

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 2019
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO TOUR SITES

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck (for part of tour), Dave LaFontaine and Bill Leichtnam.

Members Excused: Mark Holbrook

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam Dekleyn, Stevana Hamus, Jeff Brewbaker and Victoria Wilson.

UW Extension Staff: Matt Lippert, Laura Huber and Jason Hausler

Land Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Rod Mayer and Lori Ruess

Others Present: Donna Rozar, (Wood County Vice-Chair & Dist #2 Supervisor); Russ Biebl, (NRCS); Roy Diver, (NRCS); Maria Lewandowski, (Land Conservation-Past Intern);

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
2. **Public Comment.** None
3. **Committee tour of Wood County Land & Water Conservation, Planning and Zoning and UW Extension project areas.** Jason Grueneberg welcomed everyone to the 2019 CEED tour, introductions were made and the bus departed the Courthouse to the tour sites at 8:01 a.m.
4. **UW-Marshfield Ag Research Station (North Station).** Jason Cavadini gave us a tour of fields where they are experimenting with no till and cover crops.
5. **On-Site Waste Recycling.** Jeff Brewbaker and Stevana Hamus spoke about how different soils are analyzed on site to determine the type and where to install a septic system on a property.
6. **Wenzel Plaza.** (This item took place during lunch) At lunch, Josh Miller joined us to talk about the Wenzel Plaza and how it came about.
7. **Hewitt's Meats.** (Bob Ashbeck joined us at this point in the tour) John Franseen gave us a tour of the new facility and showed us much of the new equipment they use to process their large variety of meats. Sandwiches were purchased for lunch.
8. **Lunch.** We had our lunch at Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry where Josh Miller gave the Wenzel Plaza presentation. The bus drove by Wenzel Plaza for everyone to see.
9. **Coulee Mine Site.** This site was observed while on the bus. Shane Wucherpfennig gave an overview of the anticipated work to be done on this site.
10. **Glen Peplinski-Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.** Adam Groshek took us on a tour of Glen Peplinski's farm, specifically the 33.25 acres that are in the CREP program and spoke on how the program helps create pollinator friendly buffer strips, grasslands, woodland wildlife habitats and more.
11. **Return to Courthouse by 3:05 p.m.**
12. **Adjourn.** Chairperson Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office

