

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam, Adam Fischer (via teleconference) and Harvey Petersen.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg and Adam Dekleyn

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig

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

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Lance Pliml, Sue Kunferman (Wood Co. Health Dept.), Logan Manthe (Wood Co. Health Dept.), Nancy Eggleston (Wood Co. Health Dept.), Kevin Masarik (UW-Extension), Sam Warp Jr. (City of Marshfield) Dale Christiansen (Central WI State Fair), and Jeffry Hartman (Central WI State Fair).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Henkel called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comments.** None.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
 - A. Jason Hausler introduced the new UW-Extension Family Living Educator, Jackie Carattini.
 - B. Bill Leichtnam shared a letter from the DNR that is asking for public input. He asked committee members to individually consider providing input by the January 25th deadline.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the December 6, 2017 CEED meeting, November 29th Special CEED Meeting, December 19th Special CEED Meeting 2) bills 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 Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Laura Huber and Jeremy Erickson.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve and accept the minutes of the December 6, 2017, November 29th, 2017, and December 19th, 2017 meetings, the bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation, and UW-Extension, and the staff activity reports as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

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

6. Land & Water Conservation Department

- A. Presentation on how Wood County soils vary from north to south in susceptibility to groundwater contamination from Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist, UW-Extension. Kevin Masarik gave an overview of groundwater pollution and groundwater contamination susceptibility. Southeastern Wood County is more susceptible than the northwestern part of the county. He also stated that farmers are doing a good job of keeping nutrients in the root system during the growing season, but leeching is occurring during the fall and spring. Cover crops can help during those times. For Wood County, 6% of wells tested exceed the 10mg/L nitrate standard. The Center for Watershed Science has detailed

information available about nitrates on sandy soil. Bill Leichtnam would like to add a discussion about this presentation on the next agenda.

- B. Report on December County Conservationist meeting. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that Jim VandenBrook will be retiring; he has been an outstanding leader for the WI Land & Water Organization. He learned that Wisconsin is losing over 20k acres of cropland annually to residential land, and that Wisconsin has lost over half of its wetland capabilities. DNR gave updates on NR151. There was a presentation on what the County's role in Groundwater Quality Protection will be. Shane also shared that the L&WC Department received a notice for a request for a review of the Reclamation for Badger Sandstone, which will tie up staff for much of February.
- C. Discuss Golden Sands RC&D presentation to Wood County. Joel Kuehnhold from Golden Sands RC&D has requested to present to County Boards throughout the Central Sands region. Ken Curry commented that the CEED Committee has historical questions about what value that RC&D brings to Wood County, and suggests that Joel presents to the CEED Committee first. This will be scheduled for the March CEED Meeting.

7. UW Extension

- A. Report from Dale Christiansen, Central WI State Fair Executive Director- Dale Christiansen shared that the 2017 fair was a success. The fair needed to address the declining income with amusements, so they found a new amusement company and moved the fair dates to a week earlier. There has been a positive response to moving the fair dates. Dale shared a report on the Junior Fair financials. The total expense was \$ 40,235. With moving the fair dates, there will be a conflict with the draft horse show, which will now potentially be a stand-alone event. The county provides the Junior Fair with \$32,000 annually. There was a consensus by the committee to release half of amount at this time. The committee will discuss releasing the remaining amount at the February CEED Meeting.
- B. Staffing Update- Jason Hausler shared that the final interviews for 4-H Coordinator position will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, with an expected start date of February 1. Peter Manley is retiring; a reception for Peter will be held on January 15th from 1:00-2:30pm in room 114. Jason will be looking at internal UW-Extension applicants to fill Peter's position. He would like to have a discussion at the next CEED committee meeting about prioritization for Peter's position, about potentially filling the third support staff position, and look at how we recruit that position and move it forward.

8. Economic Development

- A. Consider resolution amending the 2017 CDBG-ED Budget (56780). This will not affect the general fund.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to amend the 2017 budget for the Community Development Block Grant function (56780) for additional expenditures not anticipated during the original budget process. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

9. County Surveyor. No update.

10. Planning

- A. Bill Leichtnam asked Jason Grueneberg if the program fee notices on page 24 of the packet is higher or lower than it was historically. He responded that it was typical and that overall, Wood County has a high percentage of compliance.

11. Review 2018 goals for County Conservationist and Planning & Zoning Director.

A. Jason shared his three 2018 goals with the committee and gave a brief overview.

Goal #1 (15 points): Propose new fee structure for Planning & Zoning Office.

Goal #2 (10 points): Develop approach to scan and index floodplain mapping document and initiate the process in 2018.

Goal #3 (5 points): Conduct teambuilding training and personality type training for all department staff

Motion by Ken Curry to approve Jason Grueneberg's 2018 goals. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Shane Wucherpennig shared his three 2018 goals with the committee via email and gave a brief overview.

Goal #1 (5 points): Prepare a presentation for the full County Board for the February meeting, highlighting the L&WC Department's work to aid in groundwater quality.

Goal #2 (5 points): to work with a regional team to plan Healthy Soils, Healthy waters conference.

Goal #3 (20 points): to plan, develop, and write the 9-key element plan for the Mill Creek Watershed.

Bill Leichtnam commented that the Central Sand Groundwater Group would like the Healthy Soils, Healthy Water Conference to be larger and include a water summit. Shane spoke to the event's planning committee members about this possibility and they feel that this addition would pull away from the important 1-on-1 farmer interactions. However, some of the core group would be willing to assist with planning a separate water summit. There is potential to partner with Portage County for a water summit. Bill Leichtnam would like to see the groundwater summit added to one of Shane's goals. Shane said he would like to be involved with the summit, but cannot take the lead due to time constraints.

Ken Curry was excused at 11:08am.

Motion by Adam Fischer to accept Shane Wucherpennig's 2018 goals. Second by Harvey Peterson.

Ayes: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Adam Fischer, Harvey Peterson.

Nays: Bill Leichtnam; Bill believes Shane's goals should include emphasis on groundwater.

Motion carried.

12. Discuss hiring in the future without a recruiter. Lance Pliml explained that HR will still perform the HR function of recruiting, but will lose the ability to go outside of that building to recruit. Discussion followed.

13. Schedule next regular committee meeting

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 9:00am at the Wood County Courthouse, Room 115.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

A. Discuss today's groundwater presentation meeting.

B. MOU discussion (UW- Extension)

- C. Discuss CNRED position priorities (UW-Extension).
- D. #7, #8, and #9 of Supervisor Leichtnam's 9 recommendations for clean water in Wood County.

15. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None.

16. Adjourn

Motion by Harvey Peterson to adjourn at 11:26 am. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Katie Tomsyck, UW-Extension
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on January 09, 2018)