

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017
 MCMILLAN LIBRARY, ALL PURPOSE ROOM, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Ken Curry, Bill Leichtnam, Robert Ashbeck, Harvey Petersen

Adam Fischer was excused.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig

UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley, Jason Hausler, Katie Tomsyck,

Others present: Lance Pliml

1. Call to Order- Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. Public Comments. No public comments.

3. Land & Water Conservation Department

- A. Review/approve change to #801-Animal Waste Storage, Nutrient Management and Groundwater Protection Ordinance. Shane Wucherpfennig overviewed the proposed changes and explained that although the wording has changed, it does not give the LWCD any more or less regulatory authority. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve the changes to the #801 Animal Waste Storage, Nutrient Management and Groundwater Protection Ordinance. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve \$21,924 SEG money transfer from Adams County to Wood County. This money is specifically intended for Nutrient Management and no-till practices. Shane foresees this coming as a budget amendment sometime in 2018. Bob would like the county to have a no-till machine that people could rent out.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve the \$21,924 SEG money transfer from Adams County to Wood County. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Review/approve Multi Discharge Variance (MDV) application. Shane Wucherpfennig explained that this is money generated by the WI DNR. In 2018, Wood County will be eligible to receive over \$80,000, which would be earmarked to do conservation work where we set the priorities. By applying, Wood County would agree to develop a Watershed Resource Plan within 14 months. Shane explained that Wood County has already received funding to develop a plan, through the 9-Key Element plan grant. There is a potential that the funds could be larger in the future. Thirty-five percent of these funds can use administratively. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve the Multi Discharge Variance Application. Second by Harvey Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

4. UW-Extension

- A. UW-Extension Contracts. Jason passed the new contract out to the committee. This is now a calendar-year contract. The biggest changes are that the contracts now include

the position titles, not the individual names of the educators. Also, the discounts for the projected vacancy positions are included in the contracts. This is to minimize the reconciliation needed later on. Jason Hausler explained that the Corporate Counsel has looked this over and given his consent.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve the UW-Extension contracts. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Procedure for filling open & impending vacancies. Youth and Families and Communities Extension Education openings. Jason asked the CEED committee to consider filling the two open positions by reassigning internal UW-Extension educators from other counties whose positions have been cut due to budget constraints, instead of doing an open application process. These would most likely be tenured faculty members. Extension educators whose positions have not been cut or reduced would not be eligible to apply. There would be no cost difference to the county. The committee encouraged Jason to proceed with filling the position internally.
- C. 4-H Program Coordinator update. Jason Hausler and Peter Manley will be reviewing the 19 applicants tomorrow. Jason expects the position to begin on February 1. Ken Curry and Hilde Henkel will be part of the final interviews.

5. Agenda items for next meeting

Hilde reviewed the upcoming agenda for the next meeting. There will be a closed session for personnel reviews. The final agenda will be in the CEED committee packet.

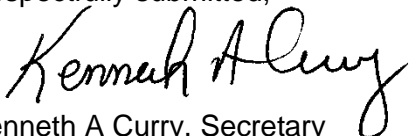
6. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. No additional meetings scheduled.

7. Adjourn.

Motion by Ken Curry to adjourn at 11:33am. Second by Bill Leightnam. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the meeting (approximately 12:00 Noon) a session on Envisioning Future Community Needs was held for two open Wood County UWEX positions. A quorum of the CEED Committee was present; however no action by the committee took place.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth A Curry, Secretary

Minutes by Katie Tomsyck, UW-Extension

Review for submittal to County Board by Ken Curry (approved on December 06, 2017)