

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, William Winch, Ken Curry and Ruth Moody.

Member Excused: Harvey Peterson.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff – Gary Popelka, Julie Akey and Jeff Brewbaker

UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley, Jodi Friday and Christine Hollar

Land Conservation Dept Staff – Shane Wucherpennig and Tracy Arnold

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Bill Clendenning and Amy Thorstensen (Golden Sands RC&D)

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
 - a. Gary Popelka distributed a copy of a letter received regarding issues on the proposed CAFO in the Town of Saratoga.
 - b. Peter Manley distributed a news release/informational sheet on the Hunger Coalition. Six local businesses/community organizations recently participated in "United We Can". Jodi Friday explained this was a friendly competition to solicit food donations from co-workers and then build sculptures utilizing the donated items. Wood County focused on the WIC program and created a 3-D sculpture of the Wood County logo. Friday reported Wood County came in 3rd place. It was noted all food collected from the sculptures will benefit local food programs.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the June 5, 2013 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, UW Extension and Land Conservation and 3) staff activity reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by William Winch to approve and accept the consent agenda items including the minutes of the June 5, 2013 CEED, bills from Planning & Zoning, UW Extension and Land Conservation, and the staff activity reports. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

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

6. **Land Conservation**

a. Non-metallic Mining Reclamation Program Update

- i. Tracy Arnold updated the Committee on a recent court case. B&R Excavating recently appeared in court for operating 45+ days without a permit. A forfeiture of \$2,498.50 was awarded to the County. It was further reported the Financial Assurance document and permit fee have now been submitted.
- ii. Tracy Arnold reported a frac sand mine site may be opening near Shane Wucherpennig's residence in the Town of Hansen. The Committee was informed Shane will not be reviewing the plans for this project if or when it is submitted.
- iii. Tracy Arnold reported she has been working with DNR officials on several bore hole abandonment violations. One cow fell into an open hole and had to be put down and another cow sustained injuries from slipping into a hole. Five companies were involved with this 80 acre parcel. The DNR is taking the lead on this matter and has referred this to the Dept. of Justice for further review.

- b. Approve Resolution to amend 2013 DATCP Budget It was reported Wood County Land Conservation Department will receive an additional \$50,345 (\$7,592 for staff and \$42,753 to disburse as cost share assistance) in unanticipated revenue for conservation practices that include manure storage facilities, barnyards, well decommissioning and stream bank restoration.

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to amend the 2013 Wood County DATCP grant budget for unanticipated state aid monies totaling \$50,345. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously..

- c. Approve Corrected Bid Summary for Brian Vruwink project Last month, the Committee accepted the low bid of \$50,868.33 from Becker Trucking for the Brian Vruwink barnyard and waste transfer system, as the basis for cost sharing pending verification by LCD staff for accuracy. Shane Wucherpfennig reported an error was found during the review process and Becker Trucking no longer has the low bid. Advanced Concrete & Excavation now has the low bid with \$55,218.07. It was also noted Becker Trucking was notified of the error and they concurred there was an error on their bid as submitted.

Motion by Ken Curry to accept the corrected bid of \$55,218.07 from Advanced Concrete & Excavation for the Brian Vruwink barnyard and waste transfer system, as the basis for cost sharing pending verification by Land Conservation Engineer that bid is accurate and complete. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Stream Monitoring Tracy Arnold reported Wood County will be monitoring nine stream sites for groundwater activity and their impact on streams and rivers.. It was further reported this project will cover a span of several years to collect the data.
- e. Nepco Lake Clean-Up Day Tracy Arnold reported there were 13-14 volunteers, including scuba divers, snorkelers and kayakers that helped clean up Nepco Lake.

7. University Extension

- a. Request to Attend Cranberry Research & Extension Conference The North American Cranberry Research and Extension Workers Conference will be held August 25-28, 2013 in Quebec, Canada. Wood County Agriculture Agent Matt Lippert has requested to attend this conference. This bi-annual event is the only national event where researchers and extension workers involved in cranberry production share research findings and tour local cranberry production systems. Peter Manley informed the Committee the entire cost (100%) will be covered by non-county sources. Brief discussion followed.

*Motion by Ruth Moody to approve Wood County Agriculture Agent Matt Lippert's attendance at the North American Cranberry Research and Extension Works Conference in Quebec, Canada on August 25-28, 2013, to be funded by non-county sources. Second by Ken Curry.
Voting Aye: Hilde Henkel, Ken Curry, Ruth Moody and Robert Ashbeck.
Voting Nay: William Winch (sees no value in going out of the country for this conference).*

- b. Updated Contracts Peter Manley distributed copies of the amended 133 State contract for Chris Viau, UW Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator for Committee signature. Brief discussion was held on the status of the two remaining 60/40 positions.

Motion by Ruth Moody to amend the 133 State contract for Chris Viau, UW Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Youth Leadership Christine Hollar, UW Extension 4-H Youth Developer Educator (job-shadowing Chris Viau), gave an overview of the Positive Youth Development Early Adolescents & Leadership Power-Point presentation. She highlighted the four types of

leadership as well as the two upcoming youth events: 1) Youth Learning Event on July 15 to be held at the Marshfield Sr. High School and 2) Power of YOUth Retreat on August 1-2, 2013 at North Wood County Park.

8. Planning & Zoning

- a. Consider Request for Waiver from s.702.04(7) Private Sewage Administration Ordinance
When the Wood County Private Sewage Administration Ordinance (#702) was amended in early 2010, there was a provision included that allows Holding Tank Systems for Low Flow Seasonal Dwellings. Currently, holding tank systems are a system of last resort in Wood County.

Wood Co Code Administrator Jeff Brewbaker presented a brief overview of the variance procedure, which includes:

- i. An application for a Sanitary Permit to install holding tanks to include a copy of a recorded affidavit from the property owner agreeing to the following:
 1. Owner agrees to install another type of system if any change of occupancy or use occurs which results in a design wastewater flow that exceeds 150 gpd.
 2. Water meter shall be installed to monitor water usage.
 3. Owner agrees to protect the designated soil absorption component location from disturbance/development.
 4. Owner agrees to sign/record an affidavit stating this will not be a primary residence.
 5. Owner agrees to pay an annual fee of \$200 for costs associated with monitoring the parcel.

Brewbaker then proceeded to inform the Committee a Low Flow Holding Tank Waiver Application and \$50 fee was received from Mike Moran for his property located in the Town of Rock. It was also noted a Sanitary Permit (#09127) for a two-bedroom mound was issued in August 2009. The mound was not installed; however, the tanks were installed and are being utilized as holding tanks. Discussion followed regarding the Low Flow Holding Tank Annual Fee of \$200.

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to grant a waiver from s.702.04(7), Wood County Private Sewage Administration Ordinance, to install a holding tank system to service a seasonal dwelling, as defined by the ordinance, on Parcel #1600623 (described as Lot 1 of Wood Co CSM #9029, being part of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 32, T24N R2E, Town of Rock. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Economic Development** At last month's CEED meeting, discussion was held on the consideration on supporting the concept of a regional economic collaborative through the efforts of the Regional Economic Growth Initiative (REGI). At that time, the CEED Committee recommended this also be presented to the Executive Committee for joint support. It was now reported the Executive Committee has met on this matter and also supports this concept. The Co Board Resolution, which was signed by the Executive Committee, was distributed for CEED Committee member's signatures.

10. Land Records Program... Nothing new to report.

11. County Surveyor. Nothing to report this month.

12. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.
- b. Committee member Robert Ashbeck and Peter Manley are excused from the August 2013 CEED Meeting

13. Adjourn

Motion by William Winch to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Curry".

Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Julie Akey, Planning & Zoning Office
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved July 9, 2013)