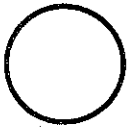


AGENDA
CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2017
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

1. Call meeting to order
2. Public Comments (*brief comments/statements regarding committee business*)
3. Review Correspondence
4. Consider/take action on Wild Parsnip Weed Commissioner resolution.
5. Discuss Land Conservation funding.
6. Adjourn



RESOLUTION#

Introduced by Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee
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Motion: Adopted: 1st Lost: 2nd Tabled: No: Yes: Absent:
Number of votes required: [X] Majority [] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the CEED Committee to appoint a Weed Commissioner and to enter into a contract with that Weed Commissioner that sets forth the powers and duties of that position.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional funds for contracting with a Weed Commissioner as the costs therefore would be paid by the land owners.

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WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 66.0517(2)(b) allows a county to appoint a Weed Commissioner for the containment and destruction of noxious weeds, and

WHEREAS, the County Land Conservationist has been working with state, local authorities and private parties with respect to providing education on noxious weeds, and

WHEREAS, the CEED Committee recognizes a need for a the appointment of a Weed Commissioner who is certified to apply chemicals to control and destroy noxious weeds and to work with local municipalities and property owners within the county to educate them on the problem, and

WHEREAS, the Committee doesn't feel that appointing a county employee as the Weed Commissioner is the best way to go, instead the Committee would like the authority to enter into a contract with a private party to serve as the Weed Commissioner and to only allow the Weed Commissioner to enter on to private property and to destroy noxious weeds thereon when consent is given by the property owner as the Committee feels that such a cooperative approach will be more effective in the long run in controlling the spread of noxious weeds within the county,

WHEREAS, the CEED Committee believes that the services provided by a contracted Weed Commissioner can be done at no cost to the county, instead the model for the program would be for the land owners who are receiving the benefits of the containment and destruction of noxious weed s to pay the costs for said services, and

WHEREAS, the contract with a Weed Commissioner can be set up so that if there is an initiative in the private sector to provide the education on and eradication of noxious weeds in the county, the Weed Commissioner would not be given a competitive advantage and the contract could be terminated in the event the government is no longer needed to sustain this initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to, authorize the Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee to appoint and contract for the services of a Weed Commissioner at no cost to the county for the purpose of educating about and eradicating noxious weeds when consented to by the property owner.