

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #317A, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam, Adam Fischer and Harvey Peterson

Members Excused: Kenneth Curry

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig and Lori Ruess

UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley

Others Present: Dist. # 2 Supervisor Donna Rozar, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Susan Kunferman, Health Department Director

Call to Order. Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None
2. **Review Correspondence.** Correspondence included memos from Hilde Henkel regarding WCA, Agriculture, Environment & Land Use Steering Committee, Larry Konopacki, regarding Provision in 2015 Act 55 Related to Oil Pipeline Companies and Dan Bahr regarding Questions on Eminent Domain.

With no opposition, Chairperson Henkel moved up agenda item # 4.

3. **nEXT Generation reorganization report response.** Peter Manley handed out copies of the nEXT Generation reorganization on-line survey for the CEED to complete. Responses can be submitted in a written format or on-line; submittal deadline is Friday, March 24th. Questions were asked regarding staffing and the future role of the CEED Committee. Peter Manley explained the three levels of staffing and addressed concerns regarding CEED oversight. Donna Rozar stated the Board of Visitors has been disbanded so there are no advocates for Extension and colleges. Peter will forward the survey to Donna.

Following receipt of comments on the basic structure, the final plan will be available by the end of April.

4. **Consider/take action on a resolution encouraging the state legislature to make additional resources available to all counties for groundwater programming.** Chairperson Henkel asked if there were any questions or concerns with the resolution. Bill Leichtnam stated the initial resolution came from the Wisconsin Land + Water Association and counties are being encouraged to pass the resolution. Robert Ashbeck expressed a concern with "none" in the fiscal note. He feels there could be a fiscal impact on the county if state taxes are increased to fund groundwater programming.

Motion by Adam Fischer to accept and forward to County Board the resolution encouraging the state legislature to make additional resources available to all counties for groundwater programming. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion passed. Robert Ashbeck opposed because it could raise taxes.

5. **Adjourn.**

Motion by Adam Fischer to adjourn at 9:22 a.m. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Hilde Henkel, Acting Secretary

Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land & Water Conservation Department

Review for submittal to County Board by Hilde Henkel (approved on February 21, 2017 @ 2:04 p.m.)