, 72nd and County U/80th Street are based on projections for traffic increases in background traffic, business park traffic and Bridgewater residential traffic as modeled in the Traffic Impact Analysis prepared by MSA.

A roundabout or traffic signals are not acceptable by the DOT for WIS 54; a full diamond interchange would be costly.

Mapping for protection areas would be the towns or counties responsibilities. The DOT cannot do mapping for future purposes as this project is not designated as a freeway or expressway. Cost incurred for mapping becomes part of future cost share when construction is necessary.

Following discussion, **Gerald Nelson made a motion indicating support of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) working in conjunction with the Highway Committee. Seconded by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**

2) County Road Z bicycle bridge – future use/ownership (Doug Passineau)

Gary Popelka reported that the bicycle bridge on County Road Z is no longer used because land on which the trail is located was sold to a private party who closed the trail. The bridge was funded solely with county bicycle trail funds in 1999. The Wood County Parks Department, City of Nekoosa, and a snowmobile club have all expressed interest in the bridge for immediate or future use. Doug Passineau stated that the Highway Department is willing to remove the bridge and could store or sell it. **Motion by Ruth Moody to have the Wood County Highway Department remove the bridge and determine the final use. Seconded by Thomas Haferman. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Water Quality Management Plan

Revision of the Water Quality Management Plan has begun. The original plan was written in 1985 and was funded by the DNR. Planning and Zoning has received a grant for this update. The update must be completed by end of the year. The first meeting of the Policy Committee and Technical Committee is scheduled for June 9th at 8:30 a.m., in the Wood County Courthouse auditorium.

C. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

The draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance will be distributed at the June CEED meeting. Gary Popelka & Jim Wetger are going through the Administrative Code line by line to make sure all issues are addressed. Completion is due by the end of the year.

D. Private Sewage Ordinance Enforcement.

Gary Popelka discussed the procedure of handling private sewage ordinance violations visible from the road side. A copy of the letter that Jeff Brewbaker, Environmental Specialist, sent to septage pumpers was included in the CEED packet. This letter is to remind septage pumpers that any surface wastewater discharge observed while performing the maintenance inspections must be reported to the Planning and Zoning Department.

7. **County Surveyor**

A. Select Contractor for PLSS Maintenance of 148 Corners.

Jason Grueneberg reported for Kevin Boyer. Last month, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for perpetuation and maintenance of 148 Public Land Survey System (PLSS) section and quarter section corners was sent out. Five companies submitted bids ranging from \$13,616.00 to \$42,920.00, with the low bid submitted by Fox Valley Land Surveying. **Motion by Thomas Haferman to accept the low bid of \$13,616.00 from Fox Valley Land Surveying for perpetuation and maintenance of the PLSS section and quarter section corners. Seconded by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **University Extension**

A. Sustainable Marshfield Video

Peter Manley reported he has been involved with the production of the Sustainable Marshfield Video and has served on the Sustainable Marshfield Committee for the past three years. The video is now complete and ready for approval; it can be viewed on YouTube at "Marshfield Aprvl Copy".

B. Rain Barrel Workshop

Peter Manley held a Rain Barrel Workshop on May 18th at the Wood County Courthouse. The Wisconsin Rapids Water Utility collected barrels and helped promote the workshop. Kris Tiles, UWEX Basin Educator helped with the planning and teaching. The maximum participants allowed (40) registered for the workshop. Before constructing the rain barrels, participants learned the environmental and money saving benefits of rain barrels, how to estimate the amount of water that would come off their roof, how to safely place their rain barrel, how to prevent mosquito problems, how to paint rain barrels and how to use the water efficiently. Participants were very appreciative of the opportunity to construct their own rain barrel.

C. WI Nutrition Education Program

Jodi Friday reported on the changes to the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program. Healthy Hunger-Free kids Act, also known as the Child Nutrition Reauthorization legislation became law in December 2010 and contained several key changes for SNAP-Ed programs. SNAP-Ed will be a grant program rather than a reimbursement program which required 50% of funding as a match. Federal funding for total of all states is capped at \$375 million for FY11; modest increases in future years based on cost of living indicator. Funds to each state will be based on a formula, which will evolve over time. Allowable programming will include more community level and environmental change efforts when new program guidance is written for FY13.

Jodi also informed the committee that the number of lesson at the senior dining sites has been cut back from six to four. She continues to provide programs for grade school children at Mead, Howe & Grove elementary schools and is looking to expand the program to other schools in the county that have more than 50% of their students enrolled in the FoodShare program.


9. Schedule next regular meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Thomas Haferman to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Seconded by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Moody, Secretary
Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land Conservation Department
Review for submittal to County Board by: Ruth Moody, Secretary