

# CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: River Block – Room 206

1. Call meeting to order.
  2. Declaration of Quorum.
  3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
  4. Review Correspondence.
  5. Consent Agenda.
    - a. Approve minutes of previous meeting
    - b. Approve bills
    - c. Receive staff activity reports
  6. Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.
  7. Risk and Injury Report
  8. Land & Water Conservation Department
    - a. Open/approve low bid for Dale and Jason Behrend's intermittent stream culvert crossing project.
    - b. Review/action on resolution to support efforts of four statewide organizations.
    - c. Review/action on resolution to amend the 2021 Land & Water Conservation (LWCD) Admin Budget Function 56121 for additional expenditures not anticipated during original budget process.
    - d. Discuss and review annual Golden Sand RC&D membership dues.
    - e. Update Committee on Engineering Technician and Summer Intern positions.
      - i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
      - ii. Health Committee report.
      - iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.
      - iv. Golden Sands RC&D report.
  9. Private Sewage
  10. Land Records
  11. County Surveyor
  12. Planning
    - a. Annual Plat Review Report - 2020
  13. Economic Development
    - a. Update on the Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative.
    - b. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update.
    - c. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission presentation on Regional Recovery work, Carrie Edmondson, Planner.
  14. Extension
    - a. General Office Update
    - b. Situational Analysis Debrief
    - c. Educator Presentation – Rachael Whitehair, Natural Resources Educator
  15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants.
  16. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
  17. Agenda items for next meeting
  18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
  19. Adjourn
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## **Join by WebEx App or Web**

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MINUTES  
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021  
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn (via WebEx), Dave LaFontaine and Bill Leichtnam.

Members Excused: Carmen Good.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Scott Custer and Kim Keech.

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig.

UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler, Nancy Turyk and Janell Wehr.

Others Present (for part or all of the meeting): Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendening, Dist. #16 Supervisor Lance Pliml, Ray Bossert (Village of Port Edwards) and Angel Whitehead (Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the December 2nd and December 15th, 2020 CEED meetings, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Scott Custer, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpfennig, Adam Groshek, Caleb Armstrong, Emily Salvinski, Rod Mayer, Lori Ruess, Matt Lippert, Allison Jonjak, Janell Wehr, Jackie Carattini, Hannah Wendels, Kelly Hammond, Nancy Turyk, Rachael Whitehair and Laura Huber.
  - A. Minutes of December 2, 2020. No additions or corrections needed.
  - Minutes of December 15, 2020. No additions or corrections needed.
  - B. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
  - C. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed

*Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the December 2nd and December 15th, 2020 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.** None..
7. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
8. **Land & Water Conservation Department.**
  - A. Discuss Engineering Technician position. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that Adam Groshek has accepted a position in private business. Adam Groshek last day of employment with Wood County was January 4th. The Engineering Technician position is non-levied 100% state funded.

There were a total of 13 job applications received and expected to interview 3 applicants. All 3 applicants have AutoCAD experience. A tentative start date for the new hire is end of January.

- B. Update on Serenity River LLC TRM Grant. Shane Wucherpennig commented that the department has signed an acceptance letter with the DNR for a Grant to fund an approved design for stream erosion on the Wisconsin River for Serenity River LLC. LWCD is the 2021 grant sponsor providing technical support and financial administration for the project. The grant is unanticipated revenue as funds are received and disbursed through the department. Project completion date is summer 2021.
- C. Application for DNR/EPA Technical Assistance Grant. Shane Wucherpennig shared that the DNR contacted him that there was a Technical Assistance Grant available to assist in general operations. The \$20,000 grant was made possible with extra funds received from the EPA. If received, the grant would be unanticipated revenue which would need to be addressed later in 2021.
- D. Update on Central WI Farm Profitability Expo events. Shane Wucherpennig gave an update on the virtual expo events. The first two events were very well attended with excellent feedback. The next virtual event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> with Aaron Pape, Northeast WI Technical College – Grazing for Profit as speaker.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00-3:00 pm  
Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ TBD  
Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00-3:00 pm

E. Committee Reports:

i. Citizens Groundwater Group

Bill Leichtnam shared that the nitrate level standard in drinking water is 10 parts or less which was approved by the EPA in 1962 and has not been re-examined. The latest data from health professionals suggests that it should be 3 parts.

Highlights: Allison Werner, River Alliance of Wisconsin and Michael Tiboris “Clean Water Farms” presentation. River Alliance of Wisconsin has been around for over 27 years.

- Statewide non-profit advocacy organization.
- Focus on nonpoint runoff and tourism.
- Clean Water Now campaign empowers Wisconsinites to have a voice on water issues. The campaign gives voters a voice on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Wood County Resolution 20-12-10 passed 18-1.

Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group next meeting is on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. held virtually through WebEx. Guest Speaker: David Trimner of Miltrim Farms. Miltrim Farms is the first farm in North America to be AWS certified. They are the largest automated farm in Wisconsin with 3,000 cows and 5,000 acres located in Athens.

- ii. Health Committee report DNR waiting on MOU. There have been 8 test wells installed by UW researchers.
- iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report. Bill Leichtnam reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 am held virtual. Agenda items: Wisconsin Water conference, grant request and support from other counties regarding the Clean Water referendum on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

- iv. Golden Sands RC&D report. Hannah Butkiewicz is the new Executive Director. Council meetings meet the third Thursday every month. The next meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**9. Private Sewage.**

- A. Introduction of Code Technician, Scott Custer. Jason Grueneberg introduced Scott Custer as the new Code Technician. Scott Custer shared that he graduated from UWSP in Soils and Land Management. Scott worked previously for the Lacrosse County Zoning, Planning & Land Information.

10. **Land Records.** Wood County Land Records Information Council met as a virtual meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Land Records Information Council is a requirement by state statute. Quarterly meetings will be planned to discuss budgeting and ongoing projects.

11. **County Surveyor.** A Central Staking contract has been extended for 1 year to provide corners for town road maintenance.

12. **Planning.** Nothing to report.

**13. Economic Development.**

- A. Update on the Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative. Nancy Turyk shared that the REDI Initiative Plan is in draft form with plan completion expected by the end of January. Meetings are held virtually with limited in person contact. The REDI Initiative Plan will be presented to the CEED Committee and County Board of Supervisors. The USDA will provide alerts to grant requests identified in the REDI Initiative Plan once approved.
- B. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update. Jason Grueneberg commented that NCWRPC has been finalizing the work program for 2021. A multi-year plan (future projects) is being established. NCWRPC has been assisting in the REDI Initiative Plan. Wisconsin Rapids Verso Mill closure funding response for downtown redevelopment with matching funds from the Wisconsin Economic Development Association.

**14. Extension.**

- A. General Office Update  
Jason Hausler shared the following office updates:
- Karli Tomsyck returned from family leave on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Karli has requested .80 job position status which has been approved. The position will remain 1.0 FTE.
  - Staff job performance reviews are due at the end of March.
  - A State Advisory Committee has been formed made up of the County Fair Association, 4-H Leaders, FFA Leaders and partners throughout the state to look at the roles and responsibilities of county fairs. Wood County Board Chair, Lance Pliml has accepted to serve on the committee.
  - Limited in-person programming continues due to COVID-19.
  - Discussion on summer programming will occur in March/April.
- B. Situational Analysis Preparation In 2018, Extension engaged in a statewide situational analysis to determine current and emerging needs in the community. Extension Educators developed strategies to address those needs. What's the situation now and moving forward? What do you see as the major needs in Wood County currently and moving forward? A special CEED Committee meeting to discuss the Situational Analysis is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Wood County Board of Supervisors.
- C. Educator Presentation – Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator. Janell Wehr gave a presentation on the Master Gardeners and Foundations in Horticulture.

Master Gardeners:

- Level 1 Training – 13 weeks/36 hours of training, flipped classroom model
- Challenges with traditional Level 1 – lack of diversity, inconsistent programming, lack of access and burdensome.
- New Model: Foundations in Horticulture – lack of diversity, inconsistent programming, inconsistency across program, lack of access and burdensome. Web based canvas learning without volunteer concept.
- Positive Takeaways – addresses need for diversity, less burdensome, consistent programming, increased access, decreased confusion and unintended outcomes

**15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants.** None.

**16. Schedule Next Regular Committee Meeting.** The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.

**17. Agenda items for next meeting.** Agenda items are due by Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.** A special CEED meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following County Board at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.

**19. Adjourn.** Chairman Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

MINUTES  
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021  
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Ken Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam

Staff Present:

Extension Staff: Jason Hausler, Karli Tomsyck (via WebEx), Nancy Turyk (via WebEx), Rachael Whitehair (via WebEx)

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED meeting to order at 10:50am
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)**  
None.
4. **Review Correspondence.**  
None.
5. **Extension**
  - a. Situational Analysis Discussion  
Jason Hausler asked the CEED committee to identify community needs or issues for Extension to help address now and into the future (next five years). Discussion ensued and the following topics were identified:
    - Workforce development (job training, economic diversification, entrepreneurship)
    - Farm sustainability (small farm finances, education on legislation/policy)
    - Covid vaccine distribution (education, work with underserved audiences to help improve uptake rates)
    - Groundwater/surface water (health effects, environmental health, soil health/erosion)
    - Solar/renewables
    - Civil Discourse/Social Cohesion (community events, placemaking)
    - Infrastructure (broadband and technology, land stewardship)
    - Police/fire districts (equitable distribution)
    - Health education (AODA, mental health, environmental health, family stress)
    - Housing (needs assessment, availability of desirable housing)

Jason will be having situational analysis discussions with Clark, Marathon and Portage counties in February. After all data is synthesized and discussed with Extension staff, Jason hopes to have an updated report by summer to bring back to the CEED committee/County Board.
6. **Schedule next regular committee meeting.**  
The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am at Wood County River Block Auditorium.
7. **Agenda items for next meeting.** None.
8. **Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.** None.
9. **Adjourn.** Chair Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

*Minutes by Karli Tomsyck, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Wood County*

## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: December 2020

For the range of vouchers: 30200128 - 30200131

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30200128	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	12/31/2020	\$11.04	P
30200129	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	12/31/2020	\$293.64	P
30200130	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	12/31/2020	\$44.99	P
30200131	US BANK	December Statement	01/19/2021	\$1,426.14	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$1,775.81</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: January 2021

For the range of vouchers: 30210001 - 30210007

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30210001	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	CWAS Newsletter Postage	01/05/2021	\$97.61	P
30210002	WACAA	M. Lippert - Dues (Ag)	01/12/2021	\$150.00	P
30210003	MIDWEST FORAGE ASSOCIATION	Membership & Symposium Dues	01/19/2021	\$70.00	P
30210004	WAE4-HYDP	2021 Professional Dues - Huber	01/19/2021	\$115.00	P
30210005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	01/26/2021	\$34.91	
30210006	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/26/2021	\$37.18	
30210007	LIPPERT MATTHEW	January Expenses	01/26/2021	\$41.84	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$546.54</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: DECEMBER - 2020 (2)

For the range of vouchers: 18200294 - 18200298

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18200294	FARM GREEN LLC	LWC - SPEAKER FEES RICK CLARK	12/10/2020	\$1,000.00	P
18200295	FELTZ PETER AND DARLENE	SWRM-CS RESIDUE MANAGEMENT	12/18/2020	\$1,439.30	P
18200296	REAL FENCE LLC	WLD - 75% CS hEMLOCK TRAILS FE	12/29/2020	\$7,275.00	P
18200297	ROTH GOLDEN ACRES LLC	MC - COST SHARE COVER CROPS	12/28/2020	\$18,657.50	P
18200298	KOLO TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING INC	SWRM - 70% CS AWO CLOSURE	12/23/2020	\$6,776.70	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$35,148.50</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: JANUARY 2021

For the range of vouchers: 18210001 - 18210027

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18210001	ESRI INC	LWC/NMM - ArcGIS Desktop	01/02/2021	\$1,166.03	P
18210002	ORGANIC ROOTS WAY	LWC - ROLLER CRIMPER	01/06/2021	\$7,560.00	P
18210003	UNITED SAFETY SOLUTIONS	NMM - MSHA TRAINING	01/05/2021	\$140.00	P
18210004	WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION	LWC - 2021 LW+W DUES	01/04/2021	\$1,642.00	P
18210005	FILTER JONATHAN T	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY	01/04/2021	\$25.32	P
18210006	GILE MITCHELL R	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY	01/04/2021	\$25.32	P
18210007	KOWALSKI THOMAS	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY	01/01/2021	\$25.32	P
18210008	LABARRE CASEY	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY HAZEL	01/03/2021	\$50.64	P
18210009	LINDGREN DAN	LWC - REFUND HAZELNUT	01/01/2021	\$25.32	P
18210010	ROBERTS GREG AND MELANIE	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY HAZEL	01/01/2021	\$50.64	P
18210011	RUESCH PAUL	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY HAZEL	01/04/2021	\$50.64	P
18210012	SCHEEL PETER D	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY HAZEL	01/05/2021	\$50.64	P
18210013	SCHROEDER DENNIS	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY/HAZEL	01/05/2021	\$50.64	P
18210014	CEPRESS JOSH	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY	01/11/2021	\$25.32	P
18210015	FEDERWITZ RYAN	LWC - REFUND HAZELNUT	01/11/2021	\$25.32	P
18210016	GRIFFIN STACEY	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY & HAZE	01/08/2021	\$101.28	P
18210017	HARDINGER CHUCK	LWC - REFUND HAZELNUT	01/11/2021	\$14.77	P
18210018	LENZ DAVID	LWC - REFUND HAZELNUT 4 BUNDL	01/09/2021	\$101.28	P
18210019	MERKEL RYAN	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY & HAZE	01/11/2021	\$202.56	P
18210020	RASMUSSEN DAVE	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY	01/11/2021	\$25.32	P
18210021	SCHILL GARY	LWC - REFUND ELDERBERRY & HAZE	01/10/2021	\$50.64	P
18210022	VAN TASSEL PENNY	REFUND SHRUB DIFFERENCE	01/13/2021	\$8.00	P
18210023	AWARDS 'N MORE	LWC - 1ST PLACE POSTER TROPHY	01/19/2021	\$27.00	P
18210024	US BANK	LWC - CCA CERTIFICATION RENEWA	01/19/2021	\$60.00	
18210025	PEPLINSKI GLEN A	MC - CS RIPARIAN BUFFERS	01/08/2021	\$1,250.00	
18210026	PEPLINSKI GLEN A	MC - CS RIPARIAN BUFFERS	01/08/2021	\$100.00	
18210027	PEPLINSKI GLEN A	MC - CS RIPARIAN BUFFERS	01/08/2021	\$350.00	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$13,204.00</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: December 2020 & January 2021

For the range of vouchers: 22200114 - 22200119 22210001 - 22210009 38210001 - 38210002

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22200114	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LR-Office Supplies	12/24/2020	\$144.58	P
22200115	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit(Dec)	12/31/2020	\$800.00	P
22200116	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	PS-Program Fee 2nd Notice	12/31/2020	\$189.97	P
22200117	GRUENEBERG JASON	PL-Cell Phone (Sept-Dec)	12/31/2020	\$120.00	P
22200118	US BANK	LR-Credit Card Charges	12/31/2020	\$21.21	
22200119	CENTRAL STAKING INC	LR-22 Hwy Corners @ 185/Corner	12/22/2020	\$4,070.00	
22210001	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (Jan)	01/04/2021	\$299.00	P
22210002	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract (Jan)	01/05/2021	\$833.00	P
22210003	WISCONSIN COUNTY SURVEYOR ASSOCIATION INC	SU-2021 Surveyor Membership	01/08/2021	\$100.00	P
22210004	ACCUSOFT	PS-Priority Support	01/06/2021	\$2,998.00	P
22210005	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PL-Office Supplies	01/12/2021	\$73.62	P
22210006	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PL-Office Supplies	01/13/2021	\$14.89	P
22210007	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PL-Office Supplies	01/13/2021	\$26.51	P
22210008	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	PL-2021 APA Membership (Adam)	01/08/2021	\$403.00	P
22210009	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	PL-2021 APA Membership (Jason)	01/08/2021	\$372.00	P
38210001	NORTH CENTRAL WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	ED-2021 County Membership	01/04/2021	\$42,500.00	P
38210002	US BANK	ED-Credit Card Charges	01/19/2021	\$325.00	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$53,290.78</b>	

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## **CEED Committee Report**

### ***January 2021***

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#### **LAURA HUBER**

*Extension Wood County, 4-H Program Coordinator*

- Contributed to statewide Virtual Learning Community with the WI 4-H Virtual Educational Programming Team and related sub-committees (4, 6, 7, 11, 25 January)
- Assisted in planning the Colleague Care and Connect program for WI Positive Youth Development Staff (5, 14, 19, 27 January)
- Attended the WI 4-H Northern Regional 4-H virtual gathering (7 January)
- Participated in the WI 4-H Club Leader Support Group Committee meeting (7 January)
- Attended the UW-Madison Division of Extension Restorative Justice Summit (8 January)
- Helped facilitate LEGO Club (10, 17, 24, and 31 January)
- Met with Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers to discuss 2020-21 practice season (2 and 16 December)
- Attended the WI 4-H Positive Youth Development Colleague Connect meeting (3 December)
- Participated in the Northern Region 4-H Meeting (3 December)
- Facilitated LEGO Club meeting (6, 13, 20 December)
- Facilitated Art Club meeting (6 and 20 December)
- Met with colleagues to begin planning the 2021 Winter Leadership Camp for middle and high school youth (7 and 15 December)
- Continued to work on revising and developing state 4-H policy as part of the WI 4-H Policy Advisory Standing Committee (11, 25 January)
- Taught Online Youth Engagement strategies to Wood County's Youth Coalition (11 January)
- Met with colleagues to plan an upcoming virtual fitness program for 4-H youth (11 January)
- Met with fellow tri-chairs of the WAE4HYDP Professional Concerns Committee to discuss current issues (12 January)
- Assisted colleagues in planning statewide WI 4-H Game Night (12 January)
- Participated in 4-H Program Community Conversation meeting (14 January)
- Appeared on WFHR to discuss the Wood County 4-H Valentine collection for Meals on Wheels program (14 January)
- Met with the WI 4-H Hall of Fame Committee to plan 2021 nomination and selection processes (14 January)
- Attended a WI Public Television "Activate Meet the Lab with Foldscopes" program for educators. We will receive 25 Foldscopes for use with science programming as a result (14 January)
- Helped facilitate WI 4-H Game Night (15 January)
- Helped facilitate Art Club meeting and support youth as they plan an upcoming "project bag" program (17, 31 January)
- Led Wood County Cloverbuds program with the help of teen leaders (18 January)
- Appeared on WDLB to discuss the Valentines for Meals on Wheels program (19 January)
- Met with colleagues on the JCEP Poster and Evaluation Committee (19 January)
- Co-taught a valentine-making workshop for Wood County 4-H'ers (19 January)
- Attended the Washington County 4-H Intro to Wildlife and Habitats program (20 January)
- Winter Leadership Camp planning (21 January)

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- Attended Playmeo's "Why Your Icebreakers Don't Work" training (21 January)
- Re-recorded Annual Leader Training activities with teen leaders (21 January)
- Met with the Wood County 4-H Leaders Association (25 January)
- Helped plan upcoming Northern Region 4-H Gathering (26 January)
- Attended WI 4-H Program COVID meeting (26 January)
- Met with Area 7 Colleagues (27 January)
- Attended the 4-H Program Colleague Connection (28 January)
- Helped facilitate and taught "Purposeful Play and Intentional Interaction" at the Colleague Care and Connect program (29 January)

#### **Special COVID-19 Educational Programs:**

- Worked with clubs to plan, write, submit, and modify in-person meeting proposals for state approval.
- Lego Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader.
- Art Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader.

#### **Ongoing Responsibilities:**

- Working cooperatively with state programs and club leaders and volunteers to address insurance and other logistical questions
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 978 followers.
- Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 360 followers
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H Instagram page with currently has 41 followers
- Responded to communications to the office including general questions, 4-H enrollment, planning meetings, etc.
- Ongoing assistance for new leaders and the volunteer background checks

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### **MATT LIPPERT**

*Extension Wood & Clark Counties, Agriculture Agent*

- I presented on the Badger Dairy Initiative; a podcast held each Tuesday at 1:00 on the increased value of milk protein relative to other components that has occurred this past year. I also presented on how to feed for more protein yield, protein percentage and butterfat yield and percentage.
- I moderated a weekly addition of the Badger Dairy Initiative. The program was on starting dairy replacement heifers right. It included topics on controlling coccidiosis and on cleaning to prevent pathogen carrying biofilms in the areas where milk or milk replacer is stored, mixed or dispensed.
- interviewed on the Extension hour on WDLB and WFHR radio.
- I answered phone calls about land rent, household pests, weed and plant identification, soil test interpretation.
- A discussion group sponsored by our AED, Jason Hausler on the book by Stephen Covey, "Seven habits of highly effective people." I have been participating in this group.

- I have updated producers about upcoming deadlines for USDA-FSA stabilization programs related to the coronavirus pandemic.
- I participated in a zoom on cover crops, and their utilization as dairy feed, annual forage blends, corn silage hybrid selection and management, tile drainage and nutrient management.
- I participated in a group considering how to meet the needs of dairy and livestock education, strategically across the state with fewer Extension educators.
- The Central Wisconsin Extension Newsletter was distributed to over 300 families in the Wood County area.
- I have promoted winter meetings such as Heart of the Farm Coffee Klatches, farm management meetings, dairy meetings and livestock meetings by postcard and of social media.

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## **NANCY TURYK**

*Extension Wood County, Community Development Educator*

### **Economic Development**

- Met bi-weekly with the Wood County economic development recovery group to collaboratively address current topics associated with the economic development recovery and pandemic-related needs and opportunities.
- Shared information about economic recovery business support opportunities by emails, telephone, and web conferencing conversations primarily with Wood County towns/villages/cities, chambers of commerce, visitor and convention bureaus, Mid-State Technical College, UW-Stevens Point@Marshfield, Ho-Chunk Nation, agricultural staff, Wood County health and planning and zoning departments.
- Scheduled and facilitated the working groups within the Wood County REDI team to complete the development County's REDI plan. It is anticipated the plan will begin to be reviewed by the full REDI team, CEED committee, and County Board in the coming weeks.
- Discussed training opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs on WFHR radio program.
- Attended Wisconsin Rural Economic Development Summit hosted by UW-Madison Extension.

### **Energy and Resiliency**

- Reviewed materials and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy and shared relevant information with Wood County staff.
- Prepared a proposal to the PSC energy innovation grant program. Funds would be used to hire engineers to conduct detailed energy audits of the 5 buildings with the greatest energy consumption. County fuel usage will also be studied. All recommendations will be reported to the Renewable and Sustainable committee.
- Attended the Wisconsin RENEW virtual conference.

### **Local Community Initiatives**

- Participated in meetings for Wisconsin Rapids' cultural program with assistance by students in UW-Madison's UniverCity program.
- In addition to routine collaborations and conversations with County staff, I kept informed about the County by reading county email updates, county committee packets, local newspapers, listening to the County Board and CEED committee meetings, and in discussions with Wood County employees and supervisors.

### **UW-Madison Extension**



- Participated in virtual meetings with UW-Madison Extension Dean, Community Development Institute, and Wood County staff. Attended All Extension meeting that took place over 3 days. Co-presented with others from the Climate Leadership Team to inform Extension staff about the Team and its initiatives.
- Continued working with the core team working on the development of a community resilience menu and Train the Trainer course through the UW-Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team.
- Met with the Climate Leadership Team and NOAA's GLISA team to discuss partnerships for community resilience programming. The concept would offer support for community resilience planning in the Midwest.
- Met with the Water Week planning team to complete the scheduling of speakers for the climate change track.
- Assisted with the preparation and coordination for the CSGCC meeting.

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### **ALLISON JONJAK**

*Extension Wood County, Cranberry Outreach Specialist*

- Completed a Personal Plan of Work.
- Analyzed fungicide trials conducted by Jack Perry (now retired) for discussion at Cranberry School.
- Developed plan of work for 2021 fruit outreach, in coordination with Christelle Guedot, Leslie Holland, Amaya Atucha, and Jay Dampier.
- Established Cranberry School Grower Survey process for virtual format.
- Met with WSCGA Education Committee to plan 2021 Virtual Brown Bag sessions.
- Began relationship with Jamie Patton and Andrew Paolucci to discuss soil health metrics for cranberry.
- Met with researchers and Wisconsin Cranberry Board board members to select pre-proposals for research fund allocation.
- Learned past processes for Fungicide Trials.
- Wisconsin Cranberry Research Foundation met to review building progress and understand 2021 priorities.
- Established Grower Panels for Cranberry School, including member solicitation, individual conversations, presentation creation, and group run-of-show.
- Will hold Cranberry School this week! (January 27-28)

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### **JACKIE CARATTINI**

*Extension Wood County, Human Development and Family Relationships Educator*

- Began attending the WeCOPE mindfulness train the trainer training weekly on January 6th.
- Attended HDRI (Human Development and Relationships Institute) monthly colleague connect
- Attended a Life Span program planning meeting.
- Attended a weekly AMP program preparation meeting on Mondays in January and February
- Attended the Central WI Partnership for Recovery subcommittee meetings, Youth, and housing
- Coordinated and hosted daily "Extension Wellness Moments" and taught 2 sessions in the month of January
- Attended the "Racism is a Public Health Crisis Capacity Building" bi-monthly meeting





- Attended the Wood County HCE board meeting via zoom
- Launched the Aging Mastery Program AMP on January 5, and led 8 sessions in January for 17 participants via zoom
- Presented on "Budgeting Basics" on WFHR on January 21st
- Launched the "Just B.R.E.A.T.H.E." curriculum with the LEO youth program on January 25th. The group will meet twice a week for 6 sessions.
- Attended a Department of Extension Administrative committee meeting
- Attended a meeting with the Family Development section
- Attended bi-weekly meetings to present recently authored module on Advanced Directives for a new preplanning for the loss of a loved one curriculum. Covered final edits.
- Attended the United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties Financial Stability coalition subcommittee to work on the topic of budgeting. Planning programs for 2021.

**Attended multiple zooms on:**

- Department of Extension Administrative Committee
- Coordinated daily Extension Wellness moments (M-F at 8:15am)
- Financial Education in the time of Covid team meeting zoom
- Racism as a Public Health Crisis weekly series
- Taking Care of You - Highlights
- Rent Smart Team virtual learning
- Pre-planning for the death of a loved one team
- Life Span program check-in
- Free Throw Fridays (institute weekly zoom)
- Institute meetings on changes and programming
- Behavioral health team meeting
- Department/Institute and Associate Dean monthly check-ins
- Weekly stress and coping team meetings

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**HANNAH WENDELS & KELLY HAMMOND**

*Extension Wood County, FoodWise Nutrition Educator and Coordinator*

- Taught virtual Food Smarts class on shopping, cooking, and budgeting tips (Hannah, 01/04)
- Recorded nutrition lesson introductions and wrap-up videos for indirect education videos to be sent to 3rd grade classrooms in Wood County at Howe Elementary school (Hannah, 01/07)
- Completed a 4 week series of the virtual Bitmoji classroom nutrition lessons for e-learning students in 5th grade in the WRPS system (Hannah, 01/20)
- Completed co-teaching a virtual Kids in the Kitchen class with Ho-Chunk Head Start & Portage County Head Start, made a healthy snack with children and their parents via Zoom, series of 3 lessons - 1 per month (Hannah, 01/20)
- Began 8-week professional development training on Policy, Systems and Environmental Change (Hannah, 01/21)
- Attend Healthy Aging Wood County virtual coalition meeting (Hannah, 01/26)
- Continue planning and promoting a virtual Kids in the Kitchen class with partner organization South Wood County YMCA (Hannah, ongoing - class begins in March)
- Continue co-teaching Strong Bodies class in both Wood and Portage County that is completely virtual and includes nutrition education as well as strength building (Hannah, 10/19, ongoing)



- Continue to promote for a new round of virtual Strong Bodies classes in Wood and Portage County beginning in February (Hannah, ongoing)
- Continue work with “Physical Activity/Nutrition for Colleagues in FoodWise” workgroup (ongoing, Hannah)
- Maternity Leave (Kelly, ongoing until February)
- Attend virtual FoodWise North Region check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, Tuesdays)
- Attend virtual FoodWise State check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, every other Tuesday)
- Attend virtual Wood County Extension check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, Mondays)
- Attend virtual Extension Area 7 check in calls (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, every other Wednesday)

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## **RACHAEL WHITEHAIR**

*Extension Wood County, Natural Resources Educator*

- Connected with Tamas Houlihan of the WPVGA to discuss potential farmers interested in a producer-led effort in the Big Roche-A-Cri watershed (Jan. 4)
- Conducted a zoom training for the 14 mile watershed committee to improve efficacy of the application and allow for more autonomy when I am unable to be present for virtual meetings (Jan. 5)
- Attended the Marathon Co. environmental resources committee public hearing to speak in support of the amended 10 year land and water plan (Jan. 5)
- Hosted the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo presentation by Aaron Pape, grazing for profit (Jan. 6)
- Developed promotional materials for upcoming CWFPE presentation featuring Scott Stipetich of Pheasants Forever (Jan. 7)
- Attended a subcommittee meeting of EPPIC to assist planning of future agronomic-staff focused educational opportunities (Jan. 8)
- Vacation (Jan. 11-14)
- Attended the PACRS monthly virtual meeting to provide an update on the CWFPE (Jan. 15)
- Met with Mike Tiboris of River Alliance of WI to discuss producer-led efforts and partnership opportunities for future efforts (Jan. 18)
- Attended the Citizens Groundwater Group meeting and viewed David Trimner’s presentation to the group, David will be our next speaker in the Farm Profitability series (Jan. 18)
- Attended the GOLD Guardians of Lake Decorah meeting to provide input on logo ideas and hear updates on the ice fishing tournament (Jan. 18)
- Met with Adams Co. Extension and Land and Water staff to discuss development of a producer-led group in the big Roche-A-Cri watershed (Jan. 19)
- Produced an educational video for the Farmers of Mill Creek featuring a local farmer and his use of drone technology to apply cover crops and spot treat pests (Jan. 20)
- Met with 14 Mile watershed committee to learn more about the group’s transition to non-profit status (Jan. 20)
- Met with Dan O’Connell of Portage Co. Land and Water to discuss the virtual WI Prairie Chicken Festival and how I can provide technical and zoom support (Jan. 21)
- Met with Nathan Sandwick of UW-Madison, a member of the CSGCC to discuss a study that utilized a scenarios approach for regional watershed planning and discussed how this process may be of use in the Central Sands (Jan. 21)

- Met with Ed Hernandez of Waushara Co. to discuss details of Waushara's Conservation days coming up this fall, I will provide a groundwater programs to students over a two day period (Jan. 22)
- Attended the CSGCC meeting and technical subcommittee breakout (Jan. 25)
- Met with other regional NRE colleagues to continue planning a group presentation/workshop for WI water week, the presentation is focused on increasing the audiences knowledge of stakeholder engagement strategies (Jan. 25)
- Provided educational programming about the nexus of water quality and agriculture in our communities on WDLB radio (Jan. 26)
- Host CWFPE Presentation by Scott Stipetich of Pheasants Forever (Jan. 27)
- Met with Tracy Arnold and Jen McNelly of Portage Co. to brainstorm ideas for the development of an educational/promotional video for the FMCWC (Jan. 28)

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## JANELL WEHR

*Extension Marathon & Wood Counties, Horticulture Educator*

- **Foundations in Horticulture (FIH)** - I continue to co-facilitate the pilot program, Foundations in Horticulture. FIH is a survey course which introduces the student to the fundamentals of horticulture. FIH will replace Master Gardener training and will be open to all interested individuals, regardless of desire to become a Master Gardener Volunteer. I look forward to bringing this program to Wood County as an entry point for individuals interested in working in the green industry.
- **Starting Seeds Indoors** - I developed and delivered "Starting Seeds Indoors" for a statewide audience. Participants were introduced to a variety of seed starting mediums and the requirements for germination. When asked, 96% of participants reported as a result of the program, they understood the types of growing media necessary to start seeds. 94% of participants stated because of the program, they understood the requirements for seed germination, and 89% reported high degree of confidence in their ability to start seeds due to their participation in the program.
- **Don't waste your thyme - Composting 101** - I partnered with UWSP Continuing Education for the "Good Ideas!" adult learner's winter conference. In the three-day, web based, interactive class, students learned best practices to effectively manage yard trimmings and kitchen scraps.
- **Planning the Garden** - In this two-part series, participants learned how to choose a good garden site, cultivars best suited for Wisconsin gardens, crop rotation, and making a garden map. Participants reported as a result of the program, 91% were confident in their ability to choose appropriate cultivars, and 92% reported increase in ability to choose an appropriate garden location. 94% reported they would change at least one gardening technique in the coming growing season, and 87% shared an increase in confidence in crop rotation.

## Staff Report for Caleb Armstrong

January 2021

- Attended the Central Wisconsin Farm Probability Expo where Aaron Pape was the guest speaker and discussed “Transitioning to a Managed Grazing System: Financial Aspects Broken Down.”
- Joined the National Grazing Lands Discussion which covered multiple grazers across the nation discussing what they do with their cattle, practices, and plantings for their pastures and such.
- Stream flow monitoring with Emily on some sites that we have been monitoring throughout the year.
- Connected with some farmers throughout Wood County who were interested in attending our nutrient management course in the spring as well as what they should bring and have done by then.
- Met with Glen Peplinski to go over the contracts for buffers that he put in around constant flow water areas on his land. Also discussed the importance of certain fertilizers when thinking about planting cover crops in the early months of growth.
- Attended a webinar based on adding buffers to field edges for wildlife importance, as well as the potential benefit for runoff control of sediments and nutrients.
- Attended a webinar based on the practices of CREP more specifically utilized for bird habitat. The importance it has on certain species of birds for nesting and mating. Birds such as pheasants, prairie chickens, and small grassland dwelling birds.
- Attended the monthly Citizens groundwater meeting which was another very interesting one with a great guest speaker.
- Met with a farmer to catch him up on his checklists for the 2020 year along with 2021 and updating his nutrient management plan.
- Contacted Brad Johnson from the DNR about water discharge that is coming from the pipe by the river block building that is flowing in the river.
- Reviewed nutrient management plans for the year 2021 as they are starting to come in.
- Attended nutrient management classes for farmers and teaching them how to write nutrient management plans for their farms.

## Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

*-January 2021-*

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- **Wednesday, January 6.** Attended Central WI Farm Expo put together by LWCD and others. Worked on maps for Shane's P reduction presentation.
- **Thursday, January 7.** Attended agronomy update meeting.
- **Friday, January 8.** Started adding contracts from extension's farmer group to GIS.
- **Tuesday, January 12.** Worked on adding contracts from extension's farmer group to GIS. Added the last of 2020 no-till/covers to GIS. Gathered stats for extension's reporting of the Mill Creek Watershed.
- **Wednesday, January 13.** Worked on contracts for a buffer. Went to measure streamflow at 3 locations in SE Wood County.
- **Thursday, January 14.** Added results from streamflow to excel file and DNR SWIMS database.
- **Wednesday, January 20.** Finished up phosphorus tracking spreadsheet with the info I have for 2020. Made a map for presentation purposes in GIS.
- **Thursday, January 21.** Processed submitted plans (in folders, excel files, and GIS maps).
- **Friday, January 22.** Attended interviews for LWCDs open position.
- **Monday, January 25.** Started to prep mailing for Nutrient Management checklist reminders. Prepped plant order and sent in tax exempt form. Made a PDF map from GIS for presentation purposes.
- **Tuesday, January 26.** Worked on mailing for Nutrient Management checklist reminders.
- **Wednesday, January 27.** Helped with one of the Nutrient Management Farmer Education classes.

### ***Activities Report for Lori Ruess – January 2021***

- Answered phones and replied to emails – assisted people with tree order questions.
- Reviewed general ledger.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Completed December sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Reviewed 1099 vendor list as requested by Finance.
- Worked on fillable TRM contracts – supervisor request.
- Completed Mill Creek TRM Reimbursement Request for \$43,530.25 and sent to DNR.
- Completed Mill Creek Grant Partner Financial Data Report for \$44,342.59 and sent to DNR.
- Completed cost-share payment for (GP) \$1,700 for riparian buffers.
- Completed reimbursement request for (GF) for manure storage closures and sent to DATCP.
- Completed reimbursement request for (PF) residue management and sent to DATCP.
- Entering tree and shrub orders in the new program as they come in.
- Logging Non-Metallic Mining Permit Fees as they come in.
- Deposited tree, shrub, and Non-Metallic Mining checks.
- Meeting with Dan Brandl, IT and Rod Mayer on new Nonmetallic Mining software program.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> payrolls.
- Worked with Hramor Nursery on reserving additional trees/shrubs.
- Attended second interviews for Engineering Technician position.
- Working on 2020 budget close information.
- Attended NCLWCA virtual meeting.
- Assisted Shane with bid letters/packet for Behrend's stream crossing.
- Organized County Board packet and submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the December CEED packet.

## ***Activities Report for Rod Mayer***

### ***JANUARY 2021***

- Inspect Hemlock Trails Cranberry wildlife fence build – gate installation. Documentation with picture files, notes, etc.
- Completed draft and obtained notarized signatures on Hemlock Trails Cranberry Wildlife Damage and Abatement 15 year contract – sent to DNR for signature.
- Reviewed multiple financial assurance documents for Non-metallic mine sites as come in.
- Multiple reminder calls (daily) for NMM fee deadlines and financial assurance increases and expirations.
- Completed DNR wildlife damage 2020 budget amendment to cover the Hemlock Trails fence build – submitted to DNR.
- Worked with landowner/operator with NMM fee category issues.
- Set up on-line training for MSHA (safety) certification with United Safety Solutions for NMM.
- Contacted landowners requesting all Hunter Logs for wildlife damage claims.
- Two IT over the phone meetings for creation of software to handle NMM tracking and records.
- Audit harvest reports for wildlife damage claims enrollees.
- Wildlife Damage meeting of 3 (DNR wildlife Tech, Shane, and myself) for determinations on eligibility for claims/enrollment. Three exemptions issued, one claim denied with ineligibility for 2021, one claim good, 12 Act 82 (shooting permits only) approved for next year, one Act 82 will be denied for next year.
- Ended NMM permit on site that has never been active – per request of permit holder.
- Completed 2020 wildlife damage claim packets for four enrollees – sent to enrollees for signatures – Feb. 8 deadline.
- Completed WM-40 wildlife damage 2021 enrollments for three enrollees and sent to landowners for signatures. These had claims of \$1000 or more and must be enrolled by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2021 year.
- Completed denial of 2020 claim/2021 enrollment letter to one enrollee for 2020 claims for not meeting the 45 day/50% harvest objective, not meeting the 80% harvest objective, and not turning in a required hunter's log.
- Completed judging for the county level Conservation Youth Poster Contest (theme was Healthy Forests – Healthy Communities). Received 9 entries for grades 4-6 – selected top three – sent scan of 1<sup>st</sup> place in for judging at Area Contest on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Completed participation certificates for each participant – picked up gift cards for top three and trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- Work with marsh for cattle guard gate entrance design.
- Completed 2021 Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program 2021 budget – approved by DNR.
- Worked on Mine Safety and Health Administration certification on-line training for NMM inspections. Completed 11 of 25 modules so far.
- Early 2021 Act 82 shooting permit enrollment paperwork sent for damage on cranberry marsh.
- Survey for fence estimate on stored crop damage area – completed landowner enrollment in program – report to compare permanent fence build vs secure cover over bailage.
- Virtual North Central Area meeting.
- Interviews for Engineering Tech. position – 3 candidates interviewed.



*Activities Report for Shane Wucherpfennig – January, 2021*

- **January 1** – Holiday
- **January 4** – ArcGIS mapping projects.
- **January 5** – Emails, Phone correspondence, correspondence with LWCD engineering Tech. Position vacancy.
- **January 6** – Attended CEED Committee Meeting, Co-Hosted Central WI Farm Profitability Expo- Keynote Aaron Pape.
- **January 7** – Emails, Phone correspondence, worked on year end reports
- **January 8** – Summer intern interviews.
- **January 7** – Worked on contracts for cover crops with MDV Grant dollars.
- **January 8** – Reviewed applications and resumes on applicants for Engineering Tech Position.
- **January 11** – Emails, Phone Calls and correspondence, Zoom Meeting with other county cons..
- **January 12** – Conducted interviews of applicants for Engineering Tech Position. Wood County Ag Damage review with DNR.
- **January 13** – Emails, Staff updates, Phone Calls and correspondence, Zoom Meeting.
- **January 14**– Field visits, mapping.
- **January 15** – Virtual PACRS meeting, Virtual Skype meeting with DNR on a local assistance grant proposal.
- **January 18** – Mike Scheurer visit, Sent out bid for Dale Berand access road & Crossing.
- **January 19** – County Board meeting, Met with landowners to discuss Cover Crops and No-Till.
- **January 20** – Reviewed applications and resumes on applicants for Engineering Tech Position.
- **January 21** – Golden Sands RC&D virtual meeting.
- **January 22** – Conducted interviews with staff and applicants for the engineering Technician vacancy.
- **January 25** - Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC) Quarterly Meeting
- **January 26** – Department Head Meeting, discuss grant contract with DNR for a Local Assistance grant I received in 2021.
- **January 28-30** – Vacation



TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director  
Adam DeKleyn, County Planner  
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator  
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator  
Scott Custer, Code Technician  
Kim Keech, Admin Services 5  
Victoria Wilson, Admin Services 4

RE: Staff Report for February 3, 2021

## 1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Class – On January 7<sup>th</sup>, I was day chair for the Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Class. Wood County hosted the session and many staff and elected leaders contributed to furthering the education of the class on government services. Thanks to everyone that participated in making this a successful and enjoyable day for all of the students.
- b. Wood County Economic Development Roundtable – On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, I facilitated Economic Development roundtable discussions in response to the economic impact of COVID-19 on our economy. Notes from those meetings are attached to this report.
- c. McMillan Memorial Library Maker Space/Shared Workspace Project – On January 18<sup>th</sup>, library staff gave me a tour of their proposed maker space and shared workspace project that they will be working on soon. The purpose of the tour was to gain a better understanding of the project and discuss how this can be integrated into an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the County. Economic Development Administration funding was also discussed but will not be pursued.
- d. Public Service Commission Grant – On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, I submitted a grant application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for consideration. Primary authors of the application were Reuben Van Tassel from Maintenance, and Nancy Turyk from UW Extension. The purpose of the grant application is to request funding for a building energy audit, and fleet vehicle fuel usage audit for the County. If awarded, I will administer the grant funds and reporting function with assistance from Reuben and Nancy.
- e. Department Head Meeting - On January 26<sup>th</sup>, I participated in a Department Head meeting scheduled for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2021 Staffing Approval Procedure.
- f. Land Information Council – On January 27<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the Wood County Land Information Council meeting. The primary reason for the meeting was to discuss budgeting, current fund carryover balance, and priorities of current/future projects.

- g. North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission – On January 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission meeting. Some of the agenda items included adoption of the 2021 Work Program, adoption of the 2021 CEDS, State and Federal updates, and a presentation of the Regional Recovery Planning Overview and Timeline.

## **2. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)**

- a. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – CSM: (4) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (3) CSMs were approved/recorded. (5) CSMs are pending approval. CONDO PLAT: (1) North Beach at NEPCO Lake Condominium Addendum #2 submitted for review/approval. Annual Plat Review Report – 2020 is attached for your reference and review.
- b. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Intergovernmental Cooperation Element was prepared and presented at last PC meeting. Land Use Element is being prepared for next PC meeting. Existing land use inventory was performed.
- c. Town of Lincoln Zoning Update – Presenting at the February PC Meeting. Town zoning has been updated. An interactive official town zoning map will be available for town and public use.
- d. Wood County Well Delegation Program – Working with staff to complete the prerequisites required to apply for Level 1 (well location) and Level 5 (well/drillhole abandonment) county delegation. The goal of the program is to protect Wisconsin's drinking water and groundwater resources by allowing regulation of these activities at the county level, with support and oversight from the DNR. Action items will be brought before CEED in the near future.
- e. COVID-19 Operational Planning – Working remotely when possible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. County Planner functions and programs will remain operational as normal. I will be available by phone: (715) 421-8568 or email: [adekleyn@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:adekleyn@co.wood.wi.us).
- f. Town/County Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance to the general public and town officials.
- g. WI Rural Economic Summit – Attended virtually. Presenters discussed the Wisconsin rural economy with a focus on innovative strategies that foster economic opportunities and well-being. The summit included an overview of historical and current trends in the Wisconsin rural economy, look to lessons learned from rural communities, and focus on proactive strategies that Wisconsin's smaller and rural communities can implement.

## **3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)**

- a. Working with County Planner to solidify new zoning data workflow and zoning maps for municipalities.

- b. Migrating Highway GIS data to facilitate increased access to the Highway Department.
- c. Digitizing Road Centerlines off of 2020 Air Photo.
- d. Digitizing Hydrography off of 2020 Air Photo.
- e. Addressing Data Enhancements.

#### **4. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker and Scott Custer)**

12-28-2020 – Inspection report mound <24" TN: 04; inspection report mound >24" TN: 10; inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 03; inspection report mound < 24"; TN: 02; (2) inspection report conventional TN: 18

12-29-2020 – Inspection report reconnect HT TN: 03; inspection report mound <24" TN: 11; soils evaluation, plan review & issued replacement mound >24" TN: 14\*; organized L drive for 2021

12-30-2020 – Inspection report mound >24" TN: 19; inspection report conventional TN: 18; reviewed component manuals and SPS 383

12-31-2020 – Holiday

01-01-2021 – Holiday

01-04-2021 – Inspection report mound <24" TN: 13; inspection report HT TN: 15; inspection report HT TN: 11; inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 15; inspection report mound <24" TN: 01; inspection report conventional TN: 07; reviewed soil reports for 2 mounds TN-03 and TN-16; reviewed SPS 385

01-05-2021 – Inspection w/Scott replacement mound >24" tank TN: 14; Inspection w/Scott floodplain TN: 13; reviewed sanitary permit process and status categories

01-06-2021 – Inspection report conventional (IGP GeoMat) TN: 07; inspection report conventional TN: 07; CEED meeting

01-07-2021 – Cranberry Farm certification TN: 13; soil survey research

01-08-2021 – Inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 16; shoreland meeting for new garage TN: 07; shoreland research for landowner TN: 07; holding tank agreement document TN: 03; septic power point

01-11-2021 – Drafted Mitigation Shoreland Affidavit TN: 07; holding tank application review TN: 01, Borchardt septic study, well delegation research on DNR website.

01-12-2021 – Soils evaluation, plan review & issued replacement HT TN: 03; soils evaluation new mound <24" TN: 16; hydrograph reading (Eichorn Well) TN: 07; inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 12; Nepco Lake floodplain research; Wisconsin Fund research for question

01-13-2021 – Phone calls and Code Technician training (Scott); discussion on shoreland and floodplain applications, site plan review; conventional application review TN: 07

01-14-2021 – Inspection report HT TN: 10; inspection report HT TN: 21; inspection report mound <24" TN: 06; floodplain question and review of site plan TN: 07; mound review TN: 18\*

01-15-2021 – Vacation (Jeff); Worked through EZ flow component manual. Worked through pressure system component manual.

01-18-2021 – Soils evaluation, plan review replacement HT TN: 01; inspection report HT TN: 10; inspection report HT TN: 15; prepared for well delegation meeting; floodplain zoning questions; Citizen's Groundwater Group meeting

01-19-2021 – Soils evaluation, plan review & issued new mound (A+0) TN: 15; soils evaluation, hydrograph, pan review & issued new conventional TN: 07; soils evaluation, plan review & issued replacement >24" TN: 18; Carmody training; Well Delegation program; 2020 updates presentation

01-20-2021 – Inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 17; inspection report mound <24" TN: 08; inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 11; Well Delegation meeting; review maintenance with program fee spreadsheet/removed any that have been serviced

01-21-2021 – Inspection report conventional TN: 19; inspection replacement mound (core) >24" TN: 07\*; vacancy checks for 2020 septic maintenance TN: 07 & TN: 18\*

01-22-2021 – Vacancy checks for 2020 septic maintenance (west of river)\*

01-25-2021 – Inspection report mound (A+0) TN: 02; inspection report mound <24" TN: 19; inspection report HT TN: 15; shoreland question from land owner TN: 18; mound inspection report\*

01-26-2021 – Plan review & issued reconnect mound <24" TN: 16; POWTS State audit; inspection report conventional TN: 18; inspection report <24" TN: 17; POWTS referral forms proofing; Well Delegation model ordinance updates

01-27-2021 – Inspection report mound <24" TN: 16; inspection report mound <24" TN: 15; shoreland application review TN: 18; GIS meeting preparation

\*Training purposes for Code Technician.

## **5. Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)**

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity – There were 8 sanitary permits issued in December 2020 (2 New, 6 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$2,200. There were 8 sanitary permits issued in December 2019 (6 New, 2 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$5,100.

There were 181 sanitary permits issued through December 2020. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the

previous five years: 2019 – 174, 2018 – 168, 2017 – 192, 2016 – 158 and 2015 – 186.

- b. 2021 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – As of January 26<sup>th</sup>, Wood County received no additional payments for a total of \$0.00 on zero (0) outstanding cases for 2021.
- c. 2020 Maintenance Notices – Septic Maintenance Notices, ATU (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, White Knight (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices and Farmer Exempt Holding Tank Maintenance Notices are scheduled to be mailed approximately Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> with a due date of Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 2,583 mailed between the four notices. Septic maintenance 2<sup>nd</sup> reminders were mailed on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 412 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder postcards mailed. There were 117 Corporation Counsel letters (3<sup>rd</sup> reminder) mailed on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. As of January 26<sup>th</sup>, there are 13 septic systems that have not completed servicing for 2020.
- d. 2020 Program Fee Notices – There are 4,622 program fee notices mailed on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> with a payment due date of Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were 788 second reminders mailed on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. There were 246 Corporation Counsel letters (3<sup>rd</sup> reminder) mailed on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. As of January 26<sup>th</sup>, there are 120 property owners that have not paid the \$25 program fee for 2020.
- e. Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims) – Vacancy checks by office staff for 2020 maintenance enforcement was completed on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - i. PENDING Small Claims Court Cases – Court Cases are being scheduled in groups of a maximum of ten (10)  
  
# Cases & Court Case Type  
(7) Failure to provide Servicing or Maintenance Report (2020)  
(6) Failure to provide Servicing or Maintenance Report & failure to pay \$25 program fee (2020)
- f. Wisconsin Fund Grant Program – 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the 2017 biennial budget act, repealed, effective June 30, 2021 the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program for failing septic systems. 2019 Wisconsin Assembly Bill 791 delayed the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program to June 30, 2023 passed on February 18, 2020. 2019 Wisconsin Senate Bill 791 was scheduled for consideration late March but has not been considered due to COVID-19. No extension yet for the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program. Office Staff continues to take applications for the program.
- g. Sanitary Permit Database System Project – The next phase for the sanitary permit system database will consist of creating a service provider and comments interface. Information Technology Department continues work on the design phase of the project.

- h. Survey Document Indexing Project – There are over 4,000 survey documents that are being indexed with a tentative completion by the end of 2021.
- i. ArcGIS Software Project – Editing addresses in 22 townships.
- j. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:
  - i. CEED Committee Meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Wellness Committee Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- k. Victoria attended the following meetings/trainings:
  - i. Economic Development Meeting (COVID-19 Recovery) on January 14<sup>th</sup> & January 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Personal Protective Equipment Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Land Information Council Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.



## RESOLUTION#

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Conservation, Education & Economic Development and Judicial & Legislative  
Committees

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No:	Yes:	Absent:
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Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u> , Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support efforts of four statewide organizations to introduce "clean water" measures legislatively this term.

FISCAL NOTE: None. The legislative efforts, if successful, would lead to long-term economic and quality of life benefits to the residents of the county.

**WHEREAS**, four long-established and well-respected statewide groups (Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, and The Nature Conservancy) have joined forces to implore legislative action outlined below and more specifically delineated in the attached press release and news article, and

**WHEREAS**, these four organizations have outlined four principles that will guide and inform their joint efforts to obtain comprehensive policy changes, including: increasing well testing and well replacement funding; updating the state CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feed Operations) program; and bolstering current conservation efforts, and

**WHEREAS**, conservatively it is estimated that 10% of rural wells and some municipal wells in Wisconsin are polluted with nitrates, and

**WHEREAS**, excess nitrates in groundwater and phosphorus in surface water have led to algae blooms on inland lakes and streams, which have the effect of reducing tourism and recreational pursuits, and

**WHEREAS**, excess nitrates are a known and well-documented direct threat to human health, and

**WHEREAS**, specific actions need to be instituted, like: managing unintended agricultural runoff; supporting farms that meet water quality standards; only permitting those agri-businesses that do meet water quality standards; helping farms to grow foods with fewer negative environmental impacts; encouraging innovative farming practices and recognizing that on sensitive soils, farming practices will have to change more dramatically in order to protect our water resources, and

**WHEREAS**, remediation of polluted waterways and groundwater will take years to accomplish, and

**WHEREAS**, growers like the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association in Central Wisconsin realize the magnitude of the problem, are conducting research, and encouraging farmer-led initiatives directed toward "best practices" independent of legislative action, and

**WHEREAS**, recommendations of the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality have, as yet, not been implemented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES** that it is time for the state legislature to codify specific, needed, water-protection measures as outlined in the attached December 27, 2020, commentary by the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, and The Nature Conservancy and to put timelines in place to accomplish these goals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to all other Wisconsin counties, to state lawmakers in the Senate and Assembly, to Governor Evers, and to the WCA and WTA.

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KEN CURRY (Chair)

BILL CLENDENNING (Chair)

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JOSEPH ZURFLUH

JAKE HAHN

DAVE LAFONTAINE

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Environmental, agricultural groups form initiative to advocate for clean water, thriving farms**

MADISON, Wis. — Four environmental and agricultural groups are coming together to advocate for meaningful state-level policy changes that support clean water and resilient farms.

Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association announced the partnership today at a virtual press conference.

"The challenges facing our drinking water and farming community demand innovative solutions. While not always on the same side of policy debates, our groups have had a long history of advocating for these issues," Mark Redsten, president & CEO of Clean Wisconsin, said. "We're working together because it's time we rethink how we protect our water while supporting our farmers."

The partnering groups outlined four principles that will guide and inform their efforts to push for robust policy changes, including increasing well testing and well replacement funding, updating the state CAFO program, and bolstering current conservation efforts. The partnership hopes to be a catalyst for critically needed policies, the groups said.

"We all value clean water and we all want economically and environmentally resilient farms. Our groups recognize that caring for both is a shared responsibility," Tom Crave, president of the Dairy Business Association, said. "Farmers are problem-solvers, and every day we are seeing more and more innovative conservation practices that protect and improve water quality around the state. Moving forward together with others who share this commitment will accelerate progress."

"As the world's population increases, finding ways to produce more food while protecting clean water will only become more challenging," Elizabeth Koehler, director of The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin, said. "Given Wisconsin's prominent role in agriculture, our state will be an important part of the solution, and collaboration across the public, private and non-profit sectors will be critical."



Commentary

## **COMMENTARY: To achieve clean water and thriving farms in Wisconsin, it's time for bold action**

Mark Redsten, Tom Crave, Elizabeth A. Koehler and Bob Micheel

Dec 27, 2020

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**W**e live in challenging times, and these days it can feel like we disagree more often than not. There are, however, at least two things that most, if not all, of us can agree on — keeping our water clean and our farms successful. To achieve both here in Wisconsin, we need to do more than agree they are important. We need bold action.

To kickstart the action we think is needed, our four organizations — Clean Wisconsin, Dairy Business Association, The Nature Conservancy and WI Land+Water — have come together to find common ground on water and agricultural issues core to our missions.

If not always on the same side, our organizations have been involved in state policy development on these issues for a collective 200 years. Wisconsin has made progress in that time, but not enough. We were disappointed that all the attention brought to the importance of clean water through the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality in 2019 and earlier this year did not result in meaningful policy changes.

It's time to rethink how we protect our water and support our farms.

We believe the current programs to permit farms and manage unintended agricultural runoff are in need of change. Together our state must also invest more resources in helping people who don't have access to clean water get it and in helping farmers grow our food with fewer negative environmental impacts. We need to support and encourage innovative farming practices and new cropping systems that improve farmers' bottom lines and the environment.

We can work toward a permitting process that supports farms that are meeting water quality standards, and we need to realize a future where every farm in the state is meeting a minimum set of conservation standards. We also recognize that in some sensitive parts of the

state, farming practices will have to change more dramatically in order to protect our water resources, and our state needs to help those farmers adapt.

We must invest in Wisconsin farmers and Wisconsin's drinking water. It won't be easy, and it won't be free, but the results will be worth every penny. We need to support our farmers who already recognize clean water is good business and help others adjust their practices to better protect our water. Every resident in Wisconsin has a right to clean water; if they don't have it, we have an obligation as a state to help them get it.

We cannot address clean water or the future of farming in Wisconsin as standalone issues; they are challenges that must be met together. Too often, policy disagreements have resulted in conflict and inaction instead of compromises and improvements. Our organizations are prepared to find common ground, to request bold changes from decision-makers, and to work toward a future where our state has clean water and a thriving agricultural community.

*Mark Redsten is the president and CEO of Clean Wisconsin; Tom Crave is the president of the Dairy Business Association; Elizabeth A. Koehler is the state director of The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin; Bob Micheel is the president of WI Land+Water.* Mark Redsten is the president and CEO of Clean Wisconsin; Tom Crave is the president of the Dairy Business Association; Elizabeth A. Koehler is the state director of The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin; Bob Micheel is the president of WI Land+Water.



Redsten

INTRODUCED BY: CEED (Conservation, Education, & Economic Development) Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support efforts of 4 statewide organizations to introduce “clean water” measures legislatively this term.

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, four long-established and well-respected statewide groups (WI Land+Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, & The Nature Conservancy) have joined forces to implore legislative action outlined below (enclosed press release and news article),

WHEREAS, conservatively 10% of rural wells and some municipal wells in Wisconsin are polluted with nitrates,

WHEREAS, excess nitrates in groundwater and phosphorus in surface water have led to algae blooms on inland lakes and streams which may have the effect to reduce tourism and recreational pursuits,

WHEREAS, excess nitrates produce threats to human health that are well-documented,

WHEREAS, specific actions like: managing unintended agricultural runoff, supporting farms that meet water quality standards, only permitting those agri-businesses that do, helping farmers to grow foods with fewer negative environmental impacts, encouraging innovative farming practices and recognizing that on sensitive soils farming practices will have to change more dramatically in order to protect our water resources, need to be instituted,

WHEREAS, remediation of polluted waterways and groundwater will take years to accomplish,

WHEREAS, growers like the WPVGA in Central Wisconsin realize the magnitude of the problem, are conducting research, and encouraging farmer-led initiatives directed toward “best practices” independent of legislative action,

WHEREAS, recommendations of the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality have, as yet, not been implemented,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is time for the state legislature to codify specific, needed, water-protection measures outlined by the statement from the four organizations listed above, AND to put timelines into effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all other Wisconsin counties, to state lawmakers in the Senate & Assembly, to Gov. Evers, and to the WCA, and WTA.



## RESOLUTION#

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CEED and Operations Committee

ITEM# 4

DATE March 16, 2021

Effective Date Upon Passage and Publication

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Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: EPN, Finance Dir.		

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2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Thao, L			
11	Curry, K			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2021 Land & Water Conservation (LWCD) Admin budget function (56121) for additional expenditures not anticipated during the original budget process.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The source of funding is from the LWCD Licenses/Permits revenue account. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
56121	LWCD Expenditures		\$4,100
59210	Licenses/Permit Expenditures	\$4,100	

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of a roller crimper was approved in capital outlay for 2021 and the roller crimper is ordered with an estimated April 2021 delivery date.

**WHEREAS**, the roller crimper will be rented to farmers throughout the county/area for use and a trailer is needed to transport the roller crimper to and from landowner's property.

**WHEREAS**, the trailer to transport the roller crimper was overlooked and was intended to be with the roller crimper in capital outlay during the budget.

**WHEREAS**, this request to amend the LWCD budget expenditure account 56121 is for the purchase of a trailer to transport the roller crimper.

**WHEREAS**, rule 26 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that "an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level."

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES** to, amend the LWCD (56121) budget for 2021 by appropriating \$4,100 of additional expenses from the Licenses/Permit expenditures (59210).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to publish a Class 1 notice of this budget change within 10 days.

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Kenneth Curry (Chair)	Ed Wagner (Chair)
Bill Leichtnam	Donna Rozar
Robert Ashbeck	Michael Feirer
Jake Hahn	Adam Fischer
Dave LaFontaine	Lance Pliml
Carmen Good – Citizen Member	

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 21 .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

## CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, January 18, 2021  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Teleconference via WebEx

**Present:** Caleb Armstrong, Ray Bossert, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Scott Custer, Bruce Dimick, Nancy Eggleston, Gordon Gottbeheit, Tamas Houlihan, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Cecile Stelzer-Johnson, Michael Tiboris, David Trimner, Gregg Wavrunek, Allison Werner, Rachael Whitehair, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpennig and Tim Wuebben.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment:** None.

3. **Speaker: David Trimner, Miltrim Farms (Athens)**

Bill Leichtnam introduced the David Trimner of Miltrim Farms as the largest automated dairy in Wisconsin. Miltrim Farms is the first farm in North America to be AWS Certified which is "Alliance for Water Stewardship". Certification focuses on making improved changes to stewardship practices. David Trimner of Miltrim Farms will be a guest speaker for the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo webinar.

Highlights of "Miltrim Farms Commitment to Conservation" presentation:

- Farm established in 1988 with long-held conservation practice.
- 40 cows to 2,500. Cropping 5,000 acres split between corn, alfalfa-grasses and oats.
- What got us started? Water is important. Surface water runoff is a Wisconsin issue. Soils need protection. Watershed is a big issue. Many fields are a high risk for erosion.
- Practices focus – No-till is primary focus and minimum till. Utilizing cover crops for year round growth. Removing unproductive land. Incorporating water savings practices. Responsible manure use and handling.
- Water conservation – Lower on farm water use, centrifuge, good ventilation, waterers, robots and water efficient nozzles.
- Closing – Conservation brings added value to dairy. Improved soil health. Better capture of manure nutrients. Easier access to fields. No yield loss from planting cover crops. Promote productive soils and clean water for generations.

4. **Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports:**

Bill Leichtnam shared the following at the meeting:

- A. River Alliance sent out a press release statewide complimenting Wood County on the Clean Water referendum question on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot.
- B. Bruce Dimick shared that he attended the DNR Drinking Water & Groundwater Study Committee – Municipalities that have lead pipe lateral issues in drinking water introduce phosphates in the drinking water supply then Wastewater Treatment Plant has a challenge to remove the phosphate to EPA standard. The State of Wisconsin has a Private Lead Service Line Replacement Program grant.
- C. Wisconsin Water Week will be March 8-12 to be held virtually. Local groups are asked to share an online local event on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. More info: <https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/convention/default.aspx>
- D. "Commentary: To achieve clean water and thriving farms in Wisconsin, it's time for bold action." handout – Clean Wisconsin, Dairy business Association, The Nature Conservancy and Wisconsin Land & Water have come together to find common ground on water and agricultural issues. Help farmers grow our food with fewer negative environmental impacts. Support and encourage innovative farming practices. Help others adjust their practices to better protect our water.

5. **Action Items:**

- A. Next Steps  
What are those next steps? What more can we do?

Producer Led Groups are important in working together with or without legislative support. Allison Werner suggested Matt Krueger as a speaker representing the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association.

Rachael Whitehair shared a virtual workshop educational opportunity "Reducing the Health Impacts of the Nitrogen Problem" on January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>. The workshop is hosted by the Environmental Health Matters Initiative to explore what actions can be taken on several levels to address the nitrogen contamination problem. [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reducing-the-health-impacts-of-the-nitrogen-problem-tickets-132597050347?aff=odeimcmailchimp&utm\\_source=Division+on+Earth+and+Life+Studies&utm\\_campaign=c56a0d8a72-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_08\\_06\\_06\\_18\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_3c0b1ad5c8-c56a0d8a72-233949961&mc\\_cid=c56a0d8a72&mc\\_eid=163fc1fbc0](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reducing-the-health-impacts-of-the-nitrogen-problem-tickets-132597050347?aff=odeimcmailchimp&utm_source=Division+on+Earth+and+Life+Studies&utm_campaign=c56a0d8a72-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_08_06_06_18_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3c0b1ad5c8-c56a0d8a72-233949961&mc_cid=c56a0d8a72&mc_eid=163fc1fbc0)

B. Protecting our ground & surface water with or without legislative support

*Motion by Rhonda Carrell to the Wood County Citizens Groundwater Group encourages this group, which would be the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, The Nature Conservancy, and The Dairy Business Association, to present to the Wisconsin State Legislature their specific intent to manage unintended agricultural run-off, support farms that meet water quality standards, permit only those agribusinesses, help farmers grow foods with fewer negative environmental impacts, encourage innovative farming practices and recognize that on sensitive soils farming practices will have to change more dramatically in order to protect our water resources. Second by Bruce Dimick. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

Motion will be drafted and presented as a resolution to the CEED Committee on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

6. **Roundtable**

- A. Allison Werner – Portage and Marquette Counties are voting to add the referendum question on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. If you'd like to join the discussion for the referendum outreach, please email [awerner@wisconsinrivers.org](mailto:awerner@wisconsinrivers.org).
- B. Gordon Gottbeut – Do you we want to bring up pollution and nitrogen? DATCP contacted him recently regarding his well test from July 11, 2018. The pesticide Imidacloprid was 0.462 mg/liter which is twice the safe level.
- C. Cecile Stelzer Johnson – Info on Imidacloprid: <http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/imidagen.html>

7. **Announcements of members / visitors (upcoming parallel events / meetings)** None.

8. **Future Speakers:** Bill Leichtnam is looking for potential speakers for upcoming meetings. February – Matt Krueger, Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association

9. **Agenda Items for next meeting**

Agenda items should be submitted to Bill Leichtnam.

10. **Next Meeting** Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL)

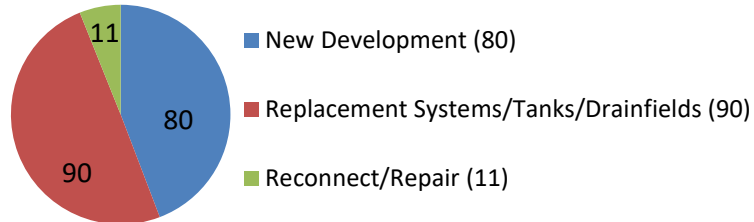
11. **Adjourn Groundwater Group Meeting** Chair Bill Leichtnam adjourned @ 3:51 p.m.

Notes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office and Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

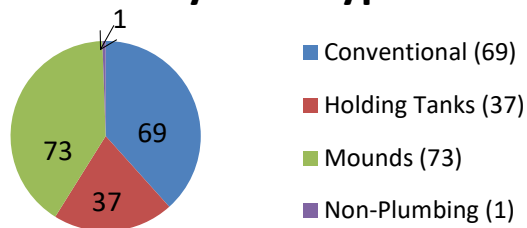


## 2020 Annual Sanitary Permit Totals (181 Permits Issued)

### Sanitary Permits



### System Type



#### NEW

Conventional – 35  
Holding Tanks – 14  
Mounds – 30  
In-Ground Pressure – 0  
Non-Plumbing – 1

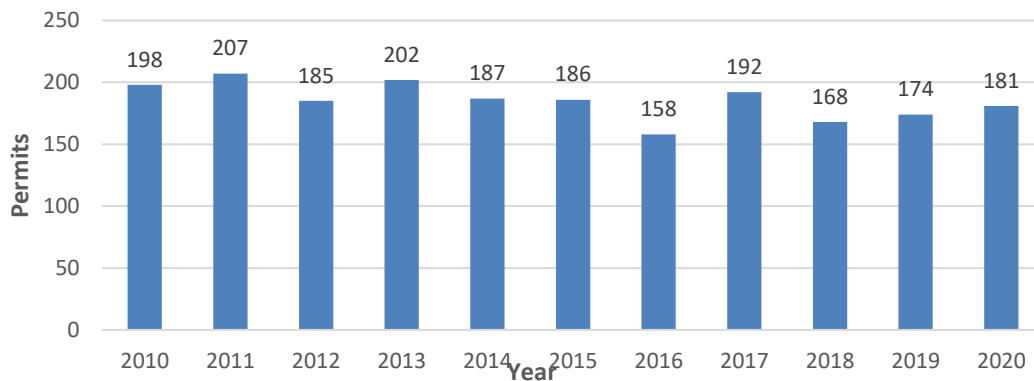
#### REPLACEMENT

Conventional – 30  
Holding Tanks – 17  
Mounds – 42  
In-Ground Pressure – 1

#### RECONNECTIONS

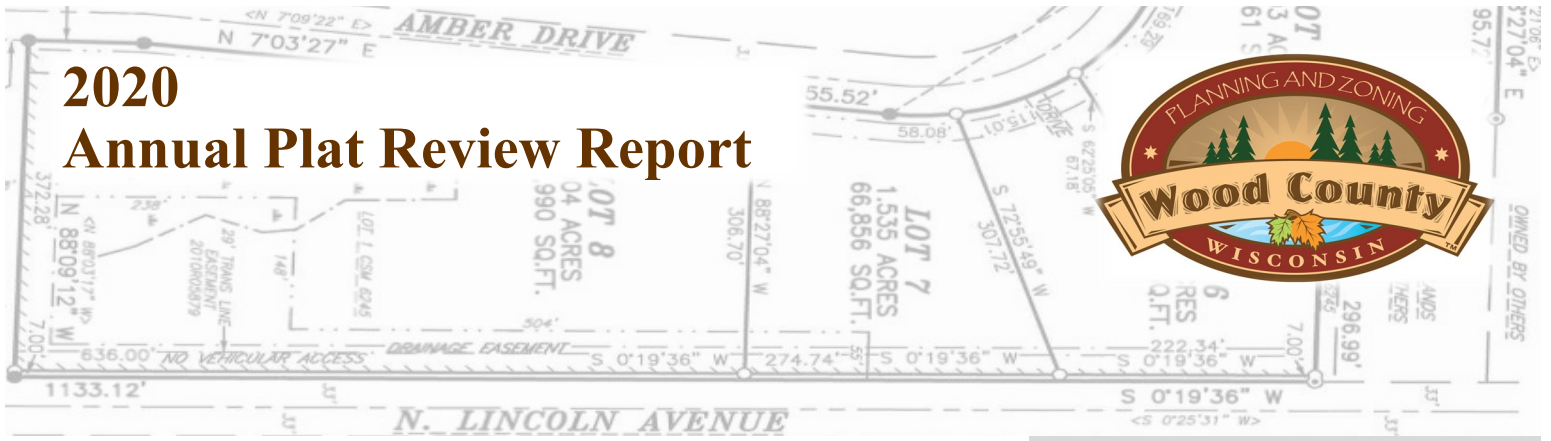
Conventional – 4  
Holding Tanks – 6  
Mounds – 1  
In-Ground Pressure – 0

### Sanitary Permit Historical Data





# 2020 Annual Plat Review Report



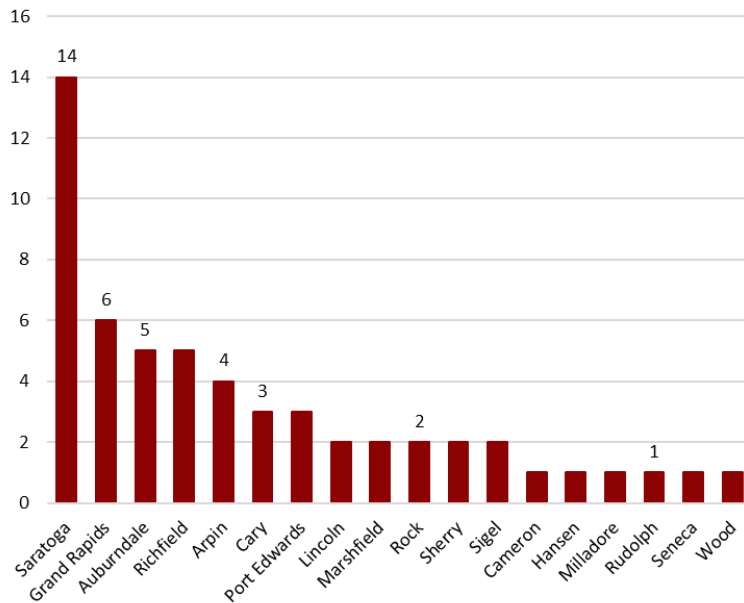
## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR

- **+33% increase in the number of CSMs reviewed.**
- **+100% increase in the number of lots created by CSM or plat.**
- **50% increase in the number of subdivision plats reviewed.**
- **The Town of Saratoga led in land divisions.**

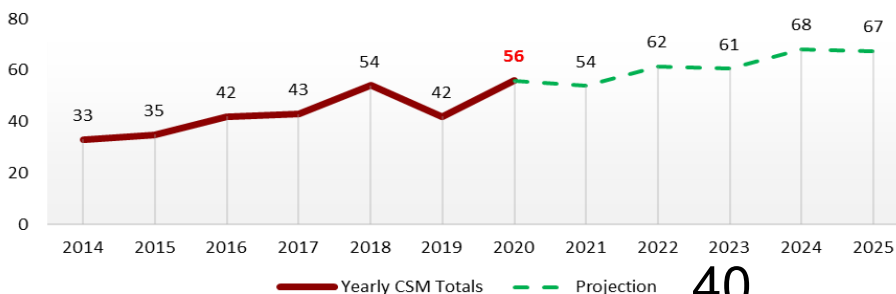
**2020 Plat Review Summary**

	Total	# of Lots
Certified Survey Map (CSM)	56	112
Preliminary Subdivision Plat	2	27
Final Subdivision Plat	2	27
Condo Plat	1	4

**CSMs By Town**



**CSM Historical Data & Projections For Future**



## PURPOSE

The Wood County Land Subdivision Ordinance is administered county-wide within the unincorporated areas of the county. This ordinance regulates procedures and standards for dividing a parcel of land into smaller parcels.

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; to further the orderly layout and use of land; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to lessen congestion in the streets and highways; to facilitate adequate provisions for water, sewage and other public requirements; to provide for proper ingress and egress; to promote proper monumenting of subdivided land and conveyancing by accurate legal description; and to provide safe and orderly subdivision layouts.

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[Wood County - Plat Review](#)



Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Craig Bernstein-Manager-Workforce Development-MSTC; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Jodi Friday-Community Impact Director-United Way; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

***Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:***

- We did not have a PPE meeting on Tuesday due to other meeting conflicts. There were no PPE needs or concerns brought up in today's meeting.
- We are not seeing the after Thanksgiving spike in COVID-19 cases that had been predicted. Wood County currently has 407 active cases.
- Pfizer has recently been approved and Moderna is in the process of being approved to begin dispersing their vaccinations. Some of the first vaccinations are taking place in Wisconsin. People with high risk for the virus or in the health care field are some of the first recipients of the vaccine.
- We are seeing some movement on a \$900 billion federal stimulus package. This may include individual stimulus checks. Much depends on if we can afford this package.
- Later today, there will be a meeting with the cooperative that is aiming towards the purchase of Verso.
- The Economic Development Administration grant application was submitted. This grant, if awarded, will help mitigate the Verso closure. We should know in the next few months if the grant application has been approved.

***Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:***

- Traffic for the Rotary Winter Wonderland continues to be heavy. This coming week we anticipate being the busiest yet.
- Our 2021 visitor guide has hit the streets. We are distributing these locally and will work on getting them distributed throughout the state.
- One of the hotels has had thirty to forty of the National Guard members staying at their hotel, which has helped bump up their occupancy.
- We are having a contest on our website to award someone a \$250 gift card and a stay at a Marshfield Hotel.

***Josh Miller-City of Marshfield:***

- Our new building code was adopted on Tuesday.
- We are working on year-end reports that will give us our building permit numbers and the economic development report for 2020. We are also working on the affordable housing report for each municipality and the new housing fee schedule report that are due at the end of January.
- Our promotional resources team is meeting later today to discuss what resources we have to promote economic development and tourism as well as provide educational resources to the community.
- Our Facade Improvement Program is wrapping up some projects. The facade program helped Mojo's with their new restaurant, The Chestnut Center for the Arts entrance and handrails, the Baltus office building update, and the Board Room, which is an air bnb type office space.

***Kristie Rauter-Egge-WC Health Department:***

- We have seen testing numbers drop significantly. Because of this drop, we have a high percent positivity rate. This indicates that the virus is probably rampant in our region.

- We requested that the National Guard continue testing in our area. Testing will now take place on Wednesdays rather than Thursdays at the Emergency Management shop.
- Due to a testing pilot grant, we were able to do testing at the school districts. This grant has been extended and allows us to continue testing at the schools as well as strike team testing.
- We continue to plan for vaccines. The State of Wisconsin received just under 50,000 of the Pfizer vaccines. We do not know how many Wood County received. There are many nuances for the Pfizer vaccine.
- Next week the state expects to receive some doses of the Moderna vaccine.
- We wrote a grant in June and were awarded the “Drug free community” grant. This grant focuses on youth substance abuse prevention.

***Craig Bernstein-MSTC:***

- With the vaccine roll out, our School of Health is putting out an “injection refresher” at the beginning of the year for anyone who might need it.

***Nancy Turyk-UWEX:***

- We are planning to have the REDI plan together by the end of this year. The process from there will be to present the highlights of the economic development plan to the roundtable group in early January. When we feel we have a good product, we will present the plan to the Wood County Board for approval.
- PPE meeting: Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next EDR meeting: Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 9:42 am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Karen Olson-Business Development Director-MACCI; Kaelie Gomez-Executive Director-Main Street Marshfield; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

***Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:***

- We did have a PPE meeting on Tuesday. Since PPE needs seem to have diminished and focus has shifted to vaccines, we will suspend future PPE meetings and discuss any needs during the Thursday Economic Recovery meetings.
- Wood County currently has 281 active cases of COVID-19, which is relatively low compared to many other parts of the state and the nation.
- The economy nationwide is in rough shape. Since COVID-19 started, 40% of the labor force has filed for unemployment benefits.
- Due to the recent stimulus package, every person will receive \$600. There are also other incentives for businesses out there, including a second round of the Payroll Protection Program (PPP).
- There are talks about another stimulus package that may total \$1.3 to \$2 trillion dollars.
- In business news, there was a report on the counties with the largest gain in tourism dollars. Wood County was number four of fourteen counties with an increase of 3.67% from 2018 to 2019. This equates to \$3.5 million dollars, \$70 million dollars in wages and 2,292 full time jobs. This is due in large part to the work our chambers and visitor bureaus are doing.

***Scott Larson-MACCI:***

- We continue to push out as much information as possible and answer questions from businesses on the incentives that are available due to the stimulus package that came out in late December.
- We have our annual meeting coming up which will be held virtually.

***Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:***

- We are continuing our Visitor Guide roll out and continue to distribute the guide. It can be viewed on our website as a pdf as well.
- We are ramping up to do a Power's Bluff promotion.
- Rotary Winter Wonderland was a huge success this year. There were over 73,000 food items collected and over \$100,000 in donations, both a record for this event.
- We are working with Nikki Ryner to hold a small, socially distanced event at Wenzel Plaza in February. This may include a curling demonstration and ice-skating.
- We are rolling out our online registration for Maple Fall Fest in September. Hopefully we can do the event this year. More information to come.
- Hotel occupancy is low at this time. Most properties are at 20-30%, which is about 50% less than normal.
- We are making plans to start our sports study. This will include a feasibility study for a new winter sports complex for curling, hockey and ice-skating.
- I recently read a national study that states the loss for the hospitality industry is about \$500,000 billion dollars because of the pandemic.

***Kaelie Gomez-Main Street Marshfield:***

- Main Street America has released a small grant on January 12, 2021: Announcing the “At Your Side” Small Business Grant Program | As small businesses continue to weather the challenges of the pandemic, we’ve teamed up with Brother International on a grant program to provide support. The “At Your Side” Small Business Grant Program will provide funding to brick-and-mortar small businesses in designated Main Street districts as they work to adapt to COVID-19 and prepare for the next phases of reopening across the country, while also helping to revitalize and strengthen older and historic commercial corridors.

***Karen Olson-MACCI:***

- I am working closely with Josh Miller and the Economic Development Board (EDB) people to do a strategic plan update.
- I am helping to get information out on the PPP and other programs as they become available to our businesses.
- We are still working with the C2 Makerspace. Our fundraising phase of this will start soon.
- We are waiting to find out if the farm show will happen at the Marshfield mall. It is supposed to take place in February but it may end up being postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

***Kyle Kearns-City of Wisconsin Rapids:***

- A new Starbucks on 8<sup>th</sup> Street may receive final approval next week along with the Lincoln High School recreation improvements.
- We are working with the co-op to provide some local assistance in response to the Verso Mill closure.
- The city is moving forward with a new comprehensive outdoor recreation study. This study will look at our parks across the city.
- We worked with University of Madison students in a marketing class to put together a marketing strategy for Wisconsin Rapids and regionally within a tri county area. They provided that presentation to us around Christmas. I will share this with those in this WebEx meeting today. This will hopefully spark us into action regionally and on a local level to create a marketing strategy.

***Angel Whitehead-HOW:***

- We, at HOW, have finalized our strategic planning. Our focus is community vision, economic development, partner benefits and public policies.
- We have concluded our Chamber Charity Drive. We raised over \$2,000 for the nonprofit businesses that participated. We will have this event again next year.
- We are really trying to focus on getting the resources out to the business community that are available from the stimulus package.
- The next two months we will have the virtual “Coffee with the Chamber” that will touch on different topics. This is a free event done via Zoom.
- We are in the final stages of trying to firm up a date for a job fair in the spring.
- Our leadership class splits up into groups every year to do projects. This year they are re-vamping “The Best Of” and are doing “The Best of Heart of Wisconsin” area.

***Kristie Rauter-Egge-WC Health Department:***

- We are planning for our vaccine rollout. Our first vaccine clinic was held last week and we have another one today in our office. We have secured the airport hangar on the south end to hold drive thru vaccination clinics starting next week.
- We are allocated the vaccine from the state based on the numbers that we request based on what we feel we can vaccinate in one week. The state gets the vaccine from the federal government. There is still a process by which we request vaccines on a weekly basis. We have to input how many vaccinations we give daily. We are currently in phase 1A of the vaccination process. This includes health care workers that provide direct care to patients. Starting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement and fire department workers can receive the vaccination.

- People who receive the vaccine still need to practice prevention measures and quarantine if they come in contact with someone who has the virus.
- In order to have herd immunity, we need 60 to 70% of people to either get vaccinated or have had COVID-19.
- We are looking for a place in North Wood County to hold drive thru vaccinations.

***Discussion on businesses and recovery:***

- Many businesses are starting to drop off even with stimulus money and programs that are available. Current conditions are not conducive to their sustainability.
  - We need to encourage the community to continue to support our local businesses.
  - Businesses are putting signs out to indicate that they are following safe guidelines and their business is safe to come into.
  - We have a segment of the population that is fearful about going out and partaking in activities even if it is safe for them. On the business side of things there is apprehension about liability concerns that they do not want to expose themselves to. There is some action on the state level to address the liability aspect, which will hopefully provide a tool to help with this concern.
  - If we can come up with some joint communication with the chambers and the health department to help alleviate concerns from businesses and from the general public, this may help encourage people to start patronizing businesses and get back to normal capacities.
  - We will need to be creative in encouraging people to go out and patronize businesses. Some businesses have had to adapt to a new way of doing business during the pandemic and they may not go back to their pre-COVID business model. Some businesses have struggled to adapt because the expectation post-COVID may not be sustainable for them.
  - We have many outdoor recreation opportunities for those in our community to enjoy and should focus on promoting those activities.
- Next EDR meeting: Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 10:03 am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Josh Miller- Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

***Jason Grueneberg-Planning & Zoning:***

- Discussions will more than likely shift from PPE needs to vaccine rollouts.
- Wisconsin is at the bottom of the list for distribution of the vaccine.
- PPE needs do not seem to be a major concern at this time. These meetings could be combined with the EDR meetings we have on Thursdays.
- Discussion regarding encouraging people to spend their stimulus money locally and continue to support local businesses took place.

***Scott Larson-MACCI:***

- We are facing significant losses in business operations in the hospitality and entertainment sector.
- Discussion followed on how we can help support these businesses with communication and encourage people to patronize businesses.

***Kristie Rauter-Egge:***

- The health department is being inundated with phone calls regarding the vaccination. We are currently vaccinating tier 1A, healthcare workers and those with direct contact in patient care. Yesterday the state released that next week law enforcement and fire personnel can be vaccinated.
  - We do not anticipate vaccinations open to the general public for several months.
  - If people are looking for information or wish to be vaccinated, we encourage them to contact us or check out information on our webpage.
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- Next PPE meeting: TBD
  - Next Economic Recovery meeting is Thursday January 14, 2021 @ 9:00am
  - Adjourned at 9:48 am