

MINUTES  
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017  
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

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

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn and Kim Keech.  
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski and Joel Ebert.  
UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley, Jodi Friday and Sarah Siegel.

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #16 Supervisor Lance Pliml, Josh Miller (Planner, City of Marshfield), Mark Borchardt (80 Feet is Enough), Thomas Hinke (80 Feet is Enough), Paula Hinke (80 Feet is Enough), Carolyn Maguire (80 Feet is Enough), Margaret Hansen (80 Feet is Enough), Jason Berry (80 Feet is Enough) and Bill Manor (80 Feet is Enough).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
  - A. Shane Wucherpennig attended the Judicial and Legislative Committee Meeting to update the committee on progress the LWCD & John Eron have paid in the last two months with the Wild Parsnip project. The committee decided two months ago to hold on drafting a resolution to encourage the state to declare Wild Parsnip as a state wide “noxious weed” as a result of John Eron’s request for a couple of months to finish some of the ground work he had started with Farm Bureau, etc.
  - B. Robert Ashbeck gave a brief summary regarding Marshfield Utilities accomplishments through the Groundwater Guardian Team.
  - C. Bill Leichtnam shared that there will be a Water Tour in Marshfield on June 21st with online registration online at [www.pdpw.org](http://www.pdpw.org).
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the May 3, 2017 and May 16, 2017 CEED meetings, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Justin Conner, Jeff Brewbaker, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert, Sarah Siegel, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Kyli Brown and Jeremy Erickson.
  - A. Minutes of May 3, 2017. No additions or corrections needed.
  - B. Minutes of May 16, 2017. No additions or corrections needed.
  - C. Department Bills. Shane Wucherpennig shared that the “NMFE - Incentive Payment” on Land & Water Conservation bills is a tuition reimbursement for a Nutrient Management Education Grant with no cost to the county.
  - D. Staff Activity Reports. No questions or comments.

*Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve and accept the May 3, 2017 and May 16, 2017 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Adam Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** Nothing new to report this month.

**6. Update from “80 Feet is Enough” group on Enbridge expansion opposition.**

Mark Borchardt updated “80 Feet is Enough” group’s opposition to Enbridge pipeline expansion. The theme of “80 Feet is Enough” is about property rights, property values and property safety. Several landowners from the Marshfield area shared experiences having a pipeline easement on their property and oppose Enbridge doubling the easement expansion. Mark Borchardt would like to see Wood County pass a resolution to reform Wisconsin eminent domain statutes to prohibit the forcible takings of citizen’s land for the private gain of for-profit pipeline companies. Brief discussion followed.

**7. Water Issues.**

- A. Discuss/action on resolution supporting full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Chairman Henkel commented that the Great Lakes need to be protected and supported no matter where a person resides. No fiscal impact to Wood County.

*Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve the joint resolution with Judicial & Legislative Committee to support full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

- B. Discussion of water issues on future agendas

*Motion by Adam Fischer to remove water issues and SE Wood County Groundwater update from the agenda moving under the Land & Water Conservation section for future agendas. Second by Robert Ashbeck.*

Bill Leichtnam asked if water issues and SE Wood County Groundwater update would be on the monthly agenda. Adam Fischer commented that the agenda would be reorganized. Brief discussion followed.

*Motion by Adam Fischer to amend his motion that all future items regarding water issues and SE Wood County Groundwater update to go through the appropriate department heads focused on a specific topic. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried 4-1. Bill Leichtnam has concerns that Water Issues and the SE Wood County Groundwater update will be swept under the rug.*

- C. SE Wood County Groundwater Group Report Peter Manley shared that the committee members want a more regional approach. SE Wood County Groundwater Group is looking for members to increase participation reaching out to the Central Sands counties and area legislatures. Currently, there are approximately 20 members on the SE Wood County Groundwater Group. Water Quality was the topic of discussion at the last meeting.

**8. Land & Water Conservation Department.**

UW-Stevens Point college student summer intern Joel Ebert introduced himself sharing his summer goals and focus with the committee.

- A. Multi-discharge Variance/Phosphorus Trading update Adam Groshek gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Multi-Discharge Phosphorus Variance in regards to the phosphorus law revisions. The Multi-Discharge Variance is a time extension for point sources facing restrictive phosphorus limits to comply with limits which is an opportunity for point sources to make meaningful strides towards water quality improvements in a more economically effective manner. Approval is on a case-by-case basis and implemented in a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. Shane Wucherpennig shared that the department will initially handle participation with existing staff. Shane Wucherpennig shared that Wood County will apply for Multi-Discharge Variance participation which will be an additional source of revenue for the 2018 Department Budget.

- B. Consider/action on resolution to amend the 2017 DATCP budget for unanticipated revenue  
Consider resolution to amend the 2017 DATCP Grant budget to account for unanticipated revenues to disburse as cost-share assistance for conservation practices that include, manure storage facilities, waste transfer facilities and vegetative treatment areas. No fiscal impact to Wood County.

*Motion by Kenneth Curry to amend the Land & Water Conservation budget and to seek County Board approval to amend the 2017 DATCP Grant budget for unanticipated state aid monies and to appropriate those monies to the DATCP grant budget expenditures. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.*

- C. Discuss Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council Summer Field Day – June 24, 2017 from 9 am-3 pm. Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council Summer Field Day will be Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Eron Event Barn, 3471 County Road C, Stevens Point. The event is free but pre-registration is required. Shane Wucherpfennig recommended that committee members attend because there will be a Low Disturbance Manure Injection demonstration. Chairman Henkel recommended and authorized committee members to attend the Mill Creek Watershed Council Summer Field Day.

- D. Update on manure complaints & violations Shane Wucherpfennig updated the committee regarding two major landowner violations:

Landowner #1

- a. A farmer had a manure spill overflowing that led to Mill Creek. Water samples from the discharge were taken upstream, at farm and Mill Creek with evidence of excessive levels of pollutants exceeding normal limits and entering “Waters of the State”. A citation of the violation of Wood County Ordinance #801 was issued which was paid by the deadline from the landowner.
- b. DNR determined that this farming operation is considered a “mid-sized CAFO” with no current CAFO permits. DNR is handling the CAFO violation which may eventually be referred to the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The farming operation doesn’t qualify for funding and the landowners have waived the right to cost sharing.

Landowner #2

There was evidence that a pit overflowed which violates Wood County Ordinance #801. A citation was issued with no payment received. Water samples were taken with evidence of excessive levels of pollutants exceeding normal limits and entering “Waters of the State”. An enforcement meeting with the Land & Water Conservation and the DNR will be scheduled. The violation is an automatic referral to the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

- E. Update on Wisconsin budget committee’s changes to release of sexually violent offenders  
Wisconsin is working to correct legislation requiring the county department overseeing Land & Water Conservation to help prepare a report identifying an appropriate residence for sexually violent offenders. Land & Water Conservation was incorrectly included in the legislation.
- F. 2017 RC&D dues Shane Wucherpfennig shared his concerns regarding payment of the 2017 RC&D dues of \$1,900 whether the department should pay the full amount or a partial payment. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that the RC&D primarily focuses on regional grant funding versus county specific projects feeling that the county in the past wasn’t getting enough bang for our buck. Kenneth Curry commented that he senses Shane Wucherpfennig’s hesitation in paying the budgeted amount in full.

*Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve Land & Water Conservation to pay the 2017 RC&D dues in the amount of \$800. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

## 9. UW Extension.

- A. nEXT Generation Reorganization Update Peter Manley shared the key milestones of the timeline of reorganization. Area Extension Director screening and interviews will begin in June along with reference checks and offers made. The goal is to have an Area Extension Director hired and oriented in July. County Board meetings and negotiations will be throughout the summer. Agreements on county budget, programs and staffing levels for 2018 to be made in September. Peter Manley commented that the committee shouldn't push for a one meeting decision but over several meetings. Chairman Henkel commented that the Extension Office is a vital part of Wood County and that a decision can't be made lightly encouraging committee members to educate other County Board members regarding the reorganization.
- B. Clean Sweep Resolution Peter Manley explained that the Clean Sweep Resolution authorizes the submittal of the Clean Sweep Grant application and authorizing the \$20,000 grant to be put in the Extension Budget.

*Motion by Adam Fischer to approve the resolution to authorize the submittal of a state grant application and the subsequent appropriation of County funds and outside donations for a Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep program for Wood County in 2018. Second by Bill Leichnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

- C. 4-H STEM Project Grant Peter Manley shared that the Wood County 4-H STEM Project has been awarded a 2017 Innovative Grant of \$1,920 from the UW-Extension North Central Region. The grant will be used to purchase Snap Circuits and Learn to Solder kits.

*Motion by Adam Fischer to accept the 2017 Innovative Grant. Second by Bill Leichnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

- D. Fair Accounting Options Peter Manley shared that Dale Christianson is the new Fair Manager of the Central Wisconsin State Fair sharing that Dale Christianson is uncomfortable being the Fiscal Manager. Mike Martin shared his concerns adding the Fiscal Manager duties on the Finance Department. Robert Ashbeck asked the committee to take action to become the Fiscal Manager of the fair. Adam Fischer shared that the CEED Committee should wait for a formal request from the Fair Association. Chairman Henkel commented that the Fair Association should make a formal writing request to the Executive Committee rather than the CEED Committee.
- E. Community Food Hub Jodi Friday and Sarah Siegel gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the benefits and challenges of getting a Community Food Center started in Wood County. Family Living and Foodwise are partnering together with South Wood County Hunger Coalition and Recreate Health. A community food center would provide up-to-date and research base for the community. A community event took place March 22nd at the McMillan Memorial Library with quarterly future meetings planned.

## 10. Planning.

- A. Consider resolution approving the updated and amended City of Marshfield Comprehensive Plan Adam DeKleyn shared that the City of Marshfield is requesting consent from the County Board of Supervisors to allow extraterritorial planning provisions in the City of Marshfield 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan. The request is a statutory requirement. The purpose of extraterritorial planning is to promote intergovernmental cooperation and communication by coordinating mutual agreement; provide for smoother transitions between rural and urban land uses; and makes planning for roads, utilities and land use easier. Josh Miller, City Planner for Marshfield shared additional background information on the plan. The Department has reviewed the plan and found that it does not conflict with any county planning programs or zoning ordinances. Adam recommended that the committee forward a resolution to the County Board with a favorable recommendation.

*Motion by Adam Fischer to allow the extraterritorial planning of areas outside of the boundaries of the City of Marshfield to be included in the City of Marshfield 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan. Second by Bill Leichnam. Motion carried with a vote 3-2. Robert Ashbeck has concerns of farmland being lost to the City of Marshfield. Kenneth Curry feels that the resolution should include surrounding towns approving the City of Marshfield Comprehensive Plan.*

**11. Economic Development.**

- A. Discussion of application process and eligible projects for 2018 Economic Development funding consideration Jason Grueneberg shared his concerns granting funding requests for 2018 Economic Development projects about what and how much should be funded. Jason commented that he would like to see money set aside in the budget for unanticipated economic development activities that may arise during the budget year. He is looking for a more standard way of making requests such as an application process specifying what the grant would be used for and how the grant would help Wood County. Discussion followed. Jason Grueneberg volunteered to develop a draft application for funding requests, timeline and eligibility guidelines project.
- B. Review and discuss draft mission statement for Wood County Economic Development Jason Grueneberg shared the Economic Development Mission Statement Draft #3 and Draft #4 for the committee to review making any recommendations to him before the next CEED meeting.

**12. Schedule Next Meeting.**

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wood County Courthouse in Room #115.

**13. Agenda items for next meeting.**

- A. Eminent Domain
- B. Economic Development Mission Statement & Economic Development funding parameters.

**14. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.**

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. before the Wood County Board meeting. Agenda items include Weed Commissioner and Land & Water Conservation resolution opposing reduced state funding.

**15. Adjourn.**

*Motion by Adam Fischer to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary  
Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office  
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on June 13, 2017 @ 10:18 a.m.)