

MINUTES  
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017  
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam, Adam Fischer and Harvey Petersen.

Staff Present: Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig & Lori Ruess.  
UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley.

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. **Review Correspondence.** No Correspondence to review.
4. **Consider/Take Action on Wild Parsnip Weed Commissioner Resolution.**  
Shane Wucherpennig stated that a copy of the resolution to appoint a Weed Commissioner for the containment and destruction of noxious weeds was included in the CEED packet for the Committee to review.

Chairperson Henkel stated that the resolution did not clarify the term of appointment, exactly what the weed commissioner would be doing, or how it was going to be funded. Wucherpennig explained the resolution would authorize a licensed individual to spray for wild parsnip on the right-of way of town roads. If there is wild parsnip beyond the road right-of-way, the landowner will be contacted and with the landowner's permission, the weed commissioner will spray the wild parsnip at no cost to the landowner. The money for the chemical has been donated and the weed commissioner will be an unpaid position. It is important to move quickly on this resolution due to the timing of the wild parsnip bloom. Brief discussion followed.

*Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve the resolution to appoint a Weed Commissioner for the containment and destruction of noxious weeds. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. **Discuss Land & Water Conservation funding.**  
Bill Leichtnam referred to an email he received from Jim VandenBrook, Wisconsin Land + Water, regarding possible reduction in funding for Land & Water Conservation Departments. Shane Wucherpennig said he saw the email and does not see a need for a resolution at this time. Chairperson Henkel requested that Wucherpennig stay on top of any action that may be taken on the proposed reduction in funding and keep the CEED informed.

**6. Adjourn.**

*Motion by Adam Fischer to adjourn at 9:12 am. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary  
Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land & Water Conservation Dept.  
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on June 22, 2017 @ 9:25 a.m.)