

MINUTES  
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016  
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS

**Members Present:** Hilde Henkel, Ken Curry, Bill Leichtnam, Robert Ashbeck, Adam Fischer, Harvey Petersen,  
**Staff Present:** Land & Water Conservation: Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold  
Planning & Zoning: Jason Grueneberg, Jeff Brewbaker, Adam Dekleyn  
UW-Extension: Peter Manley, Sarah Siegel, Katie Tomsyck  
**Others Present:** Lance Pliml, Roy Driver, Bill Clendenning

1. **Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
3. **Review Correspondence.** Jason Grueneberg introduced Adam Dekleyn as the new County Planner. Adam previously works at Chippewa County and Minnesota DNR.
4. **Consent Agenda-**The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) Minutes of the September 2016, CEED meeting, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, UW-Extension and Land & Water Conservation, and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Justin Conner, Adam Dekleyn, Julie Akey, Jeff Brewbaker, Heather Marquardt, Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Lori Ruess, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert, Sarah Siegel, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Kyli Brown and Jeremy Erickson.

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve and accept the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, CEED minutes and the bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW-Extension as presented and staff activity reports from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW-Extension. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Risk and Injury Report-** Nothing new to report for this month.
6. **Discussion/action on process for water protection policies for Wood County including possible action regarding the Ordinance referred to this committee.**
  - A. Discussion: Ken Curry asked if the CEED committee has a plan in place if they rescind the subcommittee. Hilde Henkel suggested that the committee set aside a portion of the agenda to talk about this each month, or have one meeting to discuss it in its entirety, which she believes would be less effective. Ken Curry wanted confirmation that if the subcommittee was rescinded, that the water issue wouldn't be dropped altogether. Bill Leichtnam stated that he will not vote to rescind unless he is reassured that it will continuously come before the committee each month. Harvey Peterson replied that he had no problem with that. Robert Ashbeck spoke that the

farmers are educated on these topics, and that the CEED committee shouldn't be suggesting what they do. Ken Curry argued that these ordinances are not only affecting farmers, but that action from this committee will affect anyone who uses water in the county whether it is companies or individuals. Hilde Henkel suggested that the job of the CEED committee is to set the policy, and job of the department heads figure out how to do it enforce the policy. She stated that the committee needs to work on protecting the water, while still protecting the agriculture community.

Motion by Harvey Petersen to rescind the subcommittee on water protection policies. Seconded by Robert Ashbeck.

Voting Aye: Harvey Peterson, Adam Fischer and Robert Ashbeck, Hilde Henkel

Voting Nay: Ken Curry- the subcommittee is important; Bill Leichtnam- the subcommittee does its work well and could report to the CEED committee

Motion carried 4-2

Hilde Henkel suggested that during the November meeting, the committee go over one of the ordinances to make sure they are adequate. Shane Wucherpfennig suggested ordinance 801. Hilde suggested the committee add an agenda item about how the new position will affect how ordinance 801 is enforced. Bill Leichtnam asked to review NR135, to consider that well protection is necessary. Shane Wucherpfennig replied that is covered in NR 214. Hilde suggested that Dan Mahoney from Little Plover come to speak on this. Peter Manley will invite Dan to come to the November meeting.

## 7. Land & Water Conservation Department

A. NRCS Report – Roy Diver gave a report on the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Department services. Roy shared that there are many grant programs available locally to farmers. Roy gave a brief history on the history of the agency. He mentioned that word-of-mouth and press articles help raise awareness of the funds available.

B. The committee reviewed the resolution to amend 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims budget.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve and accept the resolution to amend 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims budget. Second by Adam Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget update: Hilde Henkel asked all departments to review their budgets decrease any areas in 2017 and to review their 2016 budgets to find any dollars to give back. She stressed that Wood County is still at a \$400,000 shortfall. Shane Wucherpfennig replied that the Land & Water Conservation Department is at bare minimum. He stated that delaying the new truck for the department could make problems worse. He stated that rent could be a potential savings area, but that would only save \$1,600.

D. Discuss fees for nonmetallic exemption review. Shane Wucherpfennig presented information on a new fee structure that they are examining for nonmetallic exemptions. There is no current fee. These fees allow this area to be a self-supporting program, by covering the staff time spend on these exemptions. Other counties are charging substantially higher. Shane Wucherpfennig and Tracy Arnold provided the following possible fee suggestions:

- i. A \$200 exemption fee for 0-1 acre mine. The department would provide a single-page map, with a legend and conditions. They would do one inspection after the year. This is a one-time permit.

- ii. A \$400 exemption fee for mines over one acre. The department would provide a map detailing activity, a check-off list, and a small reclamation plan.
- iii. The inactive fee will be \$100 to be the same as the DNR.
- iv. Review fees are currently \$400 across the board, this covers the class 2 public notice. The department would like to go to a tiered fee structure, based on size.

Shane Wucherpennig requested approval from the committee that they are going in the right direction.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to allow the Land and Water Conservation Department to bring the committee more information on the non-metallic fee structure. Second by Adam Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Shane Wucherpennig will bring the fee structure to the November CEED committee.

F. Update on current violation sites.

- i. Shane Wucherpennig gave report on a site violation. Significant problems were found at the site including manure overflows, mismanaged manure, confined manure storage within 100 ft. of waterway, manure leaving barn and flowing to waterway. The land operator didn't understand what he was doing wrong, but he was cooperative, however. Shane wrote the land operator a letter detailing what needed to be fixed. He was fined \$500 for two different violations. The settlement offer was to give him \$1000 fine in exchange for working with us to work on clean up, or we would pursue a \$5,000 forfeiture through court. The land operator has been working to resolve the problems. He is willing to accept a notice of discharge. He is under enforcement rules and we have some timelines to fix the violations. There has been some progress on cleanup. The land operator does not own the land. Going forward the land-operator will need a nutrient management plan and a long-term agreement for spreading. Because he accepted the NOD, he is interested in cost-share dollars to help remediate and make management better. Hilde Henkel asked about penalties. The highest level of authority would be through the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Ken Curry asked what percentage of the violations has been mediated. Shane replied that 65% of the issues still remain.
- ii. Bill Leichtnam brought forward that on September 30th, the DNR approved high-capacity wells in Portage County that could affect Wood County Residents. Bill thinks this committee should monitor 7-mile creek. Tracy Arnold replied that volunteers are currently monitoring base-flow. Shane suggests talking to DNR to get the data on water-quality testing since LWCD only reports base-flow.

G. Shane Wucherpennig gave a report on the RC&D meeting. Shane sits in on the water quality section. Shane shared that there are funds available to pay for control techniques for invasive species. We could get a potential match for NEPCO Lake if we partner with their defined lake group. The DNR's AIS program is earmarking an additional \$600,000 to counties. This opens up the potential to get a regional person to work with the counties. Bill Leichtnam will attend the next meeting at RC&D and will write a one-page report on the meeting.

## 8. Planning & Zoning

- A. Update on Community Assistance Visit (CAV) and unresolved floodplain violations. Jeff Brewbaker distributed a list of potential violations identified from the WI DNR Community Assistance Visit (CAV) Four additional sites were reviewed with the committee this month.

- i. ID #361- this violation is for a new pole barn in the Town of Cranmoor.
  - ii. ID #363- this violation is for a new pole barn in the Town of Port Edwards- there was a building permit, but there was never a flood plain permit.
  - iii. ID #373 this violation is for a new house in the Town of Dexter- the house was out of flood plain, but they dug a reservoir to elevate the home, the reservoir was in the flood plain. Need a permit for this.
  - iv. ID #379 this violation was for trailer parking in the Town of Hiles- they did end up getting a permit.
- B. Presentation of County Shoreland Ordinance #704 proposed revisions. Jeff Brewbacker gave an overview of the County Shoreland Ordinance revisions.
  - i. Act 55- allows NC (non-conforming) structures w/in footprint, vertical expansion up to 35'
  - ii. Act 167- allows exempt structures w/in footprint and 3-dimensional building envelope
  - iii. Act 582- allows structures of which any part were allowed by variance same allowances as NC structures w/in footprint, vertical expansion up to 35'

This could be put on the schedule for the public hearing. The hearing may be as early as November 2<sup>nd</sup> pending DNR approval and two notices.
- C. Budget update and possible review: Hilde Henkel asked Jason Grueneberg what areas Land & Zoning Department could cut back. Jason responded that the economic development department is a possibility to cut back, however, he doesn't advocate for cutting this in the budget because he believes this is very important. Also, the \$5,000 for the crowd-funded entrepreneurial grant program through North Central Community Action Program, was not approved by Executive Committee. He could shift costs from levied budgets to non-levied budgets, but doesn't like to do this because it will catch up a few years down the road. He also suggested they could raise fees and that he will look into what adjacent counties are charging.

## 9. UW Extension

- A. UW Extension Reorganization Update- Peter Manley gave an update on the UW-Extension reorganization. Karl Martin will be the new Dean as of November 1st. By the end of February, counties will receive options to consider for reorganization. Currently, many counties are understaffed. Most of the existing shuffling has been administrative.
- B. Budget Update- Hilde asked Peter which areas UWEX could cut the budget. Peter responded that the 133 contracts went down a little bit because of new personnel. He will look into salaries and see what will be left over. Most line items were the same, or were decreased marginally. Also, the Clean Sweep bill hasn't come in yet, which could affect the 2016 budget.
- C. Clean Sweep Report. Peter Manley gave a report on the 2016 Clean Sweep, held in Marshfield on September 24th. 235 vehicles for 255 households attended the Clean Sweep. The facility was a great setup. There were fewer county volunteers than in the past, so they kept busy. He expressed appreciation for the Milladore Groundwater Guardians assistance.
- D. Dehydration Education- Sarah Siegel, UWEX Family Living Educator, reported on a program that she conducted with the Master Gardeners about Food Dehydration. 40 people attended. The program focused on the safe process of treating and handling foods to stop of slow the spoilage. She shared that preserving foods extends harvest, extends shelf life, nutritious value, saves on

food budget, moves people to sustainable frame of mind. At end of October, there will be another seminar on Canning and Freezing between Master Gardeners and Family Living. Sarah also mentioned that food preservation equipment is available to Wood County residents to rent through the UW-Extension Office.

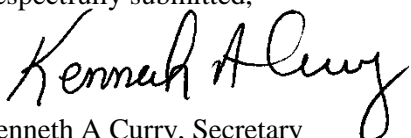
**10. Schedule next regular committee meeting**

- A. The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 2nd. If a hearing is possible, the public hearing will start at 9:00am, followed immediately by the CEED committee.

**11. . Adjourn.**

<p>Motion by Robert Ashbeck to adjourn at 11:58am. Second by Adam Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth A Curry, Secretary

Minutes by Katie Tomsyck, UW-Extension

Review for submittal to County Board by Ken Curry (approved on November 2, 2016)