

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam,
Adam Fischer (excused at 12:55 p.m.) and Harvey Petersen (excused at 12:52 p.m.).

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Jeff Brewbaker, Adam Dekleyn, Stevana Skinner.
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Tracy Arnold and Lori Ruess.
UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler, Jodi Friday and Jill Hicks.

Others Present: Dist. #8 Supervisor Brad Kremer, Dist. # 14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dr. Mark Borchardt, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Rick Bakovka, Regional Economic Growth Initiative (REGI), Bruce Dimick, Citizen.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** Bruce Dimick commended Peter Manley for the excellent job he did facilitating the Central Sands Groundwater Group meetings. With Peter's retirement and the transition to a new facilitator Mr. Dimick expressed the importance of looking for someone who has leadership experience, facilitation skills and can work with a large group.

Adam Dekleyn announced the Parks & Forestry Open Spaced Plan Survey is available on the Wood County website. He encouraged everyone to complete the survey and to tell others to complete the survey. For those who don't have access to the internet, paper copies are available at the Wood County Planning & Zoning Office or the Parks and Forestry Department.

3. **Review Correspondence.**

- A. Jason Hausler mentioned the first 2018 Fair Support payment is on the UWEX Report of Claims. Chairperson Henkel requested that Report of Claims be pulled for discussion under UWEX. Adam Fischer requested the Land and Water Conservation Report of Claims be pulled for discussion under Land & Water Conservation.

4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the January 3., 2018 CEED meetings, 2) bills (December 2017 and January 2018) from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Justin Conner, Jeff Brewbaker, Stevana Skinner, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Matt Lippert, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Laura Huber, Jackie Carattini and Jeremy Erickson.

- A. Minutes of January 3, 2018. No additions or corrections needed.
- B. Department Bills. The UWEX and Land & Water Conservation Department Report of Claims were pulled for discussion.
- C. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Harvey Petersen to approve and accept the January 3, 2018 CEED minutes, staff activity reports from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and bills from Planning & Zoning as presented. The UWEX and Land & Water Conservation Report of Claims were pulled for discussion on specific bills that were paid. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.

At this time, with the committee's consent UWEX agenda items were moved up.

6. Land & Water Conservation Department.

- A. Presentation on Groundwater Concerns in Wood County (Dr. Mark Borchardt). Dr. Mark Borchardt gave a preface and stated as a research scientist he works from data only. He gave a presentation titled "Sources of Fecal Contamination in the Fractured Dolomite Aquifer in Northeast, Wisconsin". His presentation included information on Brown Water Events in Northeast Wisconsin, what can generate brown water events and outbreaks associated with these events. Characteristics of Silurian Dolomite Aquifer. Wood County has a sand aquifer and two of the most vulnerable aquifers are dolomite and sand and gravel. He covered four research objectives; 1) Design a county-wide randomized sampling plan, stratified by depth-to bedrock, for nitrate and indicator bacteria. 2) Sample one per season a subset of wells for viruses and fecal marks capable of distinguishing septic versus bovine sources of contamination. 3) Install automated sampling systems on one or two wells to determine the timing of peak transport for viruses and indicator bacteria and 4) Use statistical models to identify risk factors for private well contamination. He summarized the results of his research. On a county-wide basis 26% to 28% of private wells tested positive for total coliforms, E. coli, or nitrate > 10 ppm. At depths to bedrock less than 50 ft. contamination rates generally exceed statewide averages. Well contamination results from both human and bovine fecal sources. Risk factors for well contamination appear related to groundwater recharge, depth to groundwater, sink holes, precipitation, timing of manure application, and agricultural land use.

Discussion followed the presentation. Supervisor Kremer thanked Dr. Borchardt for the excellent job on his presentation. He asked if research has done anything with commercial fertilizers and, if so, has it been put in the study.

Dr. Borchardt wrapped up his discussion and added that as a scientist he is available to help out and answer questions.

Bill Leichtnam made a motion to have Dr. Borchardt give this presentation to the Wood County Board. No second was made as Chairperson Henkel recommended that the presentation take place after the April elections to include the newly elected supervisors. Bill Leichtnam agreed.

**The Committee recessed for a short break at 11:20 a.m.
The Committee reconvened at 11:25 a.m.**

- B. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation update. Tracy Arnold shared that last year a change was made to the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance to double permit fees that were collected after the January 31st deadline. This year all permit fees were in on or before the deadline date, so there was no need to double any permit holders fee.

A forfeiture that has not been paid since 2013 is now paid in full. This year the mine site was reclaimed and the permit holder agreed to have the forfeiture amount deducted from his financial assurance refund.

A hearing on a contested mine site is scheduled for Monday, February 19th. Tracy expressed concerns with the number of public requests on this case, the landowner coming in and taking pictures of documentation in the file and leaving the file out of order, and the number of hours she and other people have put into this case. How will the expense of staff hours be covered? This program is self-funded through permit fees and this landowner never paid a permit fee as the previous landowner held the permit. Suggestions following discussion included; contacting State Legislators as burden shouldn't fall on one that is compliant. Install a security camera in an area where someone from outside the office can view their file. Have an impartial person present when someone requests to view their file. Shane Wucherpfennig and Tracy Arnold both stated that the Land & Water Conservation Department requires a "Request for Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department Public Record Information" be completed prior to releasing any public information.

Several committee members stated that this has created a liability to the County and a policy needs to be established for handling of public record requests in the future. Chairperson Henkel requested an update and take action on policy change be put on the March CEED agenda.

Completion Industrial Minerals moved and left no forwarding address. Tracy contacted an employee who was still working out of the Marshfield office and was told everyone has left. Once she heard this, Tracy took immediate action and followed the necessary steps to seize the financial assurance. On January 30th Wood County received the full financial assurance in the amount of \$105,200. Tracy will be working with Peter Kastenholz as she moves forward to the next step.

- C. Discuss Nonmetallic Mining inactive mines policy & take action. Tracy Arnold handed out the NMM Permit Transfer Fee and Three Year Inactive Ann Fee Policy and reviewed it with the committee. This is a Land and Water Conservation Department policy. Changes include requiring a new reclamation plan for permit transfers if the current approved reclamation plan is three years old or older and changes to the permit transfer fees.

The committee took the proposed revisions to read and review and this item will be put on the March CEED meeting agenda for further discussion and possible action.

- D. Discuss purchase of no-till drill by LWCD, funding & setting up a capital projects account & take action. Shane Wuchepfennig reported the Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department hasn't had many requests for rental of the tree planters in recent years. He would like to sell the planters and purchase a no-till drill to rent to farmers and landowners for planting of cover crops, prairies, grasses, and food plots. He has groups that are very interested in donating to the purchase. PACRS, City of Marshfield, Friends of Mill Creek, and Farmers of Mill Creek have all expressed interest in donating toward the no-till drill. He would like the Committee's approval to move forward with fund-raising and permission to pursue a capital projects non-lapsing account.

Chairperson Henkel explained at the January 2nd Executive Committee they approved Parks & Forestry and Land & Water Conservation Department to move forward with fundraising for their projects, but a moratorium was put on all other fundraising until a county policy is established. Discussion followed.

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to grant permission for Shane Wuchepfennig to pursue a capital projects non-lapsing account. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried. Adam Fischer opposed - "Vehemently opposes non-lapsing accounts".

- E. Update on Friends of Mill Creek annual meeting. Shane Wuchepfennig gave a brief report on the Friends of Mill Creek Annual meeting which was held on January 30th at the Eau-PleineTown Hall. Attendance at the meeting was very good.
- F. Update on Mill Creek Watershed 9-Key Element Plan. Shane Wuchepfennig reported on the progress of the Mill Creek 9-Key Element Plan. The inventory stage should be completed by the end of February. He is very pleased with the progress of the plan.
- G. Discuss last three items of Bill Leichtnam's discussion items. Bill Leichtnam reported on his last three discussion items: 7) Urge more involvement in the WCA in "clean water" issues. 8) Create a "worst case" contingency plan (developed by the Wood County Health Department and Emergency Government) for a large-scale well contamination episode in Wood County. 9) Urge WCB to separately & collectively write to Wisconsin Legislators and the Governor & tell them that

we need clean water protection -both quality and quantity – legislation to protect the citizenry this term. Bill stated that he was “satisfied” with all three items.

At this time, the report of claims for Land & Water Conservation Department was discussed. Adam Fischer requested an explanation on voucher # 18170198 and # 18170199 - nutrient management vouchers. Shane Wucherpfennig explained these were for cost-share payments for nutrient management.

At this time Bob Ashbeck and Bill Leichtnam requested approval to attend the February 9th North Central Land & Water Conservation Area Speaking Contest and Meeting which is being hosted by Wood County. Chairperson Henkel authorized their attendance and added that in the future approval to attend meetings is to be an agenda item.

Jason Grueneberg asked; can “Approval for Meeting Attendance” be a standard agenda item? Jason will check with Peter Kastenholz.

7. UW Extension.

- A. Interim facilitation of Central Sands Groundwater Group Peter Manley emailed the committee on facilitation of Central Sands Groundwater Group (CSGW) during vacancy of his position. Peter retired January 31st. In his proposal, he mentioned that members of the CSGW have suggested that Gus Mancuso from Incourage Community Foundation would have good skills for the task. There would be a fee from Mr. Mancuso to facilitate. Jason Hausler shared that there would be savings from Peter Manley’s vacancy that could be used to pay someone to facilitate. He discussed this with Marla Cummings and Peter Kastenholz and they didn’t have a problem with it. Adam Fischer stated he made a motion in the past that Peter Manley brings together all stakeholders to collaborate. He asked if this has happened. It was stated that dairy, cranberries, and Ho-Chunk have not been represented at the meetings. Other concerns expressed included:

- This is not a sub-committee of the CEED so committee should not pay for facilitator.
- Cost of department heads (time and money to attend the meetings). At least three department heads attend.
- Concern that Bill Leichtnam is taking per diem and attending as a stakeholder.

Rick Bakovka stated that he has attended the CSGW meetings and they are very worthwhile and productive, however all stakeholders need to be present to be most productive.

Shane Wucherpfennig stated he has attended most of the CSGW meetings. In the beginning there were a lot of good ideas shared, a lot of speakers, and a great deal of education. If you want to move forward, need all stakeholders at the meetings.

Following lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

*Motion by Adam Fischer that no contractual dollars be used for facilitator salary; cost of facilitator should be paid by CSGW Group. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried.
Bill Leichtnam opposed – Contractual dollars in budget.
Ken Curry opposed – incumbent on CEED to have water committee.*

- B. Staffing Update Jason Hausler gave a UWEX staffing update. Jackie Carattini, Family Living Educator, transferred to Wood County January 1st, Laura Huber filled the Wood County 4-H Youth Development position, and Peter Manley, Community Resource & Development Agent, retired January 31st. Someone from within UWEX is interested in the Community Resource & Development Agent position and would like to have a conversation about the position with the CEED Committee. The dates that work for the Committee to meet with the interested candidate

are February 19th or February 21st. Jason Hausler will check which day works best for the candidate to meet.

Jason gave an update on the potential third support position. He talked with Warren Kraft before Warren retired regarding the position description and compiling job duties to see if a third position is necessary. 4-H duties have been shifted to Wendy Young.

- C. MOU Discussion Jason shared the MOU has been pulled due to transition to Madison. The bulk of it hasn't changed. Jason will forward the revised MOU to Peter Kastenzholz and then it will be brought to the committee. The committee can destroy the notes that Jason asked them to save.
- D. Food Wise Programming Update/Presentation Jill Hicks and Jodi Friday reported on the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). EFNEP is a federally funded educational program where peer educators deliver a series of hands-on interactive lesson to program participants. Currently Jill and Jodi are working with child care providers on the Food Wise Healthy Intentions, Healthy Behaviors. This course includes nine lessons and child care providers can receive 16 continuing education credits for completing the course. Incentives are offered for each week completed. Following the presentation, copies of the Plan, Shop, Save grocery shopping list and the EFNEP National statement were given to the committee.

At this time, the report of claims for UWEX was discussed. Voucher # 30180011 – 2018 Fair Support was discussed. Per the committee's recommendation, partial payment in the amount of \$16,000 has been paid to the Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair Board. Jason Hausler contacted Marla Cummings, Finance Director, and was told that since the full \$32,000 was approved in the 2018 budget, there is no need to pay in two installments. If the committee so chooses, in the future this can be paid in one lump-sum following presentation of the report. Historically the second payment is made in November.

Motion by Adam Fischer to pay full amount. Discussion followed and Jason Hausler stated he didn't think a motion was necessary because it is already in the budget. Ken Curry stated that a report was already given and the committee was satisfied with the report so he doesn't see a problem with paying in lump sum.

Adam Fischer amended his motion.

Motion by Adam Fischer to revisit this subject next month and include second payment in vouchers. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Economic Development.

- A. Activity update from Regional Economic Growth Initiative (Rick Bakovka) Prior to the Economic Development activity update, Rick Bakovka volunteered to be the interim facilitator of the Central Sands Groundwater Group. Specifically to address bringing all stakeholders to the table. The Committee thanked Rick for volunteering.

Rick Bakovka reported on the Regional Economic Growth Initiative (REGI) of Central Wisconsin. REGI is a nonprofit public/private funded organization targeting the economic development needs of Central Wisconsin. The organization provides a variety of informational, educational, and financial assistance to businesses, investors and site selectors while collaborating with municipalities and other regional partners. Rick provided examples of some of the significant successes that took place since 2016 and reviewed 2018 projects. He is very optimistic about Economic Development in Central Wisconsin. Rick thanked the Committee for their support and allowing him time for his presentation.

9. County Surveyor.

Nothing to report.

Private Sewage.

- A. Recap of 2017 Maintenance Program and Triennial Private Onsite Waste Treatment System Fee Collection. Stevana Skinner gave a brief overview of sanitary permits that were issued in 2017. There were 74 new construction sanitary permits issued in 2017. She handed out a graph which showed new construction permits over the past 10 years. Highest year was 2009 with 79 new construction permits issued, followed by 2008 with 78. She handed out a summary of maintenance due notices and second and third notices. 2,413 maintenance notices were mailed in 2017. 387 second notices were mailed and 69 third notices (Corp Counsel Letter). To date 13 are not compliant and of those 13, four have also failed to comply with the \$20 program fee. 4,551 Triennial Fee Notices were mailed in 2017. 756 second notices and 223 third notices. To date 99 are still unpaid.

Harvey Petersen was excused at 12:52 p.m.

Adam Fischer was excused at 12:55 p.m.

10. Planning

- A. Report on Mining 101 Educational Seminar and consider possible action pertaining to mining activities in Wood County. Adam Dekleyn reported he attended the Mining 101 Educational Seminar in Minocqua, along with Supervisor Leichtnam and Supervisor Curry. The overall purpose of the training was to inform local officials of the recent law changes surrounding the regulation of non-ferrous metallic mining in Wisconsin. Speakers presented on the geology and resources of northern Wisconsin, gave an overview of recent mining legislation and the history of the Flambeau Mine that was in operation in Ladysmith. July 1st is the deadline to adopt an Ordinance. Discussion followed as to the next steps to take towards an ordinance and which Department would administer the ordinance. It was mentioned that Oneida County has a metallic mining ordinance. Oneida County has County Zoning. The county has options and municipalities have options; county could serve as educator/facilitator to towns.

Following discussion, Adam Fischer stated he feels the Land & Water Conservation Department needs to be brought into the discussion to possibly administer an ordinance.

Hilde Henkel requested Planning and Zoning and Land & Water Conservation to work together and come up with recommendations on how to proceed. This item will be put on the March CEED agenda.

Bill Leichtnam handed out information on the Major Ecosystem Threats of Sulfide Mining.

- B. Update on pending legislative proposals pertaining to land use and code enforcement activities.

Jeff Brewbaker reviewed three pending Assembly Bills pertaining to land use and code enforcement activities.

- Assembly Bill 483 – relating to eliminating the Building Inspector Review Board and the Contractor Certification Council and requiring the Uniform Dwelling Code Council to review complaints regarding the inspection of one-family or two-family dwelling construction.
 - Act 55 religious waiver – exempt smoke detectors.
 - Included outside illegal septic systems.
 - This bill corrects language.
- Assembly Bill 547 – relating to permitting and mitigation requirements for nonfederal and artificial wetlands and state assumption of the federal regulatory program governing the discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters.
 - Removes DNR authority.
 - This bill moving very quickly.

- A lot of people do not support this bill.
- Assembly Bill 713 – relating to conforming a floodplain zoning ordinance to a federal letter of map amendment.
 - DNR would not be able to interject.
 - Bill could have potential impact on flood insurance.

11. Schedule Next Meeting.

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the River Block Auditorium, Suite 206.

12. Agenda items for next meeting.

- A. Discuss nonmetallic mining inactive mines policy & take action
- B. Update on nonmetallic mining hearing, review of public record policy & take action.
- C. Recommendations from Planning & Zoning & Land & Water Conservation Department on metallic mining.
- D. Review and discuss presentation from Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist.

13. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.

- A special meeting will be held sometime in February.
 - Discussion with UWEX interested candidate.
 - Discuss agenda allocation.

14. Adjourn.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to adjourn at 1:43 p.m. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land & Water Conservation Department
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on 02/14/18 @ 8:41 a.m.)