

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #317A, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Harvey Petersen

Members Excused: Mark Holbrook

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Lori Ruess.

Others Present: Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Curry called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chair Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Review Correspondence.** Shane Wucherpennig stated he received a letter from the Farm Technology Days Executive Committee informing the Land and Water Conservation Department that the Grant Selection Committee is designating funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the conservation roller crimper. Wucherpennig submitted a grant request for \$7,500 but due to the large number of grant requests, they were not able to fully fund the request.
5. **Review and Approve Letter to Town Chairs Regarding Wood County's Efforts Addressing Water Quality Issues.** Shane Wucherpennig presented the amended letter to Town Chairs regarding Wood County's efforts addressing water quality issues. Following review the CEED had additional corrections/revision. Bill Leichtnam suggested sending the letter to a wider range including Village Presidents and City Mayors. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam that upon correction of the letter, it be to send to Town Chairs and Village Presidents throughout Wood County.

Discussion ensued. Bill Clendenning mentioned he thought it would be a good idea to include City Mayors. Bill Leichtnam amended his motion to include City Mayors.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam/Dave LaFontaine that upon correction of the letter, it be to send to Town Chairs, Village Presidents and City Mayors throughout Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Open Bids Received and Approve Low Bid for Basing Cost-Share on the Otter Creek Farms Waste Storage Facility Expansion Project.** Shane Wucherpennig explained the Otter Creek Farm Waste Storage Facility Expansion Project is being re-bid, as it was not completed in 2018. The bids received late last year included cold weather concrete.

Chair Curry opened the two bids received. Bids were as follows:

Rich Weiler Construction - \$ 51,932.00
Dennis Krause – Advance Concrete - \$ 66,196.51

Motion by Dave LaFontaine/Harvey Petersen to accept the bid that is most advantageous to the County for the purpose of basing cost-share, following verification by LWCD staff that bids are complete and accurate. (Rich Weiler Construction - \$51,932.00) Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Discuss storage garage MOU between LWCD and Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee.** Shane Wucherpennig mentioned that the Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) entered into a MOU with the Wood County Highway Department in 2016 for use and maintenance of the forestry garage. The LWCD recently purchased a 10-foot no-till drill and when it was delivered found out it was approximately 4 inches too wide to store in the garage, due to the existing garage door opening. Shane is exploring options and had some contractors look at modifying the opening. He also talked with Supervisor Adam Fischer to get on the HIRC agenda and Supervisor Fischer suggested he bring it to CEED for approval first.

Motion by Chair Kenneth Curry/Harvey Petersen to allow Shane Wucherpennig to approach the HIRC concerning the storage garage MOU and the issue with the garage door opening. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.** The next meetings which are already scheduled are:
- a. Special CEED meeting (Economic Development) – today - May 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
 - b. June regular CEED meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 115 of the Wood County Courthouse.
 - c. The July regular CEED meeting - Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- 9. Adjourn.** Chair Kenneth Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Acting Secretary
Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land & Water Conservation Department
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on May 24, 2019)