

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018
WOOD COUNTY RIVER BLOCK BUILDING, AUDITORIUM ROOM #206, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

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

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn and Kim Keech.
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig and Tracy Arnold.
UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler and Jeremy Erickson.

Others Present: Dist. #8 Supervisor Brad Kremer, Dist. #9 Supervisor William Winch, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Peter Kastenholz (Wood County Corporation Counsel) and Josh Miller (City of Marshfield Economic Development Board).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Henkel called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None
3. **Review Correspondence.** None
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the Wednesday, February 7, 2018 and Wednesday, February 28, 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, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Laura Huber, Jackie Carattini and Jeremy Erickson.
 - A. Minutes of Wednesday, February 7, 2018. No additions or corrections needed.
 - B. Minutes of Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Amend #6 in minutes.
 - C. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - D. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve and accept the Wednesday February 7, 2018 and Wednesday, February 28, 2018 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Harvey Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth Curry discussed amending the Wednesday, February 28, 2018 minutes for agenda item #6.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to amend the Wednesday, February 28, 2018 CEED minutes agenda item #6 to correctly read: Discussion of committee structure and time allocation. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** Nothing to report.

Chairperson Henkel moved up agenda item #11A

11. Planning.

- A. Discuss staff recommendation pertaining to the regulation of non-ferrous metallic mining operations in Wood County. A meeting with Peter Kastenholz, Land & Water Conservation Department staff and Planning & Zoning Department staff took place to discuss an ordinance for non-ferrous metallic mining in Wood County. Peter Kastenholz explained the legal aspects of drafting an ordinance for nonferrous metallic mining. The state statue deadline to put an ordinance in place is July 1st. Peter Kastenholz shared that the county doesn't have to meet that

deadline but a sooner than later approach is advised with an option to modify the ordinance in the future. A zoning regulation versus licensing gives the county more flexibility. The state does regulate metallic mining exploration stage with certain restrictions. Currently, there is no metallic mining prospecting or activity in Wood County. Chairman Henkel commented that a broad & simple approach versus detailed would be more beneficial in drafting the ordinance designating Shane Wucherpfennig to take the lead in drafting the ordinance for non-ferrous metallic mining operations consulting with other departments and individuals. Chairman Henkel stated that a model ordinance should be drafted and shared at the April CEED Committee meeting.

6. Land & Water Conservation Department.

- A. Nonmetallic mining reclamation update. Tracy Arnold shared with the committee a letter drafted by Tracy Arnold and Shane Wucherpfennig and reviewed by Peter Kastenholz of Wood County Corporation Counsel on a contested mine site regarding the appeal items in question on this site. Peter Kastenholz explained that the letter upholds the departments prior decision to help allow Tracy Arnold to testify at a hearing on the contested mine. Shane Wucherpfennig commented that the 8 landowner claims from in May 2017 on the contested mine were all corrected in fall 2017. The contested mine site was not signed off as fully reclaimed until mid-November 2017. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that many numerous hours and money has been spent by the department regarding the contested mine. Shane Wucherpfennig reminded the committee that nonmetallic mining in Wood County is a self-funded program through permit fees.
- B. Department policy for nonmetallic mining permit transfer & inactive mines. Shane Wucherpfennig explained the need for the department to have a policy in place for nonmetallic mining permit transfer and inactive mines sharing that some miners want to purchase inactive mines in Wood County.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve and accept Land & Water Conservation Department NMM Permit Transfer Fee and Three year inactive annual fee policy. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. List members' key points from water presentations.
Committee members brought bullet points of the most important parts of groundwater presentations from Dr. Mark Borchardt (USDA Agricultural Research Service) and Kevin Masarik, (UW Extension Groundwater Education Specialist):
- Groundwater flow
 - Microbes unable to move through the ground
 - Residential land use
 - 20 pounds of nitrates going back into the ground for septic systems
 - Nitrate penetration and distance from a well
 - Kewaunee County study
 - Maps of groundwater sustainability
 - Importance of crop rotation on sandy soils
 - Role of Water Treatment Plants
 - Importance of education
 - Phosphorous issue
 - Not only an urban problem but also a rural problem
 - Nitrates found in a well and only the ability to land spread within a certain distance from that well.

Chairman Henkel summarized that the key points from committee members are the primary concern regarding water quality.

Shane Wucherpfennig gave a brief summary on the DNR TMDL meeting on March 6th in Stevens Point that Adam Groshek attended. A TMDL is a watershed proposal detailing the amount of a pollutant a water body can accept before becoming impaired for fish/wildlife or recreational uses. There are 2 TMDL proposals that are being addressed by the DNR which will be sent to EPA and EPA deciding which is best for the WI River.

7. UW Extension.

- A. Staffing/Office Operations Update Jason Hausler shared that the potential candidate has declined the Wood County Community Resource & Development Agent position but may apply for the position when posted. Jason Hausler stated that the next state UWEX hiring meeting is March 23rd and that he will expedite the Community Resource & Development Agent vacancy. A draft of the Community Resource & Development Agent position description will be in the committee packet and discussed at the April Meeting. A revised contract for UWEX contracts will also be in the next committee packet. UWEX will be hiring a summer intern to help assist with 4-H programs and Farm Technology Days. Jason Hausler has been working with the Wellness Coordinator Adam Fandre updating work stations and office furniture in the department.
- B. MOU Discussion Jason Hausler shared that Peter Kastenholz has reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin Systems, on behalf of University of Wisconsin Extension, Cooperative Extension Division and Wood County. The agreement is ready for Wood County signature.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve and accept Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of University of Wisconsin Extension, Cooperative Extension Division and Wood County. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Horticulture Programming Update/Presentation Jeremy Erickson gave a brief presentation on the Wood County Master Gardener Association horticulture programs. Master Gardeners has transitioned from beautification projects to educational based programs. Jeremy Erickson shared some of the Master Gardeners activities are spring and fall garden seminars, farmer markets, garden and coffee talks at Wood County Libraries, Central Wisconsin State Fair booth, community gardens, Mead Wildlife Center, Facebook page and much more.

8. Economic Development.

- A. Activity update from Marshfield Economic Development Board (Josh Miller) Josh Miller reported on the City of Marshfield's Economic Development Board 2018 budget of project funding grants. The Marshfield Residential Incentive (MRI) Program will receive a \$31,250 grant and the Marshfield Economic Development Board will receive a \$30,500 grant from Wood County. Josh Miller commented that the \$30,500 Marshfield Economic Development Board grant will be used for a housing study, attending Economic Development related conferences, marketing and support existing business programming.
- B. Discuss potential Economic Development impact of ATV routes and trails in Wood County, and consider next steps. Jason Grueneberg gave a brief overview of the economic development impact of ATV routes and trails in Wood County. A 2015 Jackson County ATV Trail User Survey Report was shared regarding the economic impact of ATV routes and trails in Jackson County anticipating a \$7 - \$9 million annual return on investment. Economic Development impact consists of 60% of ATV users to stay overnight spending \$355 - \$427. Adam Fischer asked why Wood County hasn't developed ATV/UTV routes and distributed a draft resolution encouraging Planning & Zoning Department, Highway Department and Park & Forestry Departments to improve the system in Wood County. Bill Winch commented that the Highway Committee voted 4-1 against allowing ATV routes and trails on county roads a couple of years ago. Adam Fischer asked what the economic impact would be in Wood County. Jason Grueneberg shared that ATV routes and trails would impact economic development but some towns do not want to allow it for liability issues. Adam DeKleyn commented that an inventory of current ATV/UTV routes in Wood County needs to be completed.

Motion by Adam Fischer to approve the resolution to encourage the Highway, Parks and Planning & Zoning departments to work together to improve the ATV/UTV trail/route system in Wood County. No Second. Discussion followed.

Adam Fischer expressed that the resolution would empower and commission the Planning & Zoning Department to work together to improve the ATV/UTV trail/route system in Wood County. Brad Kremer shared that the 2017 Wisconsin Act 87 allows a city, village or town to enact an ordinance authorizing the operation of ATV's and UTV's on a highway that has a speed of 35 miles per hours or less and is located within the territorial boundaries of that municipality.

Motion by Adam Fischer to amend his resolution for a special CEED meeting to discuss the resolution to encourage the Highway, Park & Forestry and Planning & Zoning departments to work together to improve the ATV/UTV trail/route system in Wood County. Second by Kenneth Curry. Motion carried 4-1. Bill Leichtnam would like to see more information come before the CEED Committee to discuss before making a decision.

9. County Surveyor.

- A. Review proposals and select contractor to complete 2018 Public Land Survey System (PLSS) maintenance of 259 corners. Jason Grueneberg gave an overview of the nine bids that were received. Quest Civil Engineers LLC had the lowest bid. Jason Grueneberg explained that the department has worked with them in the past and recommends selecting Quest Civil Engineers LLC as the contractor to complete the 2018 Public Land Survey System (PLSS) maintenance of 259 corners.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to accept the low bid from Quest Civil Engineers LLC for the 2018 Public Land Survey System maintenance of 259 corners. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Private Sewage. Nothing to report.

11. Planning.

- A. Discuss staff recommendation pertaining to the regulation of non-ferrous metallic mining operations in Wood County. This item followed #5 on the CEED Committee agenda.

12. Schedule Next Meeting.

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wood County Courthouse in Room #115.

13. Agenda items for next meeting.

- A. Model ordinance for non-ferrous metallic mining operations in Wood County.
B. Community Resource & Development Agent job description.

14. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.

A special CEED Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wood County Courthouse in Room #115.

15. Adjourn.

Motion by Adam Fischer to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Second by Kenneth Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on March 12, 2018 @ 9:06 a.m)