

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 114

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Declaration of Quorum.
3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
4. Review Correspondence.
5. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Approve bills
 - c. Receive staff activity reports
6. Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.
7. Risk and Injury Report
8. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Review/action on resolution to extend free countywide well testing for nitrates until funding is used.
 - b. Discuss letter from Sheboygan County Planning, Resources, Agriculture & Extension Committee to Governor Tony Evers reinforcing the Wood County resolution which recognizes the announcement of a partnership amongst four long-established statewide groups concentrating on the main goal of enhancing water quality improvements throughout the State of Wisconsin.
 - i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
 - ii. Health Committee report.
 - iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.
 - iv. Golden Sands RC&D report.
9. Private Sewage
10. Land Records
11. County Surveyor
 - a. Select a licensed professional Land Surveyor to complete maintenance of 206 Public Land Survey System section corners.
12. Planning
 - a. Discuss the Cranberry Creek Landfill, LLC proposed expansion, and determine in Wood County will have a representative serve on the Waste Facility Siting Board.
 - b. Discuss ownership transfer of property to the Biron Licensee Group.
13. Economic Development
 - a. Review correspondence from the Wisconsin County Forests Association regarding *Investment Opportunity in the Consolidated Cooperative*.
 - b. Update on the rural broadband grant application that was submitted to the Public Service Commission in December of 2020 in cooperation with Hilbert Communications.
 - c. Consider release of 2021 grant request for the town of Grand Rapids **Connecting Trails Systems & Signage**
 - d. Review 2021 funding application for Central Wisconsin State Fair.
 - e. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update.
 - f. Consider a resolution to adopt the *Rural Economic Development Plan for Wood County, Wisconsin*
14. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
 - b. 2022 Fee Structure Update
 - c. Educator Presentation – Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Outreach Specialist
15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants.
16. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
17. Agenda items for next meeting

18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary

19. Adjourn

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MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Ken Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Klayton Kree

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn Scott Custer, (via WebEx), Paul Bernard (via WebEx),

Extension Staff: Jason Hausler, Karli Tomsyck (via WebEx), Nancy Turyk (via WebEx)

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Wood County Chair Lance Pliml (via WebEx), Kevin Boyer (Wood County Surveyor), Nancy Eggleston (Wood County Health Department), Ben Jeffrey (Wood County Health Department), Ray Bossert (via WebEx), Scott Larson (via WebEx), MaryAnn Lippert (via WebEx), Jessica Mancel (via WebEx), Josh Miller (via WebEx)

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED meeting to order at 9:01am.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)** None.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the February 3rd, 2021 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Land & Water Conservation, Planning & Zoning and Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Laura Huber, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Allison Jonjak, Jackie Carattini, Hannah Wendels, Kelly Hammond, Rachael Whitehair, Janell Wehr, Caleb Armstrong, Emily Salvinski, Klayton Kree, Lori Ruess, Rod Mayer, Shane Wucherpennig, Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Scott Custer, Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson.
 - a. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - b. **Approve bills.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - c. **Receive staff activity reports.** No additions or corrections needed.

<i>Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the February 3rd, 2021 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.</i>

6. **Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.** None.
7. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
8. **Land & Water Conservation Department**
 - a. Introduction of Klayton Kree newly hired Engineering Technician.
Shane Wucherpennig introduced the new Conservation Engineering Technician, Klayton Kree. Klayton shared he went to UW-Stevens Point and majored in Soil Science Management.

Chair Curry welcomed Klayton; committee members and department heads introduced themselves.

Discuss DOJ settlements with several Wood County farms.

Shane shared that two out of the three farms were referred to the DOJ.

Tri-Star Dairy in Auburndale had a very significant manure pit overflow discharge that ended up in a stream. This case made it all the way to the DOJ and was settled out of court for \$55,000. Shane noted there are some extra stipulations: maintain manure pit at MOL (maximum operating level), which is typically about 2 feet below the top so they have room for emergency rain events or unforeseen situations.

Supervisor Leichtnam noted this was a significant large spill and questioned why they didn't know at the time. Shane said they were brought in day one. It happened on a weekend; DNR warden was on site the first day. Land and Water Conservation was involved through the whole process. Shane noted when there isn't resolution with the landowner, it goes to DOJ. Discussion followed.

The second farm discussed is the Accola site on the county line. They were fined \$10,065.00 (agreed on forfeitures and payment schedule were set based on financial information submitted by Accola). Shane shared during the life of this stipulation, Accola will not engage in the dairy business. They need to maintain the manure in the north structure not to exceed the MOL. DNR is allowed staff to access and inspect the structure with reasonable and advanced notice. Discussion followed.

Shane discussed the third farm, south of Hewitt, Schiferl Brothers. A manure pit overflow went on for a couple days. Following discussion, Shane noted the landowners worked with LWC right away and took care of the spill.

b. Request to extend free countywide well water testing for nitrates until funding is used.

Shane shared a map of the well sampling that was done in 2019 and 2020. He noted they had a very successful year in 2019 with private wells. The first year stations were set up for people to bring well samples to. With Covid last year, LWC wasn't able to do that. There is money left that was appropriated from County Board. LWC would like to do another big push in the spring. Discussion followed.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve extension of free countywide well water testing for nitrates until remaining funding is used. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution to discuss Aquatic Invasive Species Grant for Wood County.

Shane noted this is not a resolution but eventually may bring a resolution to the committee. Shane explained that typically aquatic invasive species grants or lake study grants were happening regionally through RC&D. RC&D would handle the counties that were in their region, involved in their membership. The DNR decided a few years back that when these services are hired out contractually like through RC&D or other entities, there's a much higher administrative cost. They felt the counties, if given the money, could do a better job of reducing the administrative cost.

Starting in 2021, this fall, Land and Water Conservation would be eligible to apply for an aquatic invasive species grant. Discussion followed.

Motion by Ken Curry to direct Land & Water Conservation Department Head to pursue the aquatic invasive species grant. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.**

Supervisor Leichtnam noted minutes from the Citizens Groundwater Group meeting are on pages 31-32 of the CEED packet. There was not a speaker at the February meeting. Neonotinoids were the focus of discussion.

Wisconsin Water Week is being held virtually next week (March 8-12). Discussion followed.

Next Citizens Groundwater Group meeting will be held virtually on Monday, March 15th. Matt Krueger will be the speaker.

- **Health Committee report.**

Nancy Eggleston introduced Ben Jeffrey who will be the new Health Department Environmental Supervisor. Ben shared that he has been an Environmental Health Assistant with Wood County for almost 3 years. He graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a focus on Biology/Ecology.

Nancy noted there are updates to come on the MOU this afternoon (March 3rd).

There will be additional water testing in the Port Edwards/Armenia area; one last direct call to people to do sampling so there is a good representation. Nancy shared this probably won't happen until April or May to make sure people who are gone for the winter will be back. Chair Curry asked for a best guess of how many wells have been tested. Nancy responded it might be around 50%. Discussion followed.

Per committee request, Chair Curry shared that he reached out to Sue Kunferman, Health Department Director, to continue the relationship that Nancy has built between the CEED committee and Health Department after Nancy retires.

Supervisor LaFontaine asked if anyone is checking how effective the installed RO units are. Nancy shared there is a post RO test after the well is installed. A sample is collected from the units so they know they work right after installation. Some of them have failed, only because the filters were not changed. AGC provided filters for two years – beyond that, it's up to the homeowners to change the filters. Discussion followed.

Chair Curry wished Nancy well in her retirement. He shared that she should be proud of the connection she's made between the CEED committee, County departments and Health Department and the work that's been done. Supervisor Leichtnam also complimented Nancy's work and thanked her for all of her service.

- **Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.**

Supervisor Leichtnam shared a brief update on the CSGCC grant proposal submission status. They are waiting to hear back from the Groundwater Coordinating Council and Nancy Turyk suggested it may be beneficial to share the proposal with others in the meantime.

- **Golden Sands RC&D report.**

Supervisor Leichtnam shared the next meeting will be held in two weeks.

9. **Private Sewage.** Jason Grueneberg shared a brief update on Private Sewage – referenced on page 28 of the CEED packet. Planning & Zoning is working through the small claims process for those who failed to provide servicing or maintenance reports or pay the program fee. Jason noted there are only a handful that require enforcement action.

10. **Land Records.** Nothing to report.

11. **County Surveyor.**

Select a licensed professional Land Surveyor to complete maintenance of 206 Public Land Survey System section corners.

Jason Grueneberg reported requests for proposals went out last month and two proposals were received. Kevin Boyer shared this year they are proposing 180 corners; which is about the same number of corners for 2022. That will complete the entire county. There will be an 8-10 year break in 2023 where other projects can be looked at.

Kevin noted that surveyors are very busy right now. Last year 4 bids were received; this year they received 2. Discussion followed.

Lowest bid was from Quest Civil Engineers for 180 corners this year for \$43,323.00 (\$240.68 per corner). The second bid was from Steigerwaldt for \$87,120.00 (\$484 per corner). Kevin noted that Quest Civil Engineers met all RFP qualifications and they have been happy with their work in the past. Kevin recommended awarding the project to Quest Civil Engineers.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to award project to lowest bid, Quest Civil Engineers LLC, to complete maintenance of 180 Public Land Survey System section corners. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Planning

a. Request to Approve Zoning Map Amendment/Rezone – Town of Marshfield

Adam DeKleyn shared another request for approval of town zoning map amendment that was submitted by the Town of Marshfield for a parcel located on the southwest corner of Stadt Road and County Highway Y. The request is to re-zone this parcel from a single family residential (R1) to a multiple family residential (R2). The main purpose of the amendment is to allow for construction of a 4-plex apartment building.

Town Plan Commission reviewed the rezone and recommended approval to the Town Board. Subsequently, the Town Board did approve the proposed rezone to R2. The final step is for the town to submit amendment to Planning & Zoning and County Board for approval.

Planning & Zoning reviewed the request and it appears the town followed the statutory requirements for a zoning amendment as outlined by state statutes. There are no conflicts with any county Planning & Zoning ordinances or programs. Adam recommends forwarding the resolution to the County Board.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve the zoning amendment to the Town of Marshfield Official Zoning Map. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Update on Wood County Well Inspection (Delegation) Program

Adam DeKleyn gave an update on the Planning & Zoning department's status with the County Well Delegation Program.

In 2019, this was a program Planning & Zoning was looking at implementing. Then the pandemic hit and due to staff turnover, the department focused priorities on existing programs and staff work. Now that Planning & Zoning is back to full staff, they are pursuing the implementation of the County Well Delegation Program.

This program will allow Planning & Zoning the authority to administer regulation on private water wells in the county. This is a program that is currently implemented at the state level through administrative code. This will bring the state level program into the county level and implemented locally with assistance and support from the DNR.

The goal of the program is to protect drinking water quality, groundwater quality in Wood County and the residents of Wood County. Specifically, Planning & Zoning is requesting the DNR to allow the department to administer two levels of the program which are:

- Level 1: permitting of a new well or reconstruction of a new well (to protect the residents that are constructing or receiving a new well)

- Level 5 delegation: regulates the abandonment of used wells that don't meet drinking water standards or construction standards as identified in the administrative code

Adam noted it is a very beneficial program with both short and long term benefits.

In February, Planning & Zoning submitted an application to the DNR to authorize the department to administer state administrative code standards specific to private well suppliers. The DNR is currently reviewing all of the application materials and will respond once they work through the approval.

In the meantime, Planning & Zoning staff are working cooperatively together on legwork and administrative functions of the program. Adam noted this is not the first time CEED will hear about the program, the committee will be involved throughout the implementation.

Lengthy discussion followed.

13. Economic Development

a. Presentation of the draft Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative Plan.

Nancy Turyk shared a PowerPoint presentation of the Wood County REDI Plan. It is in the last round of revisions and they are looking to share it with CEED and possibly County Board for appropriate approvals. Nancy briefly reviewed the background of the project and timeline.

There have been about 24 people involved on the REDI team; in addition to the 14 staff from Extensions at Purdue and UW-Madison. Nancy shared the full list of people involved; it includes a variety of people from businesses, regional organizations, state level organizations and lots of organizations from within the county.

Nancy shared the following goals in plan include:

- **Develop a diverse and sustainable economy in Wood County.**
 - To accomplish that need to transform the economic development network into a collaboration economic development group.
 - Establish an entrepreneurial "ecosystem"
- **Establish Wood County as a vibrant and diverse community to live, grow, work and play**
 - Broadband, internet and cellular infrastructure throughout the County.
 - Plan addressing the housing needs throughout the County.
 - Develop a branding strategy for the County.
 - Support a centralized site promoting arts, cultural assets, and entertainment in the County.
 - Develop a combined countywide outdoor recreational map for visitors and residents.
- **Implementation of the following are critical to successful economic development in Wood County but will be led by the County independent of the REDI planning team.**
 - Update the County Comprehensive Plan
 - Improve health outcomes by complimenting the County Health Improvement Plan
 - Improve health, equity and resilience and reduce expenses by implementing the County Energy Plan

Nancy noted the next steps are to determine whether it needs to move to County Board, and if there should be a presentation and when that might be.

Nancy highlighted the contributions of all the organizations that sent participants for many hours to share their expertise in the development of this plan. She can't say enough good things about them and appreciated working with them – it is an incredible group of people for Wood County to work with moving forward. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Leichtnam asked who will administer the plan 3 years from now. Nancy responded that through the REDI process, support from Purdue will go away in September. In the interim, Purdue will work with the group on webinars, providing guidance and helping the county identify funding for any initiatives that require it. Extension resources are always available as they're embedded throughout many of these initiatives. In terms of administration, Nancy suggested that she, Jason Grueneberg or someone from the county needs to take the lead in facilitating to get the initiatives off the ground.

Following discussion, it was decided to move forward with a resolution for the April CEED meeting and potentially presenting the plan at the April County Board meeting. The full plan is available to view in the March CEED packet.

b. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update.

Jason Grueneberg shared an update on the regional recovery plan that Carrie Edmonton presented last month. Moving forward, this is funded by federal economic administration funding. Jason serves on this committee and will keep CEED up to date on how things move forward.

14. Extension

a. General Office Update

Jason Hausler provided the following updates:

- Programming guidelines will be adjusting in the next couple weeks. Vaccines rolling out and declining cases will allow staff to do in-person processes. The current guidance stands through the end of March. Come April 1st, guidance will be for the summer.
 - Staff are still doing great things remotely. Extension is looking forward to more in-person dynamics that staff are accustomed to.
- The Governor's budget asks for funding for Extension. Other things in the budget have connection to Extension including broadband, food share (FoodWise) and other items that Extension has insight into.

b. Situational Analysis Update

Jason thanked group for their time at the special meeting in January. Jason has conducted all of the situational analysis meetings with oversight committees.

The next step is working with County Chairs and Administrators to have the same conversations. There is a kick off meeting with area 7 (Clark, Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties) on March 22nd. The goal is to have draft document created by end of summer. This is an opportunity to reimagine our prioritization moving forward.

Supervisor LaFontaine asked if there were commonalities between the different counties. Jason confirmed there were including housing (identified in all 4 counties), workforce development, broadband, rural health and work with aging communities/ramifications of self-isolation during the pandemic.

c. WI Fairs Advisory Committee

Jason shared at the end of January the newly formed Wisconsin Fairs Advisory committee kicked off.

When the pandemic hit, some counties continued fairs in 2020 and some didn't. It was important to get everyone together to have a conversation about the future of Wisconsin fairs. The next meeting is on March 4th.

This is more of an advisory committee than a policy committee but some policies may be changed.

Wood County Chair Lance Pliml is on the committee representing WCA. Counties and county government are heavily involved and Jason is thankful that Lance agreed to help.

Jason also shared that he is chairing the committee statewide. Discussion followed.

d. WEXA Update

Jason gave a brief update and mentioned that Chair Curry received a correspondence from WCA – they have established a board of directors and are starting to get by-laws and structure set up as well as officials elected. This is an additional channel to Extension leadership to support the work of Extension.

Jason will try to keep this on future CEED agendas as he learns new information from the group.

Wood County Chair Lance Pliml shared that the WCA committee met with Karl Martin (Dean and Director, UW-Madison Division of Extension) to work on some of the guidance documents. As more information becomes available, Lance will forward it on to the CEED committee. Jason noted he wants to keep the committee in tune as best he can to make informed decisions.

e. Educator Presentation – Nancy Turyk, Community Development Educator

Nancy Turyk presented the draft Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative Plan under agenda item 13a.

15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants.

Supervisor Leichtnam shared that Wisconsin Water Week is all next week (March 8-12). He requested per diem for Monday only. RC&D covered the \$20.00 registration and it is all virtual so there is no mileage.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve per diem for Supervisor Leichtnam to attend Wisconsin Water Week conference on Monday, March 8th. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ashbeck requested per diem for special fair meetings next week.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve per diem for Supervisor Ashbeck to attend special fair meetings. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Schedule next regular committee meeting.

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7th at 9:00am at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.

17. Agenda items for next meeting

Agenda items are due by March 31st.

18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None.

19. Adjourn. Chair Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Minutes by Karli Tomsyck, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Wood County

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: March 2021

For the range of vouchers: 30210014 - 30210022

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30210014	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	4-H Program Materials	03/09/2021	\$29.34	P
30210015	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	03/09/2021	\$14.40	P
30210016	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	03/09/2021	\$41.53	P
30210017	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	4-H Program Materials	03/30/2021	\$20.56	
30210018	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Cleaning Supplies	03/30/2021	\$83.30	
30210019	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	March Statement - FoodWise	03/30/2021	\$102.80	
30210020	WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION	Conference Registration - RW	03/30/2021	\$155.00	
30210021	LIPPERT MATTHEW	March Expenses	03/30/2021	\$58.44	
30210022	WHITEHAIR RACHAEL	March Expenses	03/30/2021	\$40.00	
Grand Total:				\$545.37	

Signatures

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT

For the period of: March 2021

For the range of vouchers: 18210034 - 18210042

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18210034	WI DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	NMM - FEE PORTION DUE TO STATE	02/22/2021	\$4,270.00	P
18210035	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWC - OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/26/2021	\$13.33	P
18210036	WOOD COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	WLD - BROCKMAN RECORDING FEES	02/11/2021	\$60.00	P
18210037	US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	WLD - BEAR ABATEMENT	03/03/2021	\$800.00	P
18210038	A+ POWER SPORTS & TRAILER SALES LLC	ATV TRAILER	03/12/2021	\$3,999.00	P
18210039	REGISTRATION FEE TRUST	LWCD - TRAILER REGISTRATION	03/12/2021	\$169.50	P
18210040	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWCD - OFFICE SUPPLIES	03/12/2021	\$48.81	P
18210041	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LWC - TREE SALE SIGN BOARDS	03/24/2021	\$19.98	
18210042	LAURA'S LANE NURSERY	LWC - ELDERBERRY & HAZELNUT	03/01/2021	\$2,034.50	
Grand Total:				\$11,415.12	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: March 2021

For the range of vouchers: 22210025 - 22210037

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22210025	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PL-Office Supplies	02/20/2021	\$10.49	P
22210026	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PL-Office Supplies	02/20/2021	\$22.07	P
22210027	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit (Feb)	02/28/2021	\$900.00	P
22210028	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (March)	03/01/2021	\$299.00	P
22210029	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract (Mar)	03/03/2021	\$833.00	P
22210030	WOOD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	PS-Small Claims Filing Fee(10)	03/02/2021	\$995.00	P
22210031	WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	PS-Service Fee (1)	03/02/2021	\$75.00	P
22210032	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LR-Office Supplies	03/04/2021	\$72.29	P
22210033	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LR-Office Supplies	03/12/2021	\$293.79	P
22210034	WOOD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	PS-Small Claims Filing Fee(7)	03/11/2021	\$696.50	P
22210035	US BANK	Credit Card Charges	03/17/2021	\$70.48	P
22210036	WOOD COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION	PS-Car Cashes (County Truck)	03/17/2021	\$60.00	P
22210037	BREWBAKER JEFF	PS-Work Boots	03/19/2021	\$200.00	P
Grand Total:				\$4,527.62	

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CEED Committee Report *March 2021*

LAURA HUBER

Extension Wood County, 4-H Program Coordinator

- **March Highlight: March Menagerie: Project Discovery Month.** The pandemic has prevented us from leading our annual Project Discovery Day. In the spirit of hands-on education, we conducted a month-long program where hands-on programs were offered. Fifteen programs were offered for youth and 4-H volunteers. Two of those programs were planned and led by youth (Buggles and Map Flowers.) This was both a fun and exciting series to offer. Programs included: Buggles, Luck o' the Engineer, Get Ready for Demonstrations, New In-Person Meeting Guidance, Lettuce Be Different, Cloverbuds: DIY Instruments, Dairy Judging, A Stitch in Time, Explore the Unseen, Volunteer in Preparation Training, Wildlife & Woods, Teen Game Night, Spring Break Sourdough, Roller Coaster Engineer, and Decorate with Decoupage.
- Contributed to statewide Virtual Learning Community with the WI 4-H Virtual Educational Programming Team and related sub-committees (1, 3, 8, 15, 22, 29 March)
- Met with colleagues in Clark and Marathon counties to discuss camp planning for summer 2021 (2 March)
- Attended International Camp Fellowship webinars (2, 16 March)
- Attended Northern Region 4-H meetings (4 March)
- Luck o' the Engineer (4 March)
- Supervised LEGO Club (7, 14, 21, 28 March)
- Get Ready for Demonstrations (7 March)
- Continued to work on revising and developing state 4-H policy as part of the WI 4-H Policy Advisory Standing Committee (8, 22 March)
- Joined the Youth Success Coalition meeting (8 March)
- Attended the WI 4-H Program COVID meeting (9, 23 March)
- New In-Person Guidance Meeting (9 March)
- Assisted colleagues in planning and promoting the Virtual Fitness Program for Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community (10, 15 March)
- Lettuce Be Different (10, 31 March)
- Wrapped up the Winter Leadership Camp Program with colleagues (11 March)
- Supervised the Art Club meetings (14, 28 March)
- Wood County Cloverbuds: DIY Instruments (15 March)
- Met with UW staff to discuss member accommodations request (16 March)
- Intro to Dairy Judging (16 March)
- Attended the Central WI State Fair Junior Fair Board meeting (17 March)
- Met with colleagues to plan National Volunteer Week recognitions (18 March)
- A Stitch in Time (18 March)
- Supervised Map Flowers (21 March)
- Viewed the WI 4-H Vulnerable Audience Policy Zoom recording (21 March)
- Attended the Wood County 4-H Leaders Assn. meeting (22 March)
- Co-taught Volunteers in Preparation training (23 March)
- Participated in the WI Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Committee mtg (24 March)
- Participated in the Vulnerable Populations Listening Session meeting (24 March)

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- Facilitated Wildlife & Woods (24 March)
- Attended 4-H Program Colleague Connection meeting (25 March)
- Attended the Marketing Committee meeting for the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals annual conference meeting (25 March)
- Teen Game Night (25 March)
- Spring Break Sourdough (28, 29, 30, 31 March)
- Taught electricity for STEM Mini Camp (30 March)

Special COVID-19 Educational Programs:

- Worked with clubs to plan, write, submit, and modify in-person meeting proposals for state approval.
- Lego Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader.
- Art Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader.

Ongoing Responsibilities:

- Working cooperatively with state programs and club leaders and volunteers to address insurance and other logistical questions
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 990 followers.
- Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 361 followers
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H Instagram page with currently has 41 followers
- Responded to communications to the office including general questions, 4-H enrollment, planning meetings, etc.
- Ongoing assistance for new leaders and the volunteer background checks

MATT LIPPERT

Extension Wood & Clark Counties, Agriculture Agent

- I presented a segment for the Mid State Technical College Virtual Farm Show. I highlighted the UW- Marshfield Agriculture Research Station that recently won a national Milk Quality Platinum Award from the National Mastitis Council. I interviewed the staff and taught about best practices for producing quality milk.
- I presented for the Badger Dairy Initiative on using tools such as genomic testing to identify the best females to be the mothers of the next generation.
- I interviewed on WDLB, updating spring farm conditions.
- I moderated the Badger Dairy Initiative; a podcast held each Tuesday at 1:00. This month I was involved with presentations on raising dairy replacement heifers.
- Questions involved native pollinators, soil testing procedures, farm budgets and cropping rotations.
- I participated in Faculty Senate and Department of Extension Agriculture Section Faculty programs.
- I conducted annual reviews for three colleagues in the division of Agriculture.
- I met with the MACCI Agri-Business Committee, plans for scholarship recognition and review of the farm show.



- I participated in programs for best practices for growing winter annuals and warm season annuals.
- I participated in the first of a three-part series on impacts on agriculture of climate change. Things such as more precipitation, heavier single rain events, more heat stress for cattle, warmer nights, warmer winters, more invasive insect and weed pests are predicted and have already been shown to be occurring.

NANCY TURYK

Extension Wood County, Community Development Educator

Economic Development

- Met bi-weekly with the Wood County economic development recovery group to collaboratively address current topics associated with the economic development recovery and pandemic-related needs and opportunities.
- Shared information about economic recovery business support opportunities by emails, telephone, and web conferencing conversations primarily with Wood County towns/villages/cities, chambers of commerce, visitor and convention bureaus, Mid-State Technical College, UW-Stevens Point@Marshfield, Ho-Chunk Nation, agricultural staff, Wood County health and planning and zoning departments.
- Reviewed and discussed the REDI plan with the economic development round table group and CEED committee. Updated the plan based on comments from the REDI team and Purdue University. Created summary of REDI plan and other outreach materials.
- Listened to Marshfield Economic Development Board meeting.
- Discussed the REDI plan and upcoming offerings by Small Business Development Center on WFHR radio program.
- Attended UW-Madison Extension Lunch-n-Learn: Broadband Aid Overview: Discussion with Wisconsin Public Service Commission .
- Participated in USDA's Workforce Innovation Network webinar.
- Listened to the webinar on Childcare Bootcamp by Small Business Development Center. Discussed opportunities with MACCI, Childcare, Inc.

Energy and Resiliency

- Reviewed materials and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy and shared relevant information with Wood County staff.
- Attended webinar on renewable energy programs for low to moderate income households hosted by the Clean Energy Group.
- Attended webinar "Clean energy, jobs and the recovery".

Local Community Initiatives

- Participated in meetings for Wisconsin Rapids' cultural program with assistance by students in UW-Madison's UniverCity program.
- In addition to routine collaborations and conversations with County staff, I kept informed about the County by reading county email updates, county committee packets, local newspapers, listening to the County Board and CEED committee meetings, and in discussions with Wood County employees and supervisors.

UW-Madison Extension

- Participated in virtual meetings with UW-Madison Extension Dean, Community Development Institute, and Wood County staff.

UW-Madison Division of Extension Wood County CEED Report



- Continued working with the core team working on the development of a community resilience menu and train-the-trainer course through the UW-Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team. Participated in Extension's Climate Change and Agriculture webinar.
- Discussed the development of a climate resilience planning model with other Extension staff and Monroe County staff.
- Contributed to Extension's plan for the Community Economic Development team.
- Gave presentation on Climate Justice to approx. 74 participants during Wisconsin Water Week. Zoom host for a panel on Climate Change and Wisconsin's Lakes. Participated in select sessions.
- Participated in Wisconsin Dept. Health Services' Climate Change - Science Advisory Team meeting.

ALLISON JONJAK

Extension Wood County, Cranberry Outreach Specialist

- Prepared a supply list for 2021 cranberry pesticide trials.
- Arranged for pesticide trial supplies to be ordered.
- Reviewed outcomes from Succession Planning and Strategic Business Analysis Brown Bag Seminar.
Planned and submitted Research Request Forms from Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station.
- Planned Worker Protection Safety Inspection Brown Bag Seminar.
- Learned to use ARM (Agricultural Research Management) software to plan trials.
- Prepared Annual Report.
- Planned April Mini-Clinics.
- Assisted Wisconsin Cranberry Research Foundation with evaluation of Research Requests made.
- Applied for and received SARE mini-grant to cover lab fees for analysis of Soil Health in cranberry beds.
- Secured UW fleet vehicle rental for the trial year.
- Helped Sarah Schlosser and Jenny Erickson customize and Emotional Intelligence training for Cranberry Leadership audience.
- Helped deliver Emotional Intelligence training for Cranberry Leadership audience.
- Proctored Pesticide Applicator Training tests for 4 growers.
- Passed Pesticide Applicator Training for my own certification.
- Rural Broadband grant application I had participated in was approved for funding.
- Helped local grower write success report of rural broadband grant for WSCGA Newsletter.
- Engaged in several discussions with product suppliers for 2021 pesticide trials.

JACKIE CARATTINI

Extension Wood County, Human Development and Family Relationships Educator

- Attended the Health Aging Wood County meeting.
- Attended the United Way of South Wood and Adams counties Early Years coalition meeting.
- Attended the Mental Health First Aide trainers quarterly meeting.
- Attended 2 planning meetings for upcoming Adult Mental Health First Aid trainings in April.
- Attended the UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting.
- Attended a post tenure review committee planning meeting.
- Completed 5 Post Tenure Reviews for Family Development section colleagues and attended their review sessions.



- Met with the new Civil Rights compliance coordinator. with Extension, Kim Waldon.
- Attended HDRI (Human Development and relationships Institute) monthly colleague connect
- Held a planning meeting for the next 10-session series of the Aging Mastery Program for older adults, that starts in April. Worked on promotion with community partners.
- Met with River Cities Church to deliver financial education materials for financial coaching
- Taught, 2-day Pilot training for new Planning AHEAD curriculum
- Attended the Central WI Partnership for Recovery subcommittee meetings, Youth, and housing
- Coordinated and hosted daily "Extension Wellness Moments".
- Taught 4 sessions in the month of March on self-care and well-being.
- Co-piloted 3 sessions of the statewide Rent Smart monthly series
- Attended HCE Board meeting
- Met with 2 community partners about needs and future programming
- Attended the WeCOPE community of practice
- Attended the Resilient Farms meeting
- Attended the United Ways Early Years coalition meeting
- Met with community partner about upcoming self-care training
- Attended the Area 7 Situational Analysis Kick off meeting
- Attended a Department of Extension Administrative committee meeting
- Attended a meeting with the Family Development section

Attended multiple zooms on:

- Department of Extension Administrative Committee
- Coordinated daily Extension Wellness moments (M-F at 8:15am)
- Rent Smart Team virtual learning
- Pre-planning for the death of a loved one team
- Life Span program check-in
- Institute meetings on changes and programming
- Behavioral health team meeting
- Department/Institute and Associate Dean monthly check-ins
- Bi-monthly stress and coping team meetings

HANNAH WENDELS & KELLY HAMMOND

Extension Wood County, FoodWise Nutrition Educator and Coordinator

- Completed co-teaching a virtual parent feeding class called Yuck to Yum (Hannah, 03/02)
- Co-teach a series of 10 weeks of virtual Strong Bodies classes every Tuesday & Thursday morning (Hannah, began 02/02, ongoing until 04/08)
- Co-teach virtual nutrition lessons to 3rd grade classrooms, series of 4 lessons per classroom, will teach two classrooms (Hannah, 03/11)
- Completed co-teaching a virtual Kids in the Kitchen class with Ho-Chunk Head Start, made a healthy snack with children and their parents via Zoom, series of 4 lessons - 1 per month (Hannah, 03/17)
- Taught a virtual Kids in the Kitchen class through our partner at the South Wood County YMCA, made a healthy meal on Zoom with children and their parents (03/18)
- Continuing 8-week professional development training on Policy, Systems and Environmental Change (Hannah, 01/21, ongoing)



- Attend and participate in a Health Equity Training that was offered through the Wood County Health Department and Human Impact Partners to broaden my understanding and deepen my work of health equity in public health in my community (Hannah, 03/23)
- Working with the Food Service Director in the WRPS System to send out a monthly nutrition newsletter to every school in the system using the Harvest of the Month program, materials each month are also included on the District website (Hannah, 02/11, monthly, ongoing)
- Attend Wood County Hunger Coalition virtual meeting (Hannah, 03/25)
- Continue co-teaching Strong Bodies class in both Wood and Portage County that is completely virtual and includes nutrition education as well as strength building (Hannah, 10/19, ongoing)
- Continue work with “Physical Activity/Nutrition for Colleagues in FoodWise” workgroup (ongoing, Hannah)
- Work with the internal “Greener in FoodWise” workgroup to bring about change in the way we work with materials and spaces in FoodWise to have a better impact on our environment (Hannah, ongoing, bi-monthly)
- Attend virtual FoodWise North Region check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, Tuesdays)
- Attend virtual FoodWise State check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, every other Tuesday)
- Attend virtual Wood County Extension check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, Mondays)
- Attend virtual Extension Area 7 check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, every other Wednesday)

RACHAEL WHITEHAIR*Extension Wood County, Natural Resources Educator*

- Assisted 14 Mile Watershed Alliance members with Water Week presentation (March 1)
- Developed a bulletin board presentation to be posted at the Wood Co. court house entrance, topic of the poster was water, a shared resource (March 2)
- Attended a planning meeting for the WI Prairie Chicken Festival and guided attendees through the online platform we have chosen to use for the virtual event (March 2)
- Hosted the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo Event: A Grazier’s Panel- Hearing First-hand experience and perspectives (March 3)
- Presented at the WI Land & Water Conference with Greg Olson of Sand County Foundation on Prairie Filter Strips as an ecosystem based practice to mitigate non-point source pollution in agricultural settings (March 3)
- Hosted a meeting for the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance to discuss details of the shift to a non-profit group (March 3)
- Met with Allison Werner of River Alliance of WI to learn more about the Clean Water Now referendum and how Extension can support this work (March 5)
- Hosted a 14 Mile watershed Alliance Meeting where David Trimner of Miltrim Farms, a member of EPPIC presented to the audience on his clean water farming practices (March 8)
- Served as a zoom host for WI Water Week presentations (March 9)
- Presented at the WI Water Week conference “Stakeholder Engagement Beyond the Shoreline” accompanied by other regional NRE’s from Extension (March 10)
- Attended an agronomist field day put on by EPPIC, the focus was regenerative agriculture, I served as a note taker to observe questions asked by attendees throughout the day, the goal is for this type of evaluative reporting to assist with future field day event planning (March 10)
- Served as a zoom host for WI Water Week presentations (March 11)
- Served as a zoom host for WI Water Week presentations (March 12)



- Attended the monthly GOLD (Guardians of Lake Decorah) meeting to assist with final details and planning of community logo art contest (March 15)
- Met with Adams Co. Extension, DATCP, and Land & Water to discuss upcoming producer-led meeting with Big Roche A Cri farmers (March 16)
- Hosted Zoom meeting and co-lead discussion for producer-led group with Big Roche A Cri farmers, invited Matt Hintz of the farmers for tomorrow to bring in additional perspectives and discussion (March 18)
- Met with Prairie Chicken Festival to review virtual platform that I developed and make final edits before sharing with the public (March 19)
- Spoke on WDLB radio about environmentally friendly plantings to consider for spring garden and landscaping renovations (March 23)
- Hosted the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo presentation by Diane Mayerfeld of UW-Madison Extension "Silvopasture- Does it make sense for your farm?" (March 24)
- Attended planning meeting for local ag summer camp "Agriventure Camp", I am serving as a presenter on groundwater (March 29)
- Assisted Dan O'Connell and Tracy Arnold of Portage County with their virtual Prairie Chicken Fest presentation on educational programs that encourage conservation adoption (March 31)

JANELL WEHR

Extension Marathon & Wood Counties, Horticulture Educator

- **Lettuce Be Different** - Developed and delivered 4-H program for March Discovery Month. Program explored variation within species by observing differences between 3 varieties of lettuce. Program will conclude with a discussion on importance of diversity.
- **Starting Seeds Indoors** - I presented this program which introduced a variety of seed starting mediums and the requirements for germination, to the Sauk County Master Gardener Volunteers.
- **From the Ground Up!** Getting Started with Healthy Soil- In this interactive virtual program, participants were introduced to the characteristics of healthy soil, components of soil, and measures to protect their soil. Participants also learned the basics of composting. As a result of the program, 100% participants stated they understood the basics of composting and 100% stated they understood the characteristics of healthy soil or knew prior to the program.
- **Volunteer Recognition** - Working on inaugural Master Gardener Volunteer Week with the state MGV office. Also working with 4-H Coordinators Kaitlyn Bernarde and Laura Huber to dovetail plans for local volunteer recognition.
- **Foundations in Horticulture** - With the Master Gardener Program Steering Committee, continue evaluation of Foundations in Horticulture using qualitative data software, MAXQDA.
- **Houseplants** - I developed and delivered an online program on the general culture of popular houseplants. Program was held in partnership with UWSP Continuing Education for all three campuses (Stevens Point, Marshfield, and Wausau).

Staff Report For March 2021

Caleb Armstrong

- March 2, 9, and 16th was our yearly nutrient management training in Wisconsin Rapids. This year it was held in the Riverblock building in the auditorium that way we would have enough space with Covid-19 protocols. We had a total of 10 farmers attended in class trainings with four of them attending virtually through zoom. We had four of our staff and, two from other departments here or via zoom helping run the class.
- Attended the yearly WI Land and Water conference virtually. It was supposed to be held in Green Bay but, with Covid we all attended virtually. It included multiple breakout sessions covering multiple different topics related to ongoing conservation practices being used throughout Wisconsin.
- Worked with a couple farmers on updating their nutrient management plans for the 2021 growing season.
- Worked with farmers on collecting and updating their soil tests throughout their fields. This is so they have accurate measurements for amount of nutrients that need to be applied to their fields in the 2021 and further cropping seasons.
 - Roth's Golden Acres looking at sampling over 400 acres of fields.
 - Jared Katzenberger sampled 10 acres of poor pasture land and figuring out how to make it more productive. (Plans on using our No-Till Drill this spring)
 - Lee DeBoer planning on sampling 100 acres or more to finish up his testing that wasn't completed on fields last fall.
- Attended virtually the National Cover Crop Summit which was a 12 series event where they covered multiple different topics ranging from using cover crops for erosion control all the way to the source of nutrients specific cover crops can bring to increase yield in fields in the years to come with cover crops.
- Our whole office worked with Brian Loeffelholz who is the program coordinator of DATCP for CREP program. He gave us the basics tour and introduction on how CREP works, how to apply land for CREP, and how to fill out forms for CREP.
- Worked on updating No-till drill rental for upcoming spring of 2021. We expect most people to be able to start planting following the week after Easter.
- Proceeded with our monthly checkup and monitoring of the six creeks located in Wood County. This month we were able to monitor and measure the streamflow for all six creeks which is the first time since December. We weren't able to in those months due to the amount of ice and snow cover in some of the creeks.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-March 2021-

- **Monday, March 1.** Processed checklists. Entered streamflow data into SWIMS and our records.
- **Tuesday, March 2.** Took part in NMFE class that teaches farmers to write their own NMP.
- **Tuesday, March 9.** Took part in day 2 of NMFE class.
- **Friday, March 12.** Worked on NMP database.
- **Tuesday, March 16.** Met with farmer to complete nutrient management plan. Organized checklists.
- **Wednesday, March 17.** Reviewed 2 NMPs.
- **Thursday, March 18.** Reviewed a NMP. Attended virtual cover crop summit.
- **Tuesday, March 23.** Attended staff meeting. Entered streamflow data to SWIMS and our records. Processed checklists.
- **Wednesday, March 24.** Started editing transect database. Attended Badger Crop Connect. Completed P reductions report for one farmer.
- **Thursday, March 25.** Attended CREP training.
- **Wednesday, March 31.** Wrote up informational article on roller crimper.

Staff Report for Klayton Kree

March 2021

- Went with Shane W. to a well decommissioning, project was supposed to start that day, but due to concrete issues of some sort, became rescheduled for the next day. The next day I went to it by myself to certify and document the process.
- Attended the virtual WI Land and Water Conference the first week of March. Attended numerous virtual meetings during this that were very interesting and learned a good amount. It was a great experience.
- Joined Caleb A. on the streamflow check to see if the streams and such were open and flowing for the research.
- Helped with a training for farmers on using SNAP+ and putting all their crops, soils, nutrients, and numbers into their files and showing them how to use it.
- Attended a Grade Stabilization Training Webinar.
- Conducted a survey using GPS equipment to begin working on the rock crossing design as the survey done previously was in the incorrect location and needed better survey points, met with the overseer of the project ("landowner") to discuss where he would like the rock crossing
- Attended multiple AutoCAD training on survey points and surfaces in which I learned new tips and tricks.
- Had webinar training for hydrology models, every Wednesday morning.
- Met with Drew Zelle, DATCP contact, talked about projects and introduction to things
- Staff meeting with all office staff.
- Drew came to the office and he, Shane, and I went out to a streambank erosion site to see the erosion and make decisions on what we can do.
- Cover crop webinar and CREP trainings.
- Met with the landowners for the streambank erosion to update them on the project and what we are looking to do to help fix the erosion.
- Livestock pipeline and watering facility webinar.

***Activities Report for Lori Ruess
March 2021***

- Answered phones and replied to emails
- Reviewed general ledger.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Completed February sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Attended Loons & Lakes WI Land & Water Conference virtual presentation.
- Completed 2022 Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application and forwarded to Chairperson Curry for signature before emailing to DATCP.
- Attended March 23rd staff meeting and completed minutes.
- Attended ½ day of CREP training (virtual).
- Attended video conference training for River Block Auditorium.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the March 11th and March 25th payrolls.
- Completed the Land & Water Conservation Department 2020 Annual Report, emailed to CEED and other agencies and forwarded it to IT to post on our webpage.
- Tree and shrub distribution preparation.
- Completed tree and shrub distribution letters.
- Worked with Emergency Management to arrange use of traffic cones for tree distribution.
- Organized County Board packet and submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk's office for CEED packet.
- Completed wellness biometric screening.
- Volunteered at the Wood County Vaccination Clinic.
- Vacation – March 12 – March 19.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer

MARCH 2021

- Completed wildlife fence contract completion letters to four land owners – update DNR database, update files, scan, and mail to landowner.
- Completed and updated outline for fence inspections spreadsheet for 2021 wildlife fence inspections.
- Completed a fence inspections county wide map, showing locations of all contract active wildlife fences. Updated attribute table with all expiration dates.
- Printed individual wildlife fence inspection maps for the 2021 inspections. (21 fences)
- Reviewed Non-metallic mining financial assurance for Earth, Cepress, Laidlaw, and Ladick – updated files and updated spreadsheets.
- Researched CWD procedures for Wood County and updated wildlife program landowner.
- Multiple meetings with IT working on Non-metallic software development – including recently found data from GIS attribute tables.
- Site visit and discussions with landowner with stored crop damage.
- Attended Land & Water Virtual Conference. Sessions attended include: Soil Health/Erosion – key note, Farmer preference to nitrogen use in Pepin County, Promoting pollinator habitat, Collaboration with county con. Depts., Virtual events – tools and best practices, Survey 123 vs Arc Collector mobile GIS applications, Stabilizing farms/ecosystems with innovative ag runoff treatment options, County presentations, Generations unmasked, Iron County youth education program.
- Meeting with county GIS tech to discuss county wide non-metallic map.
- Completed county wide GIS shape file and created county wide non-metallic mine locations map. Receive multiple requests asking for mine locations – also will be useful for planning inspection routes.
- Created new GIS map for Dupee upcoming new mine site.
- Created listing of missing non-metallic storm water permits from GIS attribute table, sent to DNR, received missing permit numbers and updated the attribute table, found one missing their DNR permit, sent correspondence to DNR and being handled by DNR.
- Updated 2020 air photo layer to map – sent directions to staff.
- Researched state highway ROW for possible future wildlife fence – obtained Laredo program from ROD to research recorded documents. Contacted DOT for verification. Email to landowner with findings.
- Contacted landowner to explain DNR denial for purchase of bag armor over additional stored crop – DNR issuing order to build fence which had designed for this submittal – landowner not interested in the fence build – no claims in future unless builds fence around stored crop area, but able to issue ag tags if needed.
- Submitted Department of Transportation records request for info on non-metallic mine locations, operators, material mined – etc.
- Worked with landowner and operator with future pond build inquiry – initial review of paperwork – sent wetland concerns to DNR – review to landowner.
- Pick up new crimper trailer in Elkhorn, WI.
- Apiary wildlife bear damage enrollment for needed fencers with commercial bee keeper. Met with landowner – obtained needed supplies.
- Completed maps for tree sale pick up letters – and completed a map for a trucking company delivery.
- Completed tree sale spreadsheet – for count verifications once receive orders.
- Completed 6M wildlife fence build final contract draft.
- Completed virtual CREP training seminar with DATCP.
- Looked into year round deer enrollment for ag tag deer with DNR – sent correspondence to processor.
- Complaint received for possible pond/mine. Talked with owner, field visit, pics taken, GPS pond area and disturbed area, created GIS maps with acreage, correspondence with DNR, landowner, and operator.
- 6M wildlife fence build (2020 approved – to be completed by April 1st). Multiple field visit (Construction began 3/26/21), met with owner and fencer, material delivery inspection, final build inspection – document pics, contract written up - signatures notarized, letter to DNR with contract mailed.
- Tree sale planning: worked with Lori for customer letter/maps, Contacted nurseries for pick-up of trees, etc.
- Met with operator for pond planning maps. Correspondence with other operator for pond process.



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpfennig – March, 2021

- **March 1** – Met with Don Mrozek for Manure storage closure. Tony Clementi Well abandonment project.
- **March 2** – Hosted NMFE class for local farmers.
- **March 3** – Emails, Phone correspondence, Attended CEED meeting.
- **March 4** – WDNR TRM Administration Webinar. Emails, Phone correspondence
- **March 5** – Roth NM plan & discussion.
- **March 8** – Attended Wisconsin lakes virtual conference.
- **March 9** – Hosted NMFE class for local farmers.
- **March 10** – Attended Wisconsin lakes virtual conference. Met with Landowners involved with the Serenity River LCC. Project.
- **March 11** – Attended Wisconsin lakes virtual conference. Zoom Meeting.
- **March 12** – Worked on annual work plan for DATCP.
- **March 15** – Training and working with new Engineering technician. Phone Calls and correspondence, Zoom Meeting. Citizens Groundwater group meeting.
- **March 16** – CAD Training. Attended Wood County Board meeting.
- **March 17** – Virtual Skype meeting with DNR on a local assistance grant proposal.
- **March 18** – Zoom meeting. Training with new Eng. Tech.
- **March 19** – Met with landowners to discuss Cover Crops and No-Till. Training with new Eng. Tech.
- **March 22** – Budget Work Group WebEx meeting. Field visits.
- **March 23** – Staff Meeting, Zoom meetings.
- **March 24** – Grassed Waterway and Diversion training.
- **March 25** – CREP Virtual training, Zoom Meeting.
- **March 26** – Zoom meetings.
- **March 29** – Field visits with two grazing sites. Met with the Cashton & Lang for streambank rip rap.
- **March 30** – CEED agenda, field visits to Jeromy Krings and Ron Tomanek Property.
- **March 31** – Zoom meeting, Randy Seidl Design, Phone and email correspondence.

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Adam DeKleyn, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
Scott Custer, Code Technician
Kim Keech, Admin Services 5
Victoria Wilson, Admin Services 4

RE: Staff Report for April 7, 2021

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Heart of Wisconsin Chamber Leadership Class – On March 4th, I talked with the Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Class about economic development, and some of the projects that were taking place in the area.
- b. Marshfield Economic Development Board – On March 4th, I participated in the Marshfield Economic Development Board meeting. Some of the agenda items included presentation of the annual economic development report, update on City Economic Development activity, and discussion on the 2021 Economic Development Strategy.
- c. Legislative Technology Services Bureau – On March 9th, I attended a training session offered by the Legislative Technology Services Bureau on the upcoming redistricting process.
- d. Wood County Economic Development Roundtable – On March 11th, I facilitated the Wood County economic development round table meeting. Notes from that meeting are attached to this report.
- e. Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) Meeting – On March 16th, I attended the PSC meeting to observe the process of reviewing the broadband wireless grants that were submitted by Hilbert Communications and Wood County this past December. Both applications were approved, and \$1,048,795 was awarded to the projects. The County will provide a loan to Hilbert Communications in the amount of \$1,010,923.
- f. Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast – On March 19th, I attended the legislative breakfast. Many of the legislative updates focused on the recent federal stimulus bill and Governor Evers's proposed State budget.

2. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)

- a. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – CSM: (6) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (4) CSMs were approved/recorded. (5) CSMs are pending approval.

- b. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Presented Land Use Element at last PC. Coordinated with Town ZA to update future land use map. Implementation Element is being prepared for next PC meeting.
- c. Wood County Well Delegation Program – DNR Legal Services responded with several revisions to draft well/water supply systems ordinance. Staff are in the process of reviewing ordinance revisions; developing DPZ administrative/program functions; and determining well driller outreach efforts.
- d. Request for Zoning Map Amendment Approval – Town of Marshfield – Zoning amendment was approved by CEED and CB. Decision letter sent to town. Official zoning map updated.
- a. City of Wisconsin Rapids Water Quality Management (WQM)/Sewer Service Area (SSA) Review – (1) Review Compliance Letter issued for: Sanitary Sewer Extension - Grove Ave. City of WI Rapids/Town of Grand Rapids (S21, T22N, R6E). To service a proposed baseball/softball facility at Lincoln High School.
- e. City of Marshfield Water Quality Management (WQM)/Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan Update – Common Council adopted plan. Plan and official map are available online: website link:
<https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/PZ/SewerServiceArea.aspx> DPZ is responsible for administering plan.
- f. Town of Lincoln Zoning Update – Presented updated official zoning map to PC. An interactive official town zoning map is available online: link:
<https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/PZ/Zoning.aspx>
- g. Town of Sigel Zoning Ordinance – Completed review of draft zoning ordinance. Comments were submitted to the Town and ZA for review and reference. Town zoning ordinance will be submitted to CB for approval if adopted by TB.
- h. Wood County ATV/UTV Economic Impact Study – Working cooperatively with RPC to initiate a study assessing the economic impact of users on the Wood County trail/route system.
- i. Other Town Zoning Updates – Completing updates to the following official town zoning maps: Cameron, Marshfield and Port Edwards. Presenting at upcoming TB meetings.
- j. Town/County Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance to the general public and town officials.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- a. Working with Adam Dekleyn on full set of Zoning Small Maps, Wall Maps, and Interactive Applications for all Municipalities that we maintain zoning data for.
- b. Parcel Updates
- c. Addressing Updates

- d. Working with DATAMARK on a Project to reconcile different addressing data sources including – GIS, GCS Tax Roll, ALI, Marshfield Utility Company, Wisconsin Rapids Power & Light Company.

4. Code Administrator (Jeff Brewbaker and Scott Custer)

02-25-2021 – Inspection report conventional TN: 07; (2) inspection report mound A+0 TN: 03; inspection report mound <24" TN: 12; inspection report HT TN: 12; inspection report TN: 18; mound renewal TN: 20*; shoreland discussion with land owner V: 24

02-26-2021 – (3) Inspection report conventional TN: 07; follow-up with court case about payment plan TN: 18*; reviewed court cases*; shoreland permit renewal TN: 20

03-01-2021 – Issued new conventional TN: 18; issued renewal mound <24" TN: 20; plan review & issued new mound A+0 TN: 16; preservation affidavit TN: 18; court cases review and follow up

03-02-2021 – Inspection report mound A+0 TN: 10; inspection report mound <24" TN: 08; Small Claims meeting and Court Hearing*; POWTS License Training*

03-03-2021 – Inspection Report mound >24" TN: 19; inspection report conventional TN: 18 (mobile home park); inspection report mound <24" TN: 17; inspection report mound <24" TN: 17; inspection report conventional TN: 07; CEED meeting; permit process with land owner TN: 21; SPS 383 review

03-04-2021 – Plan review conventional TN: 07; inspection report conventional TN: 18; inspection report HT TN: 15; inspection report TN: 07; inspection report mound <24" TN: 21; inspection report conventional TN: 13; inspection report conventional TN: 18; mound plan review TN: 17*; (3) conventional plan review TN: 18*

03-05-2021 – Plan review, soils evaluation & hydrograph new conventional TN: 18 reviewed SPS 384-385: POWTS practice exam

03-08-2021 – Studied for POWTS exam

03-09-2021 – Plan review replacement mound >24" (5 bedroom) TN: 17; shoreland letter TN: 18; Shoreland/Floodplain onsite TN: 18 & TN: 20*; POWTS online training*

03-10-2021 – Plan review, soils evaluation & issued replacement conventional TN: 18; reviewed LOMA from FEMA TN: 18; inspection report mound >24" TN: 18; inspection report mound >24" TN: 08; draft petition for variance (garage setback to drainfield) TN: 07; inspection report conventional TN: 18; POWTS exam in Appleton

03-11-2021 – Inspection report mound A+0 TN: 11; inspection report mound <24" TN: 11; inspection report conventional (tank only) TN: 07; floodplain meeting DOT TN: 19; shoreland letter TN: 18; (2) issued shoreland permits TN: 18

03-12-2021 – Enforcement letter (floodplain zoning-stream dredging violation) TN: 20; inspection report HT TN: 03; inspection report mound <24" TN: 15; inspection report mound A+0 TN: 17; POWTS layer editing

03-15-2021 – (3) Inspection report conventional TN: 18; inspection report conventional TN: 07; plan review, soils evaluation & issued conventional TN: 18; soil evaluation mound <24" TN: 21; soil evaluation mound A+0 TN: 04; shoreland permit TN: 18; groundwater meeting

03-16-2021 – Inspection report conventional TN: 07; inspection report mound <24" TN: 02; inspection report mound <24" TN: 11; inspection report mound A+O TN: 21; inspection report conventional TN: 13; court case TN: 13 meeting with land owner

03-17-2021 – Inspection report mound <24" TN: 04; inspection report conventional TN: 18; inspection report mound <24" TN: 01; reviewed soil reports TN: 08 & TN: 16*; suburban POWTS presentation*

03-18-2021 – Phone calls RE: floodplain, shoreland & wetland limited sites; POWTS permit reports for GIS mapping

03-19-2021 – Mound renewal TN: 10; new mound review TN: 21*

03-22-2021 – Inspection report mound <24" TN: 01; inspection report conventional TN: 07; inspection report conventional TN: 13; failing system inspection*; court case meeting with land owners

03-23-2021 – Inspection report HT TN: 10; inspection report HT TN: 15; inspection report non-plumbing TN: 21

03-24-2021 – Inspection report mound <24" TN: 14; inspection report non-plumbing TN: 10; inspection report mound <24" TN: 02; inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 10; plan review renewal replacement mound <24" TN: 10; plan review & issued replacement mound <24" TN: 21; small claims court hearing

03-25-2021 – Soils evaluation, hydrograph, plan review & issued replacement conventional TN: 07; shoreland & floodplain onsite TN: 22; stream navigability determination TN: 22*; court case meeting with landowner

03-26-2021 – Vacation (Jeff); court case meetings with land owners; phone calls in regards to court cases; shoreland meeting with land owner TN: 18

03-29-2021 – Vacation (Jeff); reviewed soil reports TN: 16 & TN-10: reviewed conventional system application TN: 07

03-30-2021 – Vacation (Jeff); reviewed application for reconnect of conventional system TN: 18*; reviewed application for mound TN: 14*

*Training purposes for Code Technician.

5. Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity – There were 9 sanitary permits issued in February 2021 (4 New, 5 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$4,550. There were 8 sanitary permits issued in February

2020 (4 New, 4 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$4,175.

There were 13 sanitary permits issued through February 2021. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the previous five years: 2020 – 14, 2019 – 9, 2018 – 6, 2017 – 7 and 2016 – 10.

- b. 2021 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – As of March 29th, Wood County received \$2,642.00 payments for a total of \$2,642.00 on four (4) outstanding cases for 2021.
- c. 2021 Maintenance Notices – Septic Maintenance Notices, ATU (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, White Knight (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices and Farmer Exempt Holding Tank Maintenance Notices are scheduled to be mailed approximately Friday, April 23rd with a due date of Friday, August 13th. There are approximately 3,100 to be mailed between the four notices.
- d. Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims) – Vacancy checks by office staff for 2020 maintenance enforcement was completed on Thursday, January 21st and Friday, January 22nd.

i. Small Claims Court Cases Scheduled

Date

Small Claims

Cases & Court Case Type

3/02/2021

(7) Failure to provide Servicing or Maintenance Report (2020)

Court Case Summary:

- (4) cases have settled providing service and paying a forfeiture.
- (1) unable to serve by Wood County Sheriff's Dept
- (1) case signed Stipulation Agreement to complete servicing by 5/31/2020 and paying a forfeiture.
- (1) case Default Judgment

3/09/2021

(6) Failure to provide servicing or Maintenance Report (2020) and pay \$25 program fee (2020)

Court Case Summary:

- (3) cases have settled providing service and paying a forfeiture.
- (1) unable to serve by Wood County Sheriff's Dept
- (1) case prepaid service provider to complete servicing by 5/31/2020 and paying a forfeiture.
- (1) case Default Judgment

3/23/2021

(10) Failure to pay \$25 program fee (2020)

Court Case Summary:

(9) cases have settled paying a forfeiture.
 (1) case has a monthly payment plan.
 (0) unable to serve by Wood County Sheriff's Dept
 (0) case Default Judgment

4/06/2021 (9) Failure to pay \$25 program fee (2020)
 4/06/2021 (1) Failure to provide servicing or Maintenance
 Report (2020)

4/20/2021 (7) Failure to pay \$25 program fee (2020)

e. Sanitary Permit Database System Project – The next phase for the sanitary permit system database will consist of creating a service provider and comments interface. Information Technology Department continues work on the design phase of the project.

f. Survey Document Indexing Project – There are over 4,000 survey documents that are being indexed with a tentative completion by the end of 2021.

g. ArcGIS Software Project – Editing addresses in 22 townships.

h. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:

- i. Small Claims Court Status Meeting on March 2nd, March 9th & March 23rd.
- ii. Wellness Committee Meeting on March 9th.
- iii. Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group on March 15th.

i. Victoria attended the following meetings/trainings:

- i. Economic Development Meeting (COVID-19 Recovery) on March 11th & March 25th.



RESOLUTION#

Introduced by
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CEED and Operations Committees

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Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 st	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____	Yes: _____	Absent: _____
Number of votes required:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds		
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: EN, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) 2021 Budget - function (56121) for the purpose of carrying over funds for the County-wide Nitrate sampling effort of private wells in 2021 and beyond until all funds are used.

FISCAL NOTE: To transfer \$3,698 from the 2020 Land & Water Conservation Department budget to the 2021 Land & Water Conservation Department budget function (56121).

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1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Thao, L			
11	Curry, K			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) and County Health Department would like to continue to encourage the County residents to test their private wells through a county-wide nitrate testing opportunity. This will be a continuation of 2020 water testing that Land & Water has already provided. This effort will also promote awareness of how important it is to test your well and have a clean, safe, supply of drinking water, and

WHEREAS, to get a better representation of water quality & continue developing a nitrate level baseline throughout the County, it is important to get a uniform grid sampling across the County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2021 Land & Water Conservation Budget by transferring \$ 3,698 from 2020 Land & Water Conservation Budget (56121) Well Water Testing account to the 2021 Land & Water Conservation Budget (56121) in order to continue the testing program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to publish a Class 1 notice of this budget change within 10 days.

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Kenneth Curry, Chair

Bill Leichtnam

Robert Ashbeck

Jake Hahn

Dave LaFontaine

Carmen Good – Citizen Member

Ed Wagner, Chair

Michael Feirer

Adam Fischer

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Donna Rozar

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this _____ day of _____ 20 21 .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



Sheboygan County

Planning, Resources, Agriculture & Extension Committee

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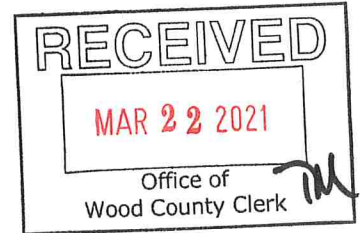
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Chairman
Keith Abler

March 17, 2021

Governor Tony Evers
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702



cc: CB Sp

Dear Governor Evers,

Recently, our committee, the Planning, Resources, Agriculture & Extension Committee of the Sheboygan County Board, was forwarded a resolution from Wood County that discussed the recent announcement of a partnership amongst four long-established statewide groups concentrating on the main goal of enhancing water quality improvements throughout the State of Wisconsin. The four organizations, the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, and The Nature Conservancy, have outlined four principles that will guide and inform their joint efforts to obtain comprehensive policy changes to tackle the ever-increasing water quality issues we face throughout our great State.

A conservative estimate is that ten percent of Wisconsin's rural drinking water wells, in addition to some municipal wells, are polluted with nitrates. Excess nutrients in both groundwater and surface water have led to algae blooms in rivers, inland lakes and Lake Michigan affecting public recreational access and tourism pursuits. These excess nutrients and their consequences also pose threats to wildlife and human health.

It will take years to remedy the legacy effects of excess nutrients in our groundwater and surface waters. Four influential organizations, who sometimes have been at odds, have gone on record agreeing we have a problem, and are asking for change. The Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality has put forth recommendations to help address the water quality problems we face. It is time to implement these recommended changes and we implore your office and the legislature to act now.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,


Keith Abler, Chairperson


Michael Ogea, Vice-Chairperson


Rebecca Clarke, Secretary


Paul Gruber, Supervisor


Henry Nelson, Supervisor


Stanley Lammers, FSA Representative

Cc: Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, Speaker Robin Vos, Sheboygan County Board Members, Wood County Board Members, Sheboygan County Administrator Adam Payne

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CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 15, 2021
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference via WebEx

Present: Ray Bossert, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Scott Custer, Bruce Dimick, Gordon Gottbeheut, Tamas Houlihan, Ben Jeffrey, Kim Keech, Matt Krueger, Bill Leichtnam, Jen McNelly, Robert Sorenson, Cecile Stelzer-Johnson, Nancy Turyk, Gregg Wavrunek, Rachael Whitehair, Allison Werner, Shane Wucherpennig, Tim Wuebben and Don Ystad.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment:** None.

3. **Speaker – Matt Krueger, Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association
“Coming Together in Support of Clean Water & Resilient Farms”**

Bill Leichtnam introduced Matt Krueger of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association.
Webpage link: <https://wisconsinlandwater.org>.

Highlights of “Coming Together in Support of Clean Water & Resilient Farms” presentation:

- Non-profit, not-partisan 501(C)3 membership organization that supports the efforts of county Land Conservation Departments and Land Conservation committees.
- Mission Statement: To protect, conserve, and enhance Wisconsin's natural resources by advocating for and supporting county conservation efforts, for current and future generations.
- Membership organization. 71 of 72 counties are dues paying members.
- Only state that delivers local conservation delivery through counties versus state districts.
- 16 nominated member Board.
- Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association has 7 staff members located in Madison.
- Programs: Conservation Awards, Conservation Training, Policy & Advocacy, Technical Standards, Youth Organization.
- Standards Oversight Council is a collaboration of conservation agencies that oversees a team approach in development and maintaining technical standards for soil and water conservation practices in Wisconsin.
- Training Program: Developing a carbon farming pilot program at the staff level. Climate Change resources.
- Goal: More conservation efforts through partners, members and agencies.
- Food, Land & Water: Moving Forward report: Website link: https://wisconsinlandwater.org/files/events/Food_Land_Water_Report_Rev_1.pdf
- Clean Water Initiative: The Dairy Business Association is partnering with Clean Wisconsin, Nature Conservancy and Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association. "Clean Water Initiative" partnership has been on-going for almost 2 yrs. but not widely known to the general public until December 2020. Goal is to make investments in agriculture and conservation. Improve Wisconsin's non-point program. Support and compliance on all farms meeting agriculture performance standards. Ensure clean drinking water. More CAFO's have resulted in more farms with a struggle in for resources. Support current conservation efforts. Vision: Clean water and resilient farms for Wisconsin. Mission: Break down barriers and bring people together to protect and improve water quality, the environment and the future of agriculture. Website link: <https://www.dairyforward.com/page/cleanwaterinitiative>

Discussion followed.

4. **Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports:**

Bill Leichtnam shared the following at the meeting:

- A. Wisconsin Water Week was March 8-12 held virtually. UWSP Speaker Christopher Kucharik topic presentation “Nitrogen, Groundwater Quality and a Changing Climate Intersecting Challenges for

Wisconsin Agriculture” was informative. The last decade (2011-2020) has been 15% wetter than previous decades which has seen a significant nitrogen leaching into groundwater. Agriculture’s long-term reliance on nitrogen to maintain or increase crop productivity over the last several decades has contributed to increased nitrate concentrations in groundwater across Wisconsin. More manmade lakes are being formed 25 miles north of Madison. Nitrates are not being measured in irrigated water. Recommendations: Spread manure in spring and fall, cover crops, fall cover crops have trouble establishing, a higher frequency of extreme rainfall events will make nutrient management more challenging. Legacy nitrogen will be around for the next two generations. Stringent regulations just don’t work.

Additional comments from Vice Chair, Bruce Dimick on Wisconsin Water Week: Broader audience than in person. If using Zoom, it needs to be easier to navigate. 14 Mile Watershed did an exceptional job and presentation on Friday at Wisconsin Water week and doing an exceptional job.

- B. Senate Bill 152 – Legislation to prohibit the sale and use of coal tar-based sealants and high PAH sealant products. This is a statewide ban. Website link: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/proposals/sb152>
- C. In conjunction with River Alliance, there are posters available to encourage people to vote “yes” on the Clean Water Referendum on April 6th. Contact Christie Greening for posters. Clean Water referendum question on the April 6th ballot for Wood County, Portage County and Marquette County. Website Link: <https://voteforcleanwater.com/>

5. **Action Items:**

Tell the stories to the Joint Finance Committee in their virtual public hearings.

Joint Finance Committee 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Public Hearing is on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Website link: www.legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments.

6. **Roundtable**

- A. Bruce Dimick – There has been a 3 year surplus of water but precipitation has been down 4” since last October. If drought continues soil will look like 8 years ago.
- B. Allison Werner – There will be a letter to the editor in local newspapers regarding the Clean Water referendum question, yard signs and radio promotion.

7. **Announcements of members / visitors (upcoming parallel events / meetings)** Upcoming meetings and events were mentioned throughout the meeting.

8. **Future Speakers:**

April – George Kraft, professor emeritus UWSP. Tentative topic: “What we’ve learned from 30 Years of Groundwater Testing in Portage County”

A suggestion was made to have a local representative from the Wisconsin Farmers Union. Local representative for Wood County, Portage County and Waupaca County is Rachel Bouressa.

Tamas Houlihan will contact Entomologist Russ Groves about speaking to the group in May.

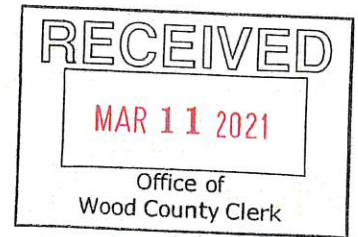
9. **Agenda Items for next meeting**

Agenda items should be submitted to Bill Leichtnam by the second Monday of the month.

10. **Next Meeting** Monday, April 19th, 2:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL)

11. **Adjourn Groundwater Group Meeting** Chair Bill Leichtnam adjourned @ 3:30 p.m.

Notes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office



cc: Corp Counsel
P-3
LWCD

March 8, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL / RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Certified Mail No. 7018 2290 0000 6886 8003

TO: Clerks for:

Town Clerk
Town of Sigel
6403 County Rd S
Rudolph, WI 54475

Town Clerk
Town of Seneca
3570 Elmhurst Rd.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

City Clerk
Wisconsin Rapids
444 W. Grand Ave.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

County Clerk
County of Wood
P.O. Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

RE: Request for local Approvals for Advanced Disposal Services Cranberry Creek Landfill, LLC
- Northern Expansion

Dear Clerk:

Advanced Disposal Services Cranberry Creek Landfill, LLC ("Cranberry Creek") is by way of this certified letter, formally notifying you that it intends to expand its current solid waste landfill facility located within the aforementioned municipalities.

You are being provided this notice because you are either an affected municipality as defined by Wisconsin Statutes §289.01 under the proposed expansion, or if outside the 1,500-foot landfill footprint boundary, an interested party for informational purposes.

The proposed landfill expansion would lie within property owned by Cranberry Creek located in Wood County within the municipality of the Town of Sigel.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §289.22, Cranberry Creek hereby requests that you notify it within the time required by the statute of any and all local approvals (as that term is defined in §289.33(3) (d); See also attached Standard Notice for description of local approvals) for the establishment and operation of a solid waste facility. Also, please advise whether the below described property is subject to a farmland preservation agreement, exclusive agricultural zoning, or is located in a preservation area identified on a certified county preservation plan.

The following information regarding Cranberry Creek's plans should assist you in responding:

Applicant Name/ Address: Advanced Disposal Services Cranberry Creek Landfill, LLC
2510 Engel Rd
Wisconsin Rapids WI, 54495

Type of Facility: Horizontal and vertical expansion of
existing mixed municipal solid
waste landfill.

Landfill Location: See attached map

Legal Description: See attached legal description of the site including the area within which the
proposed Northern Expansion is located

List of Affected Municipalities: Town of Sigel
Town of Seneca
City of Wisconsin Rapids
Wood County

Enclosed for your reference is a copy of a printed "Standard Notice" prepared by the Wisconsin Waste Facility Siting Board (WFSB). Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §289.22(2) Cranberry Creek is required to submit a copy of this notice to you along with this request for identification of your local ordinances.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRANBERRY CREEK LANDFILL

Erik Hanson

Erik Hanson
District Manager

Enclosures Legal Description of Site
 Site Location Map
 WFSB Standard Notice

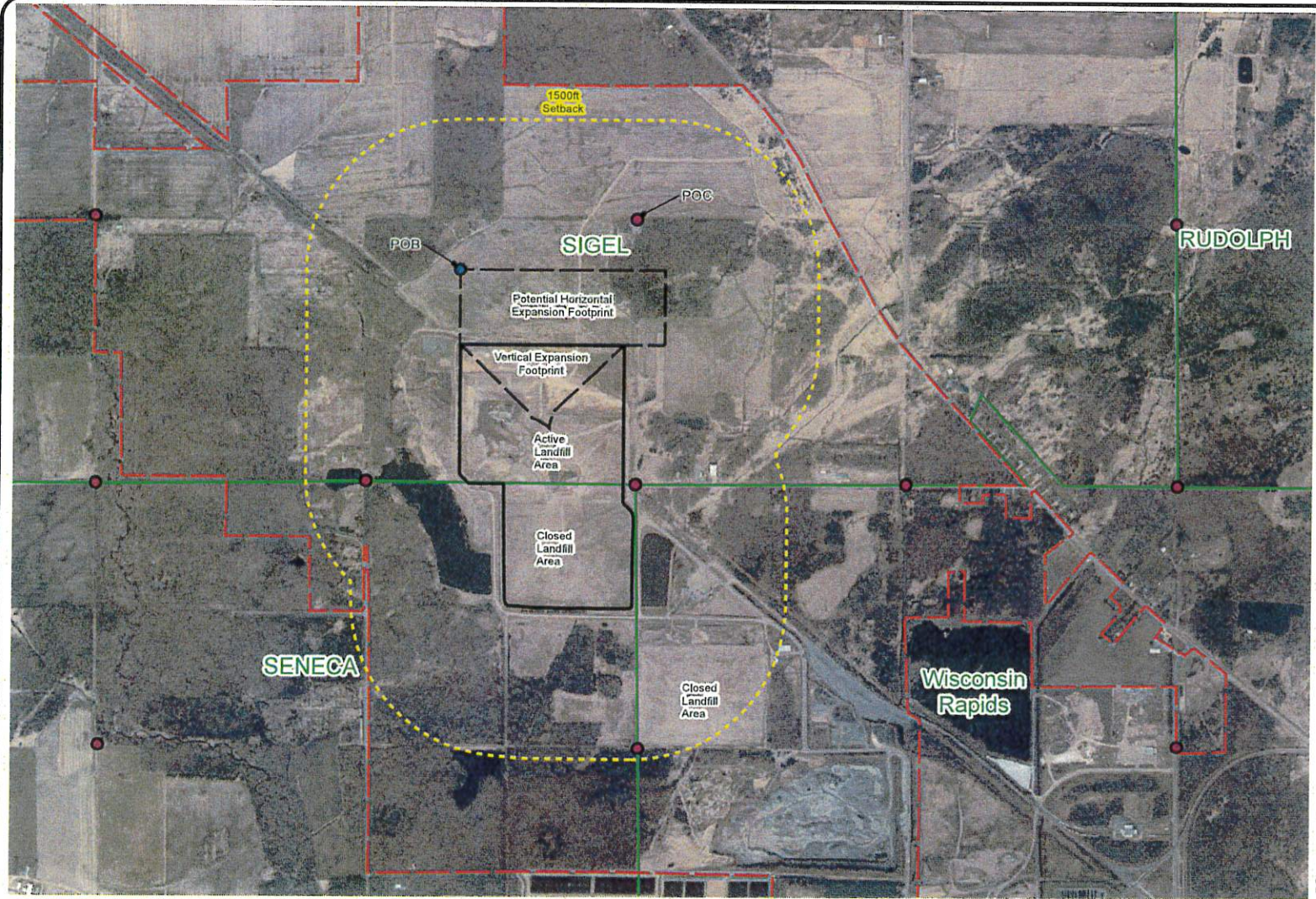
Cc:

Tyler Field -- Waste Management
Todd Hartman -- Waste Management
Waste Facility Siting Board, (5005 University Avenue, Suite 201 Madison WI. 53705)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF CRANBERRY CREEK LANDFILL
WITH POTENTIAL NORTHERN EXPANSION

Part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 35, and part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 36, both being located in Township 23 North, Range 5 East in the Town of Sigel, and part of the NW ¼ and the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 22 North, Range 5 East in the Town of Seneca, all in Wood County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the East ¼ corner of said Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 5 East; thence N89°56'11"W, 1720.10 feet along the North line of the Southeast ¼ of said Section 35; thence S00°03'49"W, 516.59 feet to the point of beginning of lands to be described; thence S 00°00'00" W, 2041.52 feet; thence S45°00'00"E, 156.87 feet; thence S89°59'59"E, 321.28 feet; thence S00°13'06"E, 42.25 feet; thence S00°50'40"E, 438.30 feet; thence S00°22'21"E, 27.35 feet; thence S00°16'59"E, 61.77 feet; thence S00°30'46"E, 72.68 feet; thence S00°36'32"W, 34.47 feet; thence S01°15'44"E, 66.35 feet; thence S01°47'19"E, 18.04 feet; thence S01°30'15"E, 47.03 feet; thence S00°51'54"E, 71.50 feet; thence S01°46'01"E, 217.49 feet; thence S01°50'24"E, 50.20 feet; thence S12°18'11"E, 27.28 feet; thence S36°16'55"E, 18.63 feet; thence S59°36'39"E, 9.52 feet; thence S76°35'59"E, 18.13 feet; thence S85°22'48"E, 42.12 feet; thence S87°17'41"E, 27.58 feet; thence S84°51'11"E, 19.64 feet; thence S84°36'54"E, 53.31 feet; thence S85°29'19"E, 55.98 feet; thence S86°32'22"E, 37.16 feet; thence S89°01'36"E, 93.14 feet; thence S88°55'28"E, 53.93 feet; thence S89°03'13"E, 91.16 feet; thence S88°33'05"E, 116.49 feet; thence N89°39'17"E, 144.89 feet; thence S89°56'18"E, 98.56 feet; thence S89°35'36"E, 59.37 feet; thence S89°36'48"E, 138.92 feet; thence N89°51'55"E, 112.79 feet; thence N87°42'16"E, 34.62 feet; thence N60°56'33"E, 15.40 feet; thence N44°16'27"E, 8.58 feet; thence N13°09'28"E, 13.85 feet; thence N01°59'07"E, 22.52 feet; thence N00°06'13"W, 130.52 feet; thence N00°46'59"W, 125.75 feet; thence N00°16'18"W, 153.83 feet; thence N00°28'11"E, 142.16 feet; thence N01°40'40"E, 138.86 feet; thence N01°50'07"E, 105.91 feet; thence N00°30'17"E, 69.27 feet; thence N12°35'23"W, 26.96 feet; thence N23°29'52"W, 8.16 feet; thence N31°41'45"W, 32.11 feet; thence N41°32'57"W, 49.53 feet; thence N48°39'11"W, 59.77 feet; thence N00°00'00"W, 1571.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"E, 400.00 feet; thence N00°00'00"W, 750.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"W, 2000.00 feet; to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 5,246,495± square feet or 120.44± acres.



LEGEND

- Approximate Property Boundary
- Existing Landfill Footprint
- Vertical Expansion Footprint
- Potential Horizontal Expansion Footprint
- 1500ft Setback
- WI Municipal Boundaries
- PLSS Section Corners And Quarter Quarter Corners
- POB

LEGAL DESCRIPTION INFORMATION

POC = Point of Commencement for legal Description

POB = Point of Beginning for legal description

AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES

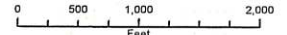
Affected County:
Wood County

Affected Townships:
Seneca and Sigel

Affected Cities:
Wisconsin Rapids

SOURCES:

1. Municipality Boundaries source is WI Legislative Technology Services Bureau (Spring 2019).
2. PLSS Source is Wisconsin Survey Control Finder Website (exported February 24, 2021).
3. Aerial Image source is the Wood County Orthos (March 2015).



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Wisconsin Central FIPS 4802 Feet
Datum: North American 1983

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DES BY	CHK BY	APP BY

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WASTE MANAGEMENT
CRANBERRY CREEK LANDFILL
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISCONSIN

**NORTHERN EXPANSION
AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES**

FIGURE NO.
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PROJECT NO.
209-4211247



**State of Wisconsin
Waste Facility Siting Board**

4822 Madison Yards Way, 5th Floor North
Madison WI 53705-5400
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Dale Shaver
Chairman

Brian Hayes
Executive Director

STANDARD NOTICE

**TIME LIMITS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATION AND ARBITRATION PROCESS
FOR THE SITING OF A SOLID OR HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY
UNDER SEC. 289.33, WISCONSIN STATUTES.**

PLEASE READ ALL PAGES CAREFULLY.

This notice informs a municipality of the actions and deadlines required to qualify for participation in negotiations and arbitration concerning the proposed siting of all new or expanded solid or hazardous waste facilities in the state of Wisconsin.

This standard notice shall be submitted with any written requests for local approvals by the applicant to the clerk of each affected municipality and to the main public library in each affected municipality. s. 289.22(1m)(2) and s. 289.32, Wis. Stats.

Who is the Waste Facility Siting Board?

The Waste Facility Siting Board is an impartial body composed of six members. These members include the secretaries, or their formally appointed designees, of the Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Transportation, Safety and Professional Services and two town elected officials and one county elected official appointed by the governor for three year terms.

What does the Waste Facility Siting Board do?

The Waste Facility Siting Board administers the negotiation and arbitration process for the siting of every solid and hazardous waste facility in the state of Wisconsin.

The board's authority is created by law in Chapter 289, Subchapter III, Wis. Stats. The intent of the law is to create and maintain a comprehensive and effective policy of negotiation and

arbitration between an applicant for a waste facility license and a local committee representing the affected municipalities.

Who is an Applicant?

An “applicant” is any person applying for a license or the owner or operator of a facility.

What is an Affected Municipality?

An affected municipality is any town, village, city, or county:

- (a) where any or all of the proposed waste site will be located, or
- (b) whose boundary is within 1500 feet of the facility designated in the feasibility report for the disposal of solid waste or the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous waste.

An applicant that is a municipality or is under contract with a municipality for development of the site, is not considered an affected municipality for purposes of negotiation.

What is an Additional Municipality?

An additional municipality is any town, city, village, or county which does not qualify as an affected municipality but is included in the negotiation and arbitration process by written agreement of the applicant and the participating affected municipalities.

How does the negotiation-arbitration process begin?

The process is initiated by the applicant. Before submitting a feasibility report to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the applicant must submit by certified mail to the clerk of each affected municipality a written request for specification of all applicable local approvals. The municipality has 15 days to respond.

What is a “local approval”?

The term “local approval” is defined in s. 289.33(3)(d), Stats. It essentially means any requirement, restriction, condition, or prohibition imposed by a municipality on a waste facility site by ordinance, resolution, or regulation.

The law gives special weight to “pre-existing local approvals.” Pre-existing local approvals are those that have been in effect at least 15 months before the applicant submits to DNR an initial site report or a feasibility report, whichever happens first. A new or expanded waste facility is subject to pre-existing local approvals unless specified as inapplicable in a negotiated agreement or an arbitration award. A new or expanded waste facility is not subject to other local approvals unless specified as applicable in a negotiated agreement.

If an Affected Municipality wants to negotiate with the applicant concerning the site what is required?

There are three requirements.

First, an affected municipality must pass a siting resolution within 60 days of receipt of the applicant's initial written request for local approvals. If this deadline is missed, a municipality may not participate in negotiations. A copy of the siting resolution must be sent to the board within 7 days of passage.

Each affected municipality that wishes to negotiate with the applicant about the proposed facility must pass a siting resolution which shall state the following:

- (1) the name and location of the municipality,
- (2) the name and location of the applicant,
- (3) the specific location of the proposed facility, and
- (4) the municipality's intent to negotiate and, if necessary, arbitrate with the applicant concerning the proposed facility.

Second, an affected municipality must appoint members to the local committee within 60 days of receipt of the applicant's request for local approvals. Names and addresses of local committee members must be sent to the Waste Facility Siting Board within 7 days of appointment.

Each affected municipality that wishes to negotiate with the applicant must appoint members to the local negotiating committee. Each town, village, or city where all or part of the proposed waste facility is to be located may appoint 4 members, or 2 more than the total number of all other members, whichever number is greater; no more than 2, however, may be elected officials or municipal employees. Each county where all or any part of the proposed waste facility will be located may appoint 2 members. Every other town, village, city, or county within 1500 feet of the proposed waste facility may appoint 1 member. Appointment of members may be included in the siting resolution or in a separate resolution.

Third, each member appointed to the local committee must file with the Waste Facility Siting Board a Statement of Economic Interests within 15 days of appointment. A member who fails to file a Statement of Economic Interests may not serve on the local committee.

These forms are available at no cost from the Waste Facility Siting Board.

What is required if an Additional Municipality wants to negotiate with the applicant concerning the site?

There are four requirements.

First, an additional municipality must receive written agreement of all parties to be added to the process.

Second, an additional municipality must pass a siting resolution within 30 days of the agreement between the parties to allow participation by the additional municipality. A copy of the siting resolution must be sent to the board within 7 days of passage.

The siting resolution must state the following:

- (1) the name and location of the municipality,

- (2) the name and location of the applicant,
- (3) the specific location of the proposed facility, and
- (4) the municipality's intent to negotiate and, if necessary, arbitrate with the applicant concerning the proposed facility.

Third, an additional municipality must appoint one member to the local committee within 60 days. The name and address of the local committee member must be sent to the Waste Facility Siting Board within 7 days of appointment.

Fourth, the appointed member to the local committee must file with the Waste Facility Siting Board a Statement of Economic Interests within 15 days of appointment. A member who fails to file a Statement of Economic Interests may not serve on the local committee.

These forms are available at no cost from the Waste Facility Siting Board.

When may negotiations begin?

Negotiations may begin at any time after notification by the Waste Facility Siting Board. The board will send a notification of participation to the applicant and the clerk of each participating municipality within 5 days after the board receives copies of the resolutions and names and addresses of members appointed to the local committee, or within 72 days after all affected municipalities have received written request for local approvals. This notice will identify the participating municipalities, identify the names of the members of the local committee, and inform the parties that negotiations may begin.

If, for error or change in plans, the applicant must add any other affected municipality following the board's notification of participation, that affected municipality shall have the same rights and obligations as outlined above. The board may issue an order delaying negotiations until that affected municipality has time to act. This procedure is outlined in s. 289.33(6)(c), Stats.

Either the applicant or the local committee may initiate negotiations. The time and place of negotiating sessions are determined by agreement between the applicant and the local committee. Negotiating sessions must be open to the public.

What issues can be negotiated?

Any subject may be negotiated except the need for the facility and any proposal that would make the applicant's responsibilities less stringent than required by the Department of Natural Resources. Either party may petition the board in writing for a determination as to whether a proposal is negotiable. The board will conduct a hearing and issue a binding decision in 14 days.

If a negotiated settlement is reached, what is required?

There are two requirements.

First, the agreement must be approved by all appropriate bodies.

An appropriate body is the governing body of each town, city, or village where all or a portion of the waste facility is to be located. If the agreement is approved by all of the appropriate bodies, the agreement is binding on all participating municipalities.

Second, if the agreement is approved, the applicant shall send a copy or notice of any negotiated agreement to the Waste Facility Siting Board and to the Department of Natural Resources within 10 days after the agreement is approved by all appropriate bodies. If the agreement is not approved by all of the appropriate bodies, the agreement is void. The parties may resume negotiations, begin mediation, or initiate arbitration.

Who initiates mediation?

Either party may request a mediator at any time during the negotiation.

Who is the mediator?

The board maintains a list of competent, impartial, disinterested persons consisting of lawyers, retired judges, and professional mediators who serve as mediators.

Who chooses the mediator?

Upon receipt of a request for a mediator, the board will immediately send the parties a list of 5 mediators. The parties shall alternately strike names until one name is left who will be appointed by the board.

What is the role of the mediator?

The role of the mediator is to encourage a voluntary settlement. The mediator may not impose a settlement on either party.

Who pays for the mediator?

Unless specified in the negotiated agreement or the arbitration award, the costs of the mediator will be shared equally by the applicant and the local committee.

What happens if the mediator fails to bring settlement?

The parties may resume negotiations or initiate arbitration.

Who initiates arbitration?

The applicant or the local committee may petition the board jointly or separately to initiate arbitration.

Arbitration may not be initiated until at least 120 days after the appointment of the local committee.

A statement in response to a unilateral arbitration petition must be filed within 14 days.

What issues can be arbitrated?

Only eight issues can be arbitrated. These issues are:

1. Compensation to any person for substantial economic impacts which are a direct result of the facility including insurance and damages not covered by the waste management fund.
- 1m. Reimbursement of reasonable costs, but not to exceed \$20,0000, incurred by the local committee relating to negotiations, mediation and arbitration activities under this section.
2. Screening and fencing related to the appearance of the facility. This item may not affect the design capacity of the facility.
3. Operational concerns including, but not limited to, noise, dust, debris, odors and hours of operation but excluding design capacity.
4. Traffic flows and patterns resulting from the facility.
5. Uses of the site where the facility is located after closing the facility.
6. Economically feasible methods to recycle or reduce the quantities of waste to the facility. At facilities for which the applicant will not provide or contract for collection and transportation services, this item is limited to methods provided at the facility.
7. The applicability or non-applicability of any pre-existing local approvals.

If requested by either party, the board will rule on the arbitrability of a specific issue.

Once initiated, how does the arbitration process work?

Within 15 days of receipt of a petition to initiate arbitration, the board will issue a decision either to have the parties continue negotiation for at least 30 days, delay arbitration until a feasibility report is submitted, or order the parties to submit their final offers within 90 days. If, when ordered by the board, the applicant fails to submit a final offer within 90 days, the applicant may not construct or operate the facility. If the local committee fails to submit a final offer in 90 days the local committee loses all rights to further negotiation and the facility is not subject to any local approval.

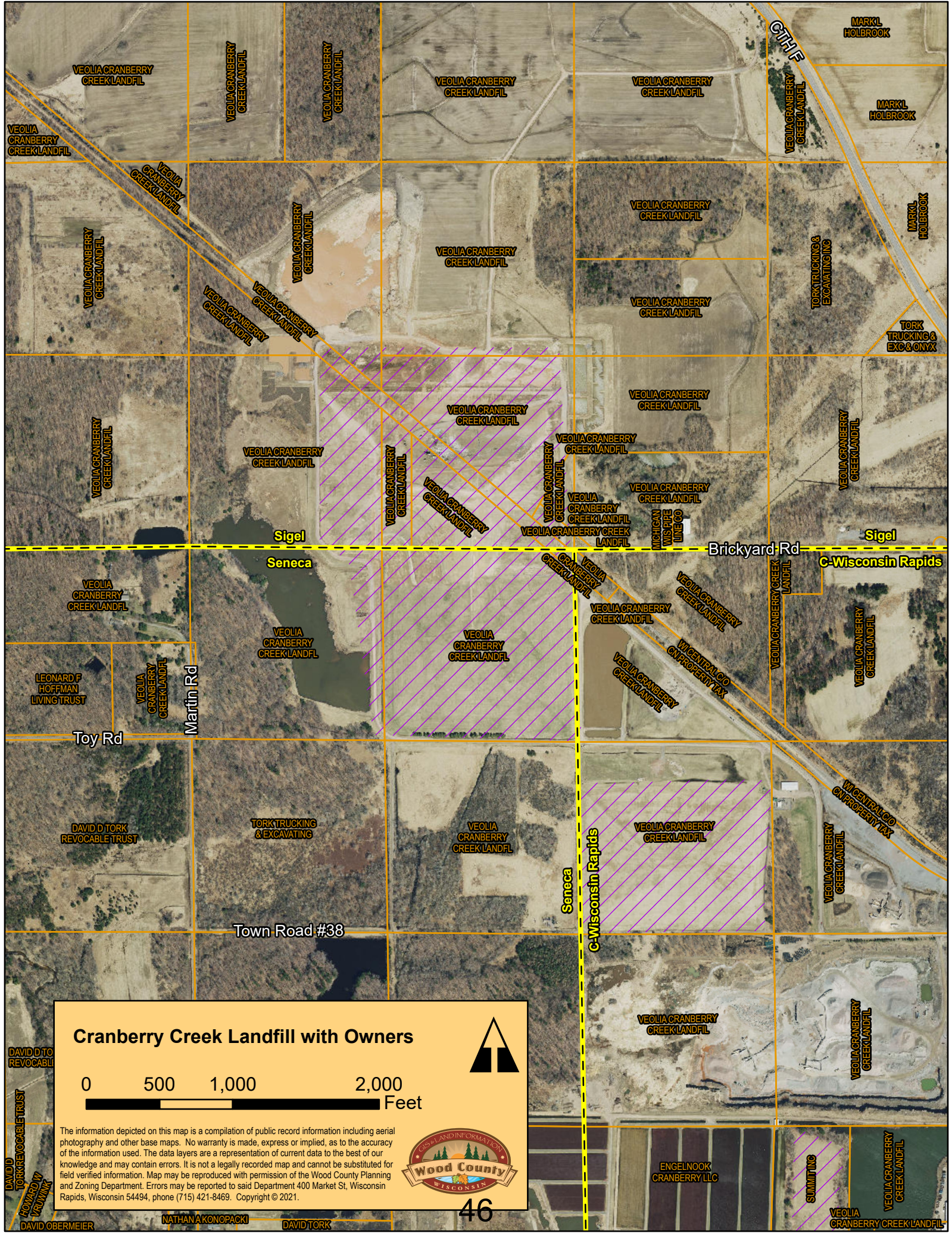
Within 30 days after the last day for submitting final offers, the board shall conduct a public meeting for the parties to explain their final offers.

Within 90 days after the last day for submitting final offers, the board will issue an arbitration award. If the board fails to issue an award because it lacks the necessary five votes, the governor will issue an arbitration award within 120 days after the last day for submitting final offers.

The board's arbitration award is binding on the applicant and the participating municipalities.

The information presented here serves as a guide to help affected and additional municipalities comply with the negotiation-arbitration laws concerning siting of solid and hazardous waste facilities under s. 289.33, Stats. For specific legal advice, or changes in the statute or administrative rules, an applicant or affected municipality should consult its attorney or contact the Waste Facility Siting Board, 4822 Madison Yards Way, 5th Floor North, Madison, Wisconsin 53705-5400, (608) 266-7709, FAX: (608) 264-9885.

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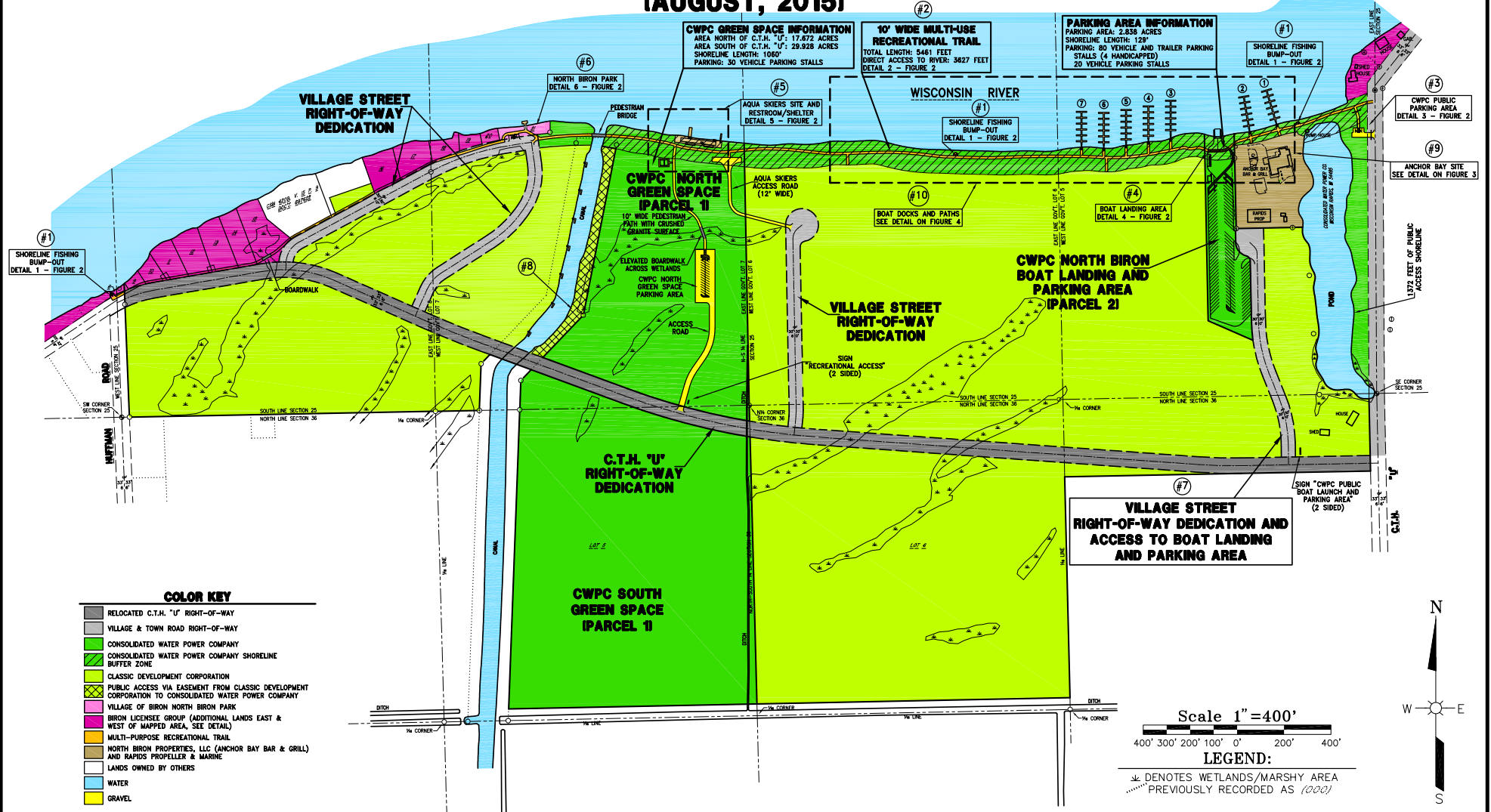
Cranberry Creek Landfill with Owners



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UPDATED FIGURE 1 - CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY 2014 LICENSE AMENDMENT APPLICATION (AUGUST, 2015)



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CLIENT: **CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY**
PROJECT: **BIRON FLOWAGE LAND EXCHANGE**
TITLE: **PROJECT MASTER PLAN**

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DESIGNER: LARRY KOOPMAN
DRAWN BY: PAT PAZUREK
DATE: JULY 21, 2015
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DWG. NO. 8982-DN-1-B
PROJECT NO. 04-134
PLAN SHEET **1** OF 7 SHEET(S)

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Dennis Lawrence-Executive Director-North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Jeff Brewbaker-Code Administrator-Wood County Planning & Zoning; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- Wood County currently has 78 active cases of COVID-19.
- There is a variance out there of COVID-19.
- Last week 730,000 people filed for unemployment.
- The governor's budget has been released.
- The federal stimulus package is still being discussed.
- The solar project is moving forward. They will hold a pre-construction meeting soon. Discussion will include workforce for this project.
- Discussion continues regarding Verso and the multi-stakeholder cooperative. There is some optimism about moving forward should Verso decide to sell.

Meredith Kleker-Wisconsin Rapids CVB (via email):

- Our official 2021 Wisconsin Rapids Area Visitors Guide is available both in print and online, <https://www.visitwisrapids.com/visitors-guide>. Businesses and groups that would like copies can pick them up at our office or call to arrange delivery.
- Due to health precautions, WIAA has changed to one day more regional events. Our area hosted WIAA Hockey Division I and II championship last Saturday and will be hosting Division I Gymnastics this Saturday. The South Wood County Recreation Complex and the athletic staff at Lincoln High School have worked very hard to clean, implement and maintain safety protocols.
- We are working on updating the Wood County information on <https://northcentralwisconsin.com/>, the North Central ITBEC website. If anyone has additions please email them to me.

Scott Larson-MACCI:

- We continue to follow PPP and helping businesses with questions regarding it. There are not as many inquiries this time around regarding PPP.
- We continue to follow what is going on with legislature from both the federal and the state as it relates to COVID legislation and the state budget communications. There has been good news with some of the bills that have come out on the state level with liability protection being moved forward.
- The Central Wisconsin Days event will take place on March 2nd at 9:00am. This will be a virtual event this year. Follow this link to sign up: <https://centergy.simplertix.com/>.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- The Farm Show at the Marshfield Mall took place last weekend. There were about 100 vendors and attendance was average.
- We continue to work on the sports tourism feasibility study. We are hoping to identify new opportunities to do sporting events and what facilities would be needed.
- We were able to secure an additional baseball event this year that is typically held in La Crosse.
- We are hoping to hold our Maple Fall Fest in September.
- We had an initial meeting to talk about the upcoming 150th anniversary of Marshfield in 2022.

- Wenzel Plaza hosted a small event this last weekend with outdoor music, campfires, music and beer. Attendance was low but the event will take place again this weekend and the weather should be better.
- The 16th annual Antique Snowmobile show will be held at the Marshfield fairgrounds from August 6th through the 8th.
- Hotel occupancy continues to be low around 30 to 35%.

Nancy Turyk-UWEX:

- I have been on a team that is being led by the City of Wisconsin Rapids in partnership with students from UW Madison, through the UniverCity program. They plan to host a cultural festival in South Wood County so people can learn about the different kinds of culture we have in the area. The team decided to put out a survey so people could express what they would like to see at this kind of festival.

Kristie Rauter-Egge-WC Health Department:

- We received our allotment of vaccines very late, due to inclement weather in the southern states. Because of this, we had to cancel our vaccination clinic in Marshfield and reschedule for next week.
- We received 500 doses of the vaccine. We have been told to expect a 20% increase in our allotment in the month of March for April. From there we can expect a 25% increase in our allotment in either May or June.
- We are starting to look for an alternate drive through vaccine clinic location, as the airport will start getting busier.
- The state has recently let us know that they are holding some of the vaccines back for educators. This will help facilitate a coordinated effort and not duplicate requests.
- We will keep our website updated as to which groups will be able to be vaccinated next. We continue to work through the 65 and older group; from there we will work on other eligible groups.
- We have put out some information on double masking.
- Our COVID numbers continue to drop. We are seeing some of the lowest COVID numbers since September.
- The Bikeshare program will roll out this year and see a shipment of bikes in March.

Josh Miller-City of Marshfield:

- Earlier this week we adopted our Sewer Service Area Plan, which will allow us to expand and have construction projects in our new industrial area.
- We are moving forward on our TIF district. We got approval to rezone some of that land. TID 12 will be our new industrial district. It will be beneficial having more land that is industrial.
- Economic Development Board (EDB) is working on their strategic plan. A draft was composed in February.
- Our construction season is starting out busy already. With the weather getting nicer, we are already getting a flood of building permits, which is a good sign.

Redi Plan update-Nancy & Jason:

- The REDI plan draft has been presented to the partners working on the plan. Next week the plan will be discussed at the March 3rd Ceed meeting. Suggestions for edits and changes will be made and from there the plan will go to County Board in either March or April. This County Board meeting will serve as the public comment meeting.
- For the most part, the work groups are planning to have special sub-groups working on the following initiatives:

Economic Development

Develop a diverse and sustainable economy in Wood County.

- Establish an entrepreneurial "ecosystem" in Wood County.
- Transform the economic development network to a collaboration economic development group.

Quality of Place

Wood County is a vibrant and diverse community to live, grow, work, and play.

- Ensure robust technology infrastructure exists throughout the county for residents and businesses. Includes broadband, internet, and cell coverage
- Develop a plan to address the housing needs throughout Wood County.
- Develop a branding strategy to let others know that Wood County is a vibrant and diverse community to live, grow, work, and play.
- Support Central Place initiatives to provide one site that promotes arts, cultural assests, and entertainment in Wood County.
- Develop a combined countywide outdoor recreational trail/boat access/beach map to increase use and attract tourists and new residents.

Quality of Place - Additional Initiatives

Implementation of the following are critical to successful economic development in Wood County but will be led by the County independent of the REDI planning team.

- Update the Wood County Comprehensive Plan.
- Improve health outcomes by complimenting the Wood County Health Plan.
- Improve health, equity, and resilience and reduce expenses by implementing the Wood County Energy Plan.

➤ Next EDR meeting: Thursday March 11, 2021 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 10:02 am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- We may move to a monthly meeting and discuss REDI implementation more so than COVID recovery.
- The next couple of meetings we may need to discuss the \$1.9 trillion dollar stimulus package and getting the information about the package out to businesses and individuals.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has provided guidelines for individuals that have been vaccinated. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
- Schools will be returning to full time, in person schooling in Marshfield after spring break. Wisconsin Rapids is going to a four-day, in-person school week on March 15th.
- It is estimated that most people should be vaccinated by the beginning of summer.
- Wood County COVID cases are down with only 43 active cases at this time.
- There is a group working on wayfinding signage in South Wood County right now. A Heart of Wisconsin Leadership class is spearheading that project.
- The Wood County Solar project is moving forward. A pre-construction meeting was held earlier this week to meet with the contractors to get an idea of the timeline and workforce needs for the project. Around two hundred workers will be needed. Positions will be posted on the IBEW388 website.

Scott Larson-MACCI:

- We will be spending time communicating the details of the new stimulus package to businesses.
- We are working on updating some of our promotional materials with "Marshfield in Motion" getting some final edits and planned to be out by the end of the month.
- We are starting to talk about communications on the marketing grant we received from the CEED committee.
- Gov. Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 2 (AB 2) into law, which will protect thousands of Wisconsin small businesses from facing hundreds of millions of dollars in unexpected taxes on loans received through the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
- We had the Central Wisconsin Days legislative visit, virtually, last week. There were over fifty legislative visits. Participation was good and the visit went well. Topics of discussion included; Broadband, Sixty Forward Initiative, Competitive Wisconsin Inc. Bebold4, and the Future Farming Center.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- We did a press release last week with Channel 9 for Maple Fall Fest. We are hopeful that this event will take place in September on the 18th and 19th. We have gotten a lot of calls and emails from potential vendors.
- The sports study is gearing up. We will be doing some phone interviews next week and reviewing some survey data.
- The latest travel sentiment study shows that of the one thousand adults in the US that were interviewed, eighty-four percent have travel plans in the next six months. Fifty percent of the people

have travel plans in the next one to five months. This shows people are definitely thinking about travelling and feel it can be done safely. We are also starting to see people being more open to visitors coming to their community.

- Meredith, our team from Stevens Point and I are applying for another Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grant through the State Department of Tourism. This will help us keep pushing forward and expanding our efforts with Centralwisconsin.com and working on a regional marketing effort.
- We are working with a group of people to start planning for Marshfield's 150-year anniversary celebration.

Kyle Kearns-City of Wisconsin Rapids:

- With the nice weather, there is a lot of interest in the building season, housing opportunities and other projects that could bring some business growth.
- We continue to work on the EDA Cares Act grant that will potentially provide some funding for the Verso Mill project.
- The pursuit of creating a regional economic development page has come to the forefront. This roundtable group may be a key group in furthering that initiative.

Meredith Kleker-Wisconsin Rapids CVB:

- Our visitor guide is out both in digital and print form.
- Working together with Visit Marshfield, I have worked to update the Wood County portion of the North Central Wisconsin website on the "best ways" to come to Wood County in spring, summer, fall, winter and etc. It can be seen at <https://northcentralwisconsin.com/wood-county/>. I am open to any updates or suggestions for this webpage.
- The Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings are in their second round of play offs this weekend. They will advance to Virginia or Boston for the finals, if they win. Their new season will open mid-April.
- The Rafterers are proceeding with their season.
- The Tri-City Curling Club and Tri-Norse Ski Club opted not to have a season this year.
- Nekoosa Walleye days will be proceed at the end of March.
- We have been asked by Travel Wisconsin to be part of a pre and post familiarization fan tour for the Society of American Travel writers, this fall.
- We are looking to re-open our hiring process for a marketing person.

Betsy Wood-Incourage:

- We have a radio show where we talk about what we are doing at Incourage, but if there is something important that needs to be addressed, please contact us to discuss if we can highlight the topic on the radio show.

Kristie Rauter-Egge-WC Health Department:

- We are starting to get more vaccines next week. We have been getting about two hundred doses per week, but we have been notified that we should be getting six hundred doses next week along with seven hundred doses for educators and child care providers.
- Another group of people has been made eligible for the vaccine. Please see the press release on our webpage for details. <https://www.co.wood.wi.us/CurrentEvents.aspx?BlogPostID=2000>
- There are some scams going around where people are calling and posing as the Health Department. Please be aware and wary of these scams.
- As of March 10th, over fifty five percent of Wood County has been vaccinated.
- We continue to look for a facility on the south end of the county to hold our drive through vaccination clinics. If anyone has any ideas, please contact me.
- Wisconsin Rapids School District is doing surveillance testing so they can go to a four day, in-person school week. This is a voluntary test for the children in the hopes of keeping the kids safe and in school.
- ❖ Next EDR meeting: Thursday March 25, 2021 at 9:00am via teleconference
Adjourned at 10:02 am

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Executive Director

March 4, 2021

County Board of Supervisors
County Forest Committees
Wisconsin County Forests Association Members

RE: Investment Opportunity in the Consolidated Cooperative

Dear Members,

This letter comes to you on behalf of the Timber Producers Cooperative (TPC). You are likely aware of the initiatives by this group of dedicated forest industry professionals, taking action to return lost markets to local control by purchasing the Park Falls Pulp and Paper mill in Park Falls and the idled Verso paper mill in Wisconsin Rapids. These initiatives, referred to as the Park Falls Mill Cooperative and the Consolidated Cooperative respectively, are gaining traction and have the real potential to create a stable environment for strong timber markets to exist in Wisconsin.

Created as a legal entity filed under Articles of Incorporation for Cooperatives (WI §185.05), the Timber Professionals Cooperative Board of Directors is working diligently to revive and secure these lost markets for the long-term benefit and health of Wisconsin's vast renewable forest resources and those who rely on them, including foresters, landowners, loggers, log truckers, mill workers, recreationists and communities.

The shutdown of mill operations at Verso has likely impacted every County Forest's timber program to some extent, as well as the overall economic health of the region. We all must ask ourselves what value does a strong forest products industry in Wisconsin mean to us, to our individual counties and residents, to our personal lives and to the State.

To that end, TPC would like to gauge the interest of each County, with County Forest lands, in being a financial contributor to either Cooperative. This is not a commitment of funds but simply an inquiry of interest. The information will aid TPC in garnering additional support and critical financial backing.

It is never easy to ask for financial contributions, especially now with slow markets, but as you consider this request please weigh your decision against losses to your timber program and the economic impact of your community. One year's loss of revenue resulting from Verso's shut down is likely not an inappropriate value to assign to your decision of whether or not to participate. Another contribution option to consider is a dollar amount (\$1, \$2, \$5, etc.) for each county forest acre, similar to an acreage assessment.

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Wisconsin County Forests Association

Every county likely also has one, or more, economic development agencies who work towards promoting and protecting the economic health of your county. While it is not likely these agencies have funds available to contribute directly, participating financially in an effort to get these mills running and stabilized should fit directly into the goal of those programs. Please consider this as you review this request.

All contributions will be held in an escrow account within the TPC. The money will be held until such time that up to 10% of the Equity Fund may be used for professional fees such as pre-purchase engineering, legal fees, or other professional services. An advisory committee will manage this account and include TPC board members and representatives from landowners and industry supporters. Should these projects fail to be completed, all funds will be returned less any funds used for professional services and mailings. Additional details on returns on investments are yet to be determined.

To be clear, filling out the enclosed survey is not a commitment of funds. It is purely to gauge interest in investing in the Park Falls Mill Cooperative and/or the Consolidated Cooperative. Please consider bringing this information to your committees and/or Board as you see fit. If you are interested in contributing to the effort, please fill out the form and return it as instructed on the form.

Henry Schienebeck, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association and Don Peterson with the Wisconsin Wood Marketing Team are fantastic resources for both initiatives and welcome any questions. Their contact information is as follows:

Henry Schienebeck
henry@gltpa.org
(715) 661-1130

Don Peterson
don@renewableresourcesolutions.com
(906) 875-3720

From an Association standpoint, we will continue to support efforts to strengthen existing markets and reestablish those that have been lost, however we can. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. On behalf of TPC, thank you for considering this request. The support is greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,



Rebekah Luedtke
Executive Director

Enclosed: TPC Survey

CC: Timber Producers Cooperative
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
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This Timber Professionals Cooperative was formed and incorporated in July 2020 with the following purpose:

Our goal is to revitalize Wisconsin and Michigan's forest industry. Through the Timber Professionals Cooperative (TPC) we will own or co-own forest industry companies that utilize the trees we harvest. Local ownership will keep decision making focused on our livelihoods and the people who work in our regional economy. We are investing in the long-term health of the forests and opportunities for future generations.

The immediate goal is to pursue acquisition of the Verso mill in Wisconsin Rapids as part of a multi-stakeholder cooperative that could include mill workers, the community, landowners, and others. There is also interest in pursuing the acquisition of the Park Falls Pulp and Paper mill in Park Falls. To that end we are asking you to fill out the following short confidential survey to help TPC determine potential available equity to acquire this mill.

1. Please provide your current contact information. The TPC will follow up with survey respondents. If you have questions while taking the survey, contact Don Peterson at 906-875-3720.

County:

Contact Information:

2. How much of an investment would you be willing to make in the Verso/Rapids mill and/or the Park Falls mill?

\$0 - I have no interest in investing in either mill

\$1 - \$10,000

\$10,001 - \$25,000

\$25,001 - \$50,000

\$50,001 - \$100,000

\$100,001 - \$250,000

\$250,001 - \$500,000

\$500,001 +

3. What else do you want the TPC to know?

4. Is there anyone else you would recommend that we contact about investing in this mill?

Please email completed survey to don@renewableresourcesolutions.com

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2021 Wood County Economic Development Funding Request

Questions regarding eligible funding or this application should be directed to:

Jason R. Gruenberg, Director at 715-421-8478 or jgruenberg@co.wood.wi.us

Applicant Organization: Town of Grand Rapids

Mailing Address: 2410 48th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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Street Address (if different): Click here to enter text.

Web Site: www.townofgrandrapids.org

Organization Telephone: 715-424-1821

Contact Person/Title: Amber France, Town Board Supervisor

Contact Person Telephone: 715-218-6278 Email: amberdfrance@gmail.com

Wood County Economic Development Mission Statement:

Through collaboration and coordinated planning efforts with local and state partners, the Wood County CEED Committee will grow our economy by,

- *fostering a business friendly environment with a skilled workforce,***
- *maintaining and enhancing our quality of life,***
- *creating awareness of recreation opportunities,***
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The project is to connect the Wisconsin Rapids Ahdawagam Trail System to South Wood County Park and Lake Wazeecha and provide appropriate signage. The project will utilize an abandoned railroad grade that is owned by the City of Wisconsin Rapids. A portion of the trail is currently used as a snowmobile trail and maintained by the Kellner Knights Snowmobile Club. The trail will provide a safe and efficient means of transportation for those traveling to and from the City of Wisconsin Rapids for employment and recreation. It will increase opportunity for recreation activities such as biking, hiking, walking, and running between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Town of Grand Rapids, as well as surrounding communities the trail system connects to. The trail will also grow the local economy through tourism and outdoor recreation, as well as attract and retain families in the area.

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County funding will provide a ROI to Wood County in many ways. Connecting Lake Wazeecha to the Wisconsin Rapids Ahdawagam Trail System connects Nekoosa, Port Edwards, Wisconsin Rapids, Biron, and Grand Rapids increasing access to active transportation opportunities and allows residents to eat, shop, and participate in activities locally. This increases local spending and generates greater revenue for South Wood County. Numerous trail studies show that trails increase the value of nearby properties, boost local spending, make communities more attractive places to live, influence business location and relocation decisions, reduce medical costs by encouraging physical activity, provide reliable means of transportation while benefiting the environment, and increase tax revenues. The trail will preserve the natural landscape of the current abandoned railroad grade by doing minimal disruption to the current surface with the addition of hardpack in only areas of need. This low cost project is far outweighed by the economic benefit.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			
Office Supplies & Expenses			
Professional Services			
Conferences & Dues			
Misc. or Other	\$30,000	\$45,000	Donations and Town Park Funds
Total	\$30,000		

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2021 Wood County Economic Development Funding Request

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Applicant Organization: Central Wisconsin State Fair

Mailing Address: 513 E 17th St
Marshfield, WI 54449

Street Address (if different): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Web Site: <https://www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com>

Organization Telephone: 715-387-1261

Contact Person/Title: Dale Christiansen CWSF Executive Director

Contact Person Telephone: Same as above Email: cwsfexecdire@gmail.com

Wood County Economic Development Mission Statement:

Through collaboration and coordinated planning efforts with local and state partners, the Wood County CEED Committee will grow our economy by,

- *fostering a business friendly environment with a skilled workforce,***
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For the last 119 years, the Central Wisconsin State Fair has been Wood Counties' showcase to promote our communities' traditions, talents, diversity, vision, and agricultural heritage. Also, our fair strives to provide educational exhibits and entertainment for all visitors in a pleasant, family-friendly environment. Through advertising, our website, and social media pages, the fair draws in people from Chicago, the Twin Cities, and throughout the Midwest, making the CWSF a significant tourist attraction each year.

The primary purpose and driving force behind this event is the CWSF Junior Fair. The Junior Fair is the highlight of the year for our 4-H, FFA, and other youth organization members throughout Wood County. This event provides our youth with educational opportunities to develop their skills, nurture their passions, and form life lesson experiences that will be with them forever. By working with skilled volunteers and certified judges, youth receive the training they need and are challenged to get the most out of their experiences. They are encouraged to get involved in our community and work with our business leaders. This helps them to develop strong communication skills and establishes and grows self-confidence. In the end, we hope to help develop responsible, community-minded individuals that will grow into tomorrow's leaders.

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Over the years, the Central Wisconsin State Fair Junior Fair has always continued to provide a strong Return on Investment to the Wood County Community. It is a fact that some of our successful business owners today refer back to the start they received in 4-H and FFA and exhibiting at the fair. The economic impact that the fair has extended far beyond Marshfield and positively affects all of Wood County. With the attendance figures at 50,000 a year, we are attracting tourist dollars from outside wood county. During fair week, with our entertainers, vendors, carnival, and staff, we have over 1000 people moving in for a week. This allows them to patronize our hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and grocery and shopping centers.

The fair works directly with many of Wood Counties' non-profit. For many organizations such as 4-H, the Lions Club, and other groups, the fair serves as the year's primary fundraising event. This allows these organizations to get back out into their local communities and provide and promote positive community programs.

Furthermore, we provide the venue to showcase one of Wood Counties' major industries; Agriculture. As families become more removed from the farm and where their food comes from, we introduce and educate consumers on production agriculture. From the junior dairy show and the market animal sale to small animal science and crop and soil science, we strive to work with the junior fair exhibitors to educate the general public on these topics.

JUNIOR FAIR YEARLY EXPENSES

Item:	2018	2019
Premiums	\$11,927.00	\$10,793.50
Judges	\$4,978.60	\$5,103.50
Mileage Paid	\$2,342.60	\$2,132.86
Manure	\$3,552.00	\$3,125.00
Ribbons	\$2,779.00	\$4,548.50
Fair Entry	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Advertising		\$2,500.00
Insurance		\$4,500.00
Utilities / Water / Sewer	\$3,806.78	\$3,542.62
Free or discounted tickets	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Labor	\$2,775.00	\$3,775.00
PA System	\$250.00	\$550.00
Equipment Rental	\$2,150.00	\$1,900.00
Junior Fair Yearly Expense Total:	\$39,560.98	\$47,470.98

**There were 1,275 exhibitors and
4,012 Exhibits at the 2019 Fair.**

** The increase in labor cost is due to including Points that were left out in previous years su

2021 Estimate
\$11,000.00
\$5,200.00
\$2,200.00
\$3,500.00
\$4,500.00
\$2,500.00
\$3,000.00
\$5,000.00
\$3,800.00
\$2,500.00
\$11,000.00**
\$600.00
\$2,000.00
\$45,800.00

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