

MINUTES  
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017  
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam, Adam Fischer and Harvey Petersen – excused at 10:17 a.m.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg and Adam DeKleyn.  
 Land & Water Conservation Staff: Adam Groshek and Lori Ruess.  
 UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley and Matt Lippert.

Others Present: Dist. #8 Supervisor Brad Kremer, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Dist. #16 Supervisor Lance Plimi, Peter Kastenholz, Corporation Counsel, Scott Suder, Enbridge Energy and Denise Sonnemann, Enbridge Energy.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** Dennis Polach had questions regarding specific items on pages 12, 18, and 20 of CEED packet. Chairperson Henkel stated his questions would be addressed under agenda items 6) Land & Water Conservation Department and 7) Economic Development.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
  - A. Jason Grueneberg stated that Wood County has funded a booth for \$2,500 at the State Fair in the past. This year they are looking for volunteers to staff the booth. Volunteer hours are 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. He passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in volunteering.
  - B. Bill Leichtnam mentioned he is interested in attending the County Conservationist meeting at the Mead Inn on July 14th for the special bonus session on Livestock Siting rules & revisions.
  - C. Bill Leichtnam handed out a report: Wisconsin among 12 Worst States for Drinking Water Safety.
  - D. Adam Groshek shared information on the August 16<sup>th</sup> North Central Area Land & Water Conservation Association Summer Tour hosted by Oneida County. Registration deadline is August 9<sup>th</sup> and is limited to the first 50 registrants.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the June 7, 2017 and June 20, 2017 CEED meetings, 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, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert, Sarah Siegel, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Kyli Brown and Jeremy Erickson.
  - A. Minutes of June 7, 2017. No additions or corrections needed.
  - B. Minutes of June 20, 2017. No additions or corrections needed.
  - C. Department Bills. No questions or comments.
  - D. Staff Activity Reports. Questions on pages 12, 18, & 20 will be addressed under numbers 6 & 7.

*Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve and accept the June 5, 2017 and June 20, 2017 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Adam Fischer. Motion carried with Bill Leichtnam opposed as he wants to make a statement.*

Bill Leichtnam commented on the previous meeting (June 5, 2017) motion to move "Water Issues" on the agenda under Land & Water Conservation Department. He had a concern with an agenda item he requested to put on this meeting agenda under Land & Water Conservation being omitted. Chairperson Henkel suggested that this be discussed under agenda item 6B.

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

**6. Land & Water Conservation Department.**

- A. Appoint a Wood County Weed Commissioner for 2017. Discussed appointing Eron Agronomics as Wood County Weed Commissioner for a one year term. Concerns expressed included appointing a firm versus a person. Will employees be certified/licensed pesticide applicators? Discussion followed.

Peter Kastenholz stated the County should enter into a contract with the firm even if the firm is not receiving compensation.

*Motion by Harvey Petersen to appoint Eron Agronomics as the Wood County Weed Commissioner for 2017. Second by Adam Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.*

- B. Update on SE Wood County Groundwater meeting. Peter Manley gave a brief overview of the June 22nd SEWC Groundwater Group meeting. Representative Scott Krug reviewed the 2017 Act 10 Legislation on high capacity wells and Scott Provost, DNR Water Quality Specialist, presented information on the 4-Mile Creek and 10-Mile Creek Watersheds. The next meeting is scheduled for July 31st.

Bill Leichtnam expressed concerns with an agenda item being omitted from this CEED meeting agenda. At the June 20<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting Lance Plimi recommended that the nine recommendations Bill Leichtnam brought up at County Board be brought to the CEED Committee to consider. Following discussion, Chairperson Henkel requested a copy of the specific issues to be addressed be forwarded to the CEED and put on the September CEED meeting agenda for consideration/action.

- C. Consider resolution pertaining to eminent domain statute. Jason Grueneberg presented a resolution to encourage the state to adopt legislation repealing the ability of interstate and international petrochemical transmission companies from utilizing eminent domain authority in Wisconsin. The resolution was drafted by Corporation Counsel following a request from the "80 Feet is Enough" group at the June 7th CEED meeting. Lengthy discussion followed.

Lance Plimi stated that he had a lengthy conference call with Wisconsin Counties Association and there is no bill pending in state legislature and no sponsors of such bill. WCA would like the steering committee to review how it impacts everything, not just oil, and would like some time to study this issue.

Scott Suder, Enbridge, expressed his concerns with the resolution. He stated Enbridge does not have a new project and has no new regulatory or eminent domain authority. He reviewed the steps Enbridge is required to take for permits and summarized their obligations to stakeholders, landowners & affected communities in the event of a new project.

Adam Fischer and Bill Leichtnam suggested having both entities attend a meeting to be educated on the facts.

*Motion by Kenneth Curry to take no action on the resolution pertaining to eminent domain statute at this time.*

It was asked that the motion be re-opened to amend. Amended motion follows.

*Motion by Kenneth Curry to take no action on the resolution pertaining to eminent domain statute until a need arises. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.*

The question regarding an unpaid nonmetallic mining forfeiture on Tracy Arnold's staff report (page 12 of the packet) was addressed at this time.

## **7. Economic Development.**

- A. Discussion of application process and eligible projects for 2018 Economic Development funding consideration. Jason Grueneberg reviewed past Economic Development requests from organizations and stated he is looking at implementing an application process for future Economic Development funding requests. He asked the committee for guidelines on what should be funded and what to include in the application. Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to go forward with the application process as discussed. There was no second to the motion as it was decided to hold a special CEED meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> for consideration/action of the application.

- B. Review and discuss draft mission statement for Wood County Economic Development. Following review of Draft # 3 and Draft # 4 of the Economic Development Mission Statement the following motion took place.

*Motion by Adam Fischer to move forward with Draft # 3 of the Economic Development Mission Statement. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.*

The questions regarding shoreland ordinance investigations (page 18 of CEED packet) and use of complete names in minutes (page 19 of CEED packet) were addressed at this time.

## **8. UW Extension.**

- A. nEXT Generation Reorganization Update Peter Manley gave an update on the nEXT Generation Reorganization. Jason Hausler has been selected as the Area 7 Extension Director. Department Heads will continue on until December 31, 2017. Department Heads will work jointly with AED. Beginning in 2018, Department Head functions will be negotiated. Many of the present functions will be carried out by existing Department Heads or county staff.

A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed that will provide a broad outline of expectations for the state and county.

The 2017 July – December 133 contract should be available in August for the Committee to sign. In 2018 and thereafter, 133 contracts and work plans will be updated annually. The work plan will provide more specific expectations of staff, county and state.

The Assistant Dean, Regional Director, and AED will meet with Department Heads to present staffing options & fiscal impacts.

- B. Soils and 4-H Leader's Accounts Peter Manley updated the work done in uncovering the discrepancies found in two accounts and notification to all staff. He outlined the next steps he will follow in trying to rectify the accounts.
- C. Matt Lippert gave a brief Agricultural report and handed out information on invasive plants (Wild Parsnip and Giant Hogweed) along with Seasonal Growing Degree Unit and Precipitation Deviation charts for Marshfield and Arlington.

**9. Schedule Next Meeting.**

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wood County Courthouse in Room #115.

**10. Agenda items for next meeting.**

- A. July 18th Special CEED meeting – Consider/approve Economic Development funding application.
- B. August CEED meeting – 2018 Budgets.
- C. September CEED meeting – Consider/action on nine recommendations (Bill Leichtnam).

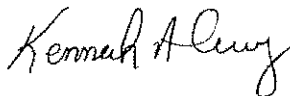
**11. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.**

A special CEED meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. at the Wood County Courthouse in Room #115.

**12. Adjourn.**

*Motion by Adam Fischer to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Second by Robert Ashbeck. 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 07/10/17 @ 1:37 p.m.)