

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Ruth Moody (excused at 12:30 p.m.), Robert Ashbeck, Gerald Nelson, and Dale Gehrke

Member Excused: Thomas Haferman

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

Others Present: Lance Pliml, County Board Chairperson, Dennis Polach, District 14 Supervisor, Pat Pavloski and Brad Pavloski, Great Northern Timber Company, LLC, Chris Renner, Midstate Associates, Jason Angell, Director of Planning & Economic Development – City of Marshfield, Randy Jones, Landowner

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.** Gary Popelka reported there will be a FEMA Community Assistance visit on Wednesday, September 14th and Thursday, September 15th.

Chairperson Henkel proposed to go through the consent agenda and then move to item 6A on the agenda. There were no objections.

4. **Consent Agenda.** The consent agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the July 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 July 26, 2011 CEED minutes as presented and the UW Extension, Land Conservation and Planning and Zoning bills as presented. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ruth Moody to accept as presented, the staff activity reports for UW Extension, Land Conservation and Planning & Zoning. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning (6A)

A. South Shore of NEPCO Lake Subdivision Preliminary Plat

Jason Grueneberg introduced Brad & Pat Pavloski, owners of Great Northern Timber Co., LLC who are proposing development of NEPCO Lake and Chris Renner, Midstate Associates (MSA) who has done and will be doing survey work and engineering.

Jason reviewed with the committee the maps that were included in the CEED packet. One map was of the full area of development without an aerial and the other one was an air photo that showed all lots being proposed. Jason added:

- There has been communication with the Town of Port Edwards and the Town of Saratoga. The current proposed lots are all in the Town of Saratoga and all lots are lake lots.
- Strong assurance that conventional septic systems could be used to the rear of the lots.
- There are no floodplain or wetland issues.
- Higher end single-family homes with strict covenants.
- The Pavloski's have agreed to run South Shore Drive all the way through and reconfigure the lots to get the septic on the same side of the road.
- Plans for future Lake Association.

Brad Pavloski added:

- South Shore Phase 1 consists of 18 lots. Lots average 1.78 acres and 125' of Lake Frontage.
- Typical homes will be in the \$250,000 to \$500,000 plus range.
- Lots estimated to sell from \$90,000 to \$175,000.
- Sales and development to start immediately.

- Will target local area for buyers first before expanding to other states.
- Have purchased a weed eater for Lake NEPCO and have applied for the necessary permitting.
- Total long term size of development depends on sales.

Following discussion, Jason Grueneberg made a recommendation to the CEED Committee that the South Shore of NEPCO Lake Subdivision preliminary plat be approved. Lance Pliml commented that he has watched the development in Castle Rock and applauds the Pavloski's for their work and hopes the committee would approve the preliminary plat. **Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve the South Shore of NEPCO Lake Subdivision Preliminary Plat. Second by Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. University Extension

A. Motion for 4-H Agent to Attend Conference - Grant Funded, October 2011 Omaha – Manley

Peter Manley presented a request in resolution format for Chris Viau to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents National Conference, October 24-27, 2011 in Omaha, NE. Manley stated that there is no need for County Board approval because no tax dollars are being used. **Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve Chris Viau to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents National Conference, October 24-27, 2011 in Omaha, NE. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Contract Amendment, Brown, Lessig

Peter Manley presented and explained the contract amendment. Two employees, Kyli Brown and Teri Lessig are under University Contracts. The University year runs from July 1st – June 30th. The contract in the amount of \$81,817 includes a 6% increase. The increase is due to fringe benefits as funding is based on actual cost from the last three years, so the savings in retirement won't be reflected until 2013. **Motion by Ruth Moody to approve and sign the contract amendment. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. 2012 Budget Review

Peter Manley presented the 2012 UW Extension budget, Junior Fair budget and Project Accounts budget. He reviewed the budget changes summary with the committee and explained all increases and decreases in line items. Overall UW Extension is \$333 under budget. **Motion by Gerald Nelson to approve the 2012 UW Extension, Junior Fair, and Project Accounts budgets as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Marshfield Market Profile

Peter Manley reviewed with the committee the copy of the Downtown Marshfield Market Profile that was included in the CEED packet. This is not the final version; however the final version will be out soon. Ruth Moody said it was very interesting and asked if the same could be done for the Wisconsin Rapids area. It was the consensus of the committee that it was very interesting.

E. View Sustainable Marshfield Video

This item was moved to last on the agenda at which time Peter Manley played the Sustainable Marshfield Video for those in attendance. The main concept for the video is for communities interested in sustainability.

6. Planning & Zoning

A. South Shore of NEPCO Lake Subdivision Preliminary Plat

This item was moved to first item after consent agenda.

B. Discuss TIGER 3 Application and Potential County Participation in Extension of Highway 54.

Gary Popelka reviewed the correspondence from Roland Hawk, Jewell Associates, regarding the TIGER 3 application, which was included in the CEED packet. There is \$140 million set aside for rural communities. The cost of the project would be approximately \$29 million dollars. To be competitive there should be a local match of \$10 - \$12 million, so it would take a commitment from all local governments. Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Carson has indicated to the other communities that the City does not have the ability to provide financial participation at this time. **Gerald Nelson moved to table this subject for the future. Second by Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Review and Approve 2012 Budget

Gary Popelka and Jason Grueneberg presented the 2012 Planning & Zoning, Land Records, Private Sewage Administration, Census Redistricting, Surveyor, Economic Development, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-ED) budgets with the committee. Two of these budgets, (Private Sewage Administration and Land Records) are non-levied budgets. Popelka included a proposal to bring the part-time clerical position in the Private Sewage Administration budget back to full-time status. The amount of reporting has increased and there will be an additional increase in workload with permit imaging. No tax levy will be required for this change. The zero percent increase in tax levy directive from the Executive Committee has been met.

Following presentation of the budgets, Gerald Nelson commended the Register of Deeds and Jason Grueneberg for doing a tremendous job on keeping the Land Records costs down. It was also added that the new interactive mapping website is very useful and that a presentation should be given at a future County Board meeting.

Ruth Moody stated that she volunteered to work the booth at the Wisconsin State Fair this year. The booth was next to the "cranberries on a stick" booth and was well attended. She added the Wisconsin Rapids area received a lot of exposure from the booth; therefore, the money for the booth was very well spent. Wood County is the only county that has a booth at the State Fair.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to approve the 2012 Planning & Zoning, Land Records, Private Sewage Administration, Census Redistricting, Surveyor, Economic Development, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-ED) budgets as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Status of NR 115 and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Gary Popelka reported the draft ordinance is complete including current standards. There is serious consideration to delaying the date for required implementation because some charges are being proposed regarding the new impervious surface standards and standards regarding non-conforming structures. The committee recommended putting the project on hold, pursuing an extension and waiting to see what is going to happen regarding the proposed changes.

7. **County Surveyor**

Kevin Boyer reported on the progress of the section and quarter section corners. He noted that the website is beneficial and that tie sheets and photos are available on line. Wood County went from zero to 15 fully monumented townships in two years. He explained that project supplies (monuments) are depleted and there is a need to purchase about 150 monuments. He handed out information on the transition of materials throughout the years and made a recommendation to stay with the Waupaca Breakable Monuments. The committee agreed.

8. **Economic Development**

There was no report for Economic Development.

9. **Land Conservation**

A. Randy Jones Animal Waste Storage Relocation Update.

Shane Wucherpennig introduced Randy Jones and gave an update on the status of the animal waste storage relocation (due to the Highway 10 upgrade) on the Jones property. He explained there was some confusion on who owned the property and this may have been due to lack of communication between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Mr. Jones. He recently found out that the DOT is the owner (through process of eminent domain) and will be issuing an Animal Waste Ordinance permit for closure of the waste storage facility.

Randy Jones expressed his concerns with the DOT's failure to return messages and communicate with him on relocation of the waste storage facility and the staking of the property near his silos. Chairperson Henkel said that this issue was brought to the committee's attention two years ago and at that time the committee recommended a lawyer get involved. Lance Pliml stated there is nothing the County can do and recommended that Mr. Jones contact his State Senator and/or Representative as they have the authority to talk to the DOT.

Wucherpennig wrapped up the discussion stating that a permit for closure will be issued to the DOT on Wednesday, August 24th and reminded Mr. Jones that the Land Conservation Department offers technical assistance for implementation of best management practices.

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B. Jake Groppe Manure Spill Report.

Shane Wucherpfennig gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recent manure spill at Groppland Farms. He explained the manure pit sits 10 feet higher in elevation than the dairy barn, barnyard and other young stock housing. One year ago after emptying the pit, the landowner installed a brand new in-line shutoff valve in the 12" PVC transfer pipe that goes to the pit, in the event he would ever need to service the piston pump. There was a plug in the 12" pipe so the landowner called O.K. Sanitary and Podelvels Farm Service to come out and get the plug out of the line. Because the valve was there, they closed the valve to prevent backflow prior to disassembling the piston pump. The valve should have cut off the flow, however the valve somehow was faulty and did not work even though it was fully in the closed position and appeared to be closed. Full flow began back feeding from the pit through the 12" PVC pipe. The manure flowed through the main dairy barn to the East down through the barnyard, filling it up and started flowing over the two-foot retaining wall around the barnyard, through the lower young stock building across the lawn to the road ditch into the culvert under Robin Road and down the grassed waterway across the road. Wucherpfennig and Emily Bachinski worked with the landowner as well as O.K. Sanitary and Podelvels Farm Service to contain the spill.

Wucherpfennig added the real saving grace of this near catastrophic event was a barnyard and reception tank concept that he designed and installed 10 years ago. He also commended the landowner for his quick actions of contacting the DNR about the spill, taking action to contain the spill on site and eventually stopping the backflow entirely.

C. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program Update.

Tracy Arnold gave an update on the nonmetallic mining reclamation program. She has received two new applications for permits, one from Jeff Ignatowski and one from Steve Schneider. The Ignatowski mine will be for frac sand. Once financial assurance is received, permits will be issued. Discussion and questions followed. Arnold stated that the Land Conservation Department is only responsible for issuing permits for reclamation of the mines and to date there has not been a reclamation plan that hasn't been approved.

D. Summer Internship Report.

Emily Bachinski reported on her summer internship with the Wood County Land Conservation Department. She thanked the committee for the opportunity for the internship, as she feels the experience will be very beneficial for her future career. She added that she enjoyed working with everyone in the Land Conservation Department as well as the landowners throughout the county.

E. Fall Conservation Practices Tour Update.

The Wood County Conservation Tour will be held on Tuesday, September 13th. Tour stops include: Brad Kremer's waste storage facility, transfer system and robotic milking system, Marshfield UW Arboretum – buckthorn eradication project, Robert & Cindy Pankratz farm – heavy use protection area, livestock fencing, manure storage facility closure, manure storage systems, reception tank & pump systems, roof runoff systems, barnyard sediment basins, underground outlets, diversion ditch and nutrient management, and Mike Draxler – forestry stop. Brochures have been mailed/mailed. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, September 6th.

F. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association Tour & Business Meeting Report – Henkel

Chairperson Henkel gave a brief report on the tour which included stops at Gordondale Farms, Moses Creek, Schmeckle Reserve, and Del Monte field operations. Ashbeck, Gehrke, Henkel and Storke all agreed that it was a very good tour.

G. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Dues for 2012

Storke informed the committee that once again, the full amount for the 2012 Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association dues is not included in the 2012 budget. Those who do not pay the dues in full are considered non-voting members. If the committee would prefer to be voting members, Storke recommended paying the remaining portion of the dues at the end of the year if money is remaining in the budget, Moody added that since some counties do not pay any dues, a recommendation should be made to lower the dues and maybe all counties would be able to pay their dues in full.

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H. Review and Approve 2012 Land Conservation Department Budgets.

Jerry Storke presented the 2012 Land Conservation, DATCP, Wildlife Damage & Abatement, Nonmetallic Mining, DNR and Trust Fund budgets. He reviewed the budget summary with the committee and noted that the zero percent increase directive from the Executive Committee has been met. **Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve the 2012 Land Conservation, DATCP, Wildlife Damage & Abatement, Nonmetallic Mining, DNR and Trust Fund budgets as presented. Second by Dale Gehrke. Motion carried unanimously**

Chairperson Henkel commended all three departments for meeting the zero percent increase directive.


9. Schedule next regular meeting.

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

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. Second 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