

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

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

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning Staff - Gary Popelka, Julie Akey, Jason Grueneberg and Jim Wegter
Land Conservation Staff – Tracy Arnold, Shane Wucherpennig and Emily Bachinski, UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley and Teri Lessig

Others Present: Dist #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Gene Noonan (Northern Frac Sand LLC) and Karen Madden (Daily Tribune)

1. **Call 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.**
 - a. Tracy Arnold reported she had received an anonymous letter regarding concerns with Frac sand operations. Committee members reviewed the letter.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the May 31, 2011 CEED meeting, 2) bills from UW Extension, Land Conservation and Planning & Zoning and 3) staff activity reports.

Motion by Thomas Haferman to accept the May 31, 2011 CEED minutes as presented and the UW-Extension, Land Conservation and Planning & Zoning bills as presented. Second by Gerald Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ruth Moody to accept the staff reports as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Land Conservation

- a. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting Report. Committee member Robert Ashbeck presented a brief report on this recent meeting held in Antigo. Items discussed included NR115, Shoreland Zoning issues and Farmland Preservation grant issues.
- b. Approve Low Bid for Keith Jensen. It was reported bids were opened June 20th for Keith Jensen’s waste storage facility and waste transfer system project. Bids were as follows: Jeff Ertl Trucking - \$61,017.10, Becker Trucking & Excavating - \$68,176.67, Advance Concrete & Excavating - \$80,027.60, Kolo Trucking & Excavating - \$82,486.75. It was noted the landowner has the right to choose any contractor; however, any expense above the selected low bid will not be cost shared.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to accept the low bid of Jeff Ertl Trucking in the amount of \$61,017.10 for the purpose of basing cost share dollars on Keith Jensen’s project, pending review and verification that the bid is accurate and complete. Second by Thomas Haferman. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Frac Sand Discussion – Gene Noonan, Northern Frac Sand LLC, presented a brief overview of the frac sand operations. Noonan informed the Committee the mining operation could lead to job creation in the area. It was also noted two other companies have also expressed interest in mining in Wood County. Staff members attended a recent Town’s Association meeting to discuss this issue. The towns were reminded the County is involved in the reclamation plans only, not the mining operation. It was also reported staff continues to receive phone calls from those concerned with dust, noise and potential damage to the roads.

6. Planning & Zoning

- a. Appoint NCWRPC Representative

Motion by Ruth Moody to appoint Gerald Nelson as Wood County's representative to the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

7. County Surveyor

- a. Activity – It was reported additional survey supplies (vinyl survey markers, posts and rebar) were restocked to accommodate surveyors performing PLSS maintenance in the County. It was noted the supplies are stored at the Wood County Highway Dept.

8. University Extension

- a. Credit Card Machine – Peter Manley informed the committee they are in the initial stages of researching credit card machines for office use.

- b. Master Gardner Program – Teri Lessig, Wood County UW-Extension Horticulture Educator, gave a brief presentation on community gardens and square foot gardening. A report on the locations of the various gardens was distributed for review.

9. Schedule Next Regular Meeting

- a. Tuesday, July 26, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.
- b. Tuesday, August 23, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. (one week earlier due to Cen Wis State Fair).

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Thomas Haferman to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Second by Gerald Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

*Minutes by Julie Akey, Planning & Zoning Office
Review for submittal to County Board by:*



Ruth Moody, Secretary