

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Mark Holbrook, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam and Harvey Petersen.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, and Kim Keech.
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig.
UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler and Laura Huber.
Surveyor: Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Dist. #12 Supervisor Douglas Machon, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach and Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendening.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None
4. **Review Correspondence.** None
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the November 6, 2019 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Stevana Skinner, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpfennig, Adam Groshek, Rod Mayer, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Jackie Carattini, Janell Wehr, Laura Huber, Hannah Wendels and Rachel Whitehair.
 - A. Minutes of November 6, 2019. No additions or corrections needed.
 - B. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - C. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the November 6, 2019 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
7. **Land & Water Conservation Department.**
 - A. Take action on resolution on NR151 rule revisions to the state Robert Ashbeck is against the third "WHEREAS" in the resolution about local input and giving local stakeholders the opportunity to be part of the rule making process. Robert Ashbeck added that farmers have a nutrient management plan and vegetable growers do not. Bill Leichtnam shared that nutrient management plans protect the nutrients in the soil not the groundwater. Shane Wucherpfennig commented that the state will do what they want in the end. Local public input is similar to a public hearing. Mark Holbrook expressed that farmers will have a voice and are a local stakeholders too. Dave LaFontaine shared that all stakeholders will have citizen input.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to encourage the Wood County Board of Supervisors to support the proposed revisions to Ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code, which will set newer Targeted Performance Standards and Prohibitions to abate pollution of groundwater by nitrate in areas of the state with highly permeable soils that are susceptible to groundwater contamination. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried 5-1. Robert Ashbeck objects to how the third WHEREAS is worded in the resolution.

- B. Take action on per diem request for Bill Leichtnam to attend the Wis. Land & Water Conservation Conference in Stevens Point on December 12, 2019 Bill Leichtnam requested per diem, conference registration and mileage to attend the Wis. Land & Water Conservation Conference in Stevens Point on December 12, 2019.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve requested per diem, conference registration and mileage for Bill Leichtnam to attend the Wis Land & Water Conservation Conference in Stevens Point on December 12, 2019. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve bids for Luke Keuffer's fencing/crossing project Luke Keuffer requested cost sharing for a fencing and stream crossing project for 30-40 head of cattle 1-1/2 miles along the Yellow River Watershed Corridor. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that one bid was received for the fencing project and no bids for the stream crossing project. Real Fence LLC owned by Brandon Zimmerman was the low bid for the fencing project of \$18,656.98 with an estimate of \$226/feet. County staff estimated the fencing project to cost \$250/feet. There was no bids for the stream crossing project. Bids are not needed as county policy doesn't require bids on projects estimated lower than \$6,000. Mark Holbrook commented that there is a benefit to support the fencing and stream crossing project as the public has an interest in contributing to clean groundwater.

Motion by Harvey Petersen to accept the low bid of \$18,656.98 from Real Fence LLC for cost sharing purposes. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Discuss/suggestion for office or office hours in Marshfield for Land & Water Conservation Robert Ashbeck has made a request that the Land & Water Conservation Department has office hours in Marshfield one day a week as it is time consuming for farmers to come to the Wisconsin Rapids location. Chairman Curry recommended to educate the public as to the Wisconsin Rapids office location and office farm visits. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that office staff currently visit farmers on the farm. Office staff have mobile devices which are able to pull up maps and aerial photos. Shane Wucherpfennig will educate the public in their spring newsletter regarding Wisconsin Rapids office location and farm visits.

E. Committee Reports

- i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting Bill Leichtnam commented that the Citizen's Groundwater Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 18th. Notes from the meeting are in the CEED Committee packet.

Key items that came from the meeting:

- Hancock Scoping NR151 preliminary testimony.
- Possible legislation bills:
 - a. AB69/SB31 Permit Fees for CAFO
 - b. AB148/SB137 Nitrate Testing Pilot Program
 - c. AB511/SB451 Distributing & Labeling of Fertilizer and Soil or Plant Additives Produced by Manure
 - d. Another possible ten legislation bills

- Divided government:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Passed Legislation</u>
2003-2004	327
2005-2006	491

2008-2009 242
2018-2019 20

- Panel Discussion: Nitrates in Central Wisconsin: Science/Solutions
Monday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m. @ Nekoosa High School Auditorium
Sponsors: Clean Green and Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative
Panelists: Two legislatures, Health Department, Farmer and Two Scientists
- Wisconsin DATCP/DNR Hearings on “Livestock Siting” revisions and possible NR151 Extension to areas with sensitive soils. There is an interim DATCP Secretary. A decision may not be made until they have a new DATCP Secretary. Their official statement on the hearings that it was a “pause”.
- Wood/Juneau County MOU w/AGC – Nothing to report. There has not been any meetings for the last two months.

All committee meetings are the third Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Wood County Riverblock Building, Room #206.

- i. Health Committee report Chairman Curry shared that Nancy Eggelston said there is nothing new to report regarding the Wood/Juneau County MOU w/AGC. A possible teleconference may be scheduled for week of December 9th. Bill Leightnam commented that there was a third round of water tests done in early November. There was approximately 93 water samples and of those samples 27% had greater than 10 ppm for nitrates.
 - ii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report Nothing to report. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 1:30 p.m. at the Hancock Agricultural Research Station.
8. **Private Sewage.** Staff report in packet. There are approximately 600 property owners that have not paid the \$20.00 program fee. Second notices are scheduled to go out on Monday, December 9th.
9. **Land Records.** Staff report in packet. Everything is going well with the new employee Paul Bernard as the Land Records Coordinator.
10. **County Surveyor.**
- A. Presentation of County Surveyor annual report County Surveyor Kevin Boyer updated the CEED Committee on a brief history of the County Surveyor and 2019 past maintenance work. Wood County was 60% monumented in January 2009. It was noted that in March 2017 Wood County is 100% monumented. All corners are updated every 20 years. The Surveyors annual report is attached to these minutes.
 - B. Consider renewal of contract for Public Land Survey System corner maintenance due to road construction maintenance projects Jason Grueneberg shared that Central Staking has the 2019 PLSS corner maintenance due to road construction contract. Corners are verified prior and after road construction. Central Staking is agreeable to the 2019 contract price for 2020. Cost prior to construction is \$92.50 per corner and after \$280 per corner. If there is damage to the corner the cost is \$280 per corner. Jason Grueneberg recommends extending the contract for Public Land Survey System corner maintenance due to road construction/maintenance projects for 2020 with Central Staking.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve renewal of Central Staking contract for Public Land Survey System corner maintenance due to road construction/maintenance projects. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Planning.

- A. Review/Action on Preliminary Plat of Rangeline Subdivision Adam DeKleyn explained the request for the Preliminary Plat of Rangeline Subdivision in the Town of Saratoga. The 14 acre parcel is owned by Quinn Properties LLC proposing 3 lots ranging from 4.06-5.35 acres in lot size. The Wood County Land Subdivision Ordinance is administered countywide within the unincorporated areas of the county. This ordinance regulates procedures and standards for dividing a parcel of land into smaller parcels. Preliminary plat was sent to the town of Saratoga for comment/review. Additional, copies of the preliminary plat were sent to the following review agencies for comment /review: WDOT, Tax Lister, County Surveyor, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department and applicable utilities. All agencies having the authority to review the preliminary plat. Planning & Zoning staff has reviewed the request and recommends to conditionally approve the preliminary plat of Rangeline Subdivision.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to conditionally approve the Preliminary Plat of Rangeline Subdivision in the Town of Saratoga. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Review 2020 goals for the Director of Planning & Zoning Jason Grueneberg shared 2020 goals with the CEED Committee.
- C. Discuss next Economic Development meeting There will not be a special CEED Committee (Economic Development) meeting in December. CEED Committee (Economic Development) meeting will be reestablished in January. A REDI Grant meeting will be on December 18th and December 19th at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. Bill Leichtnam requested per diem for CEED Committee members to attend the REDI Grant meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve requested per diem for CEED Committee members to attend the REDI Grant meeting on December 18th and December 19th. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

12. UW Extension.

- A. General Office Update
Jason Hausler shared the following office updates:
- Cranberry Specialist position closes on December 10th.
 - Hannah Wendels is the new FoodWise Nutrition Educator and started November 11th. This position is 100% state funded.
 - 2019 Annual Report will be completed.
 - Staff annual reviews will occur in early spring 2020. Goals are evaluated following year after being established. Goals are benchmarked and evaluated. New goals are then established.
- B. County Board Presentation – Kevin Masarik Jason Hausler shared that Kevin Masarik Groundwater Education Specialist of the Center for Watershed Science and Education Department at UW-Stevens Point will be giving a 15 minute presentation on January 21, 2020 at the Wood County Board meeting with a question/answer period.
- C. Educational Presentation – Laura Huber Laura Huber gave a presentation on the Wisconsin Fall Forum held in Green Lake with over 400 attendees. The purpose of Fall Forum is to provide educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers, developing youth and adult partnerships, create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions, provide youth and adult volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluation of statewide programs, encourage diversity of thought and promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups. Wood County was represented by 36 participants and Wood County 4-H Llama Project. John Noltner of A Peace of My Mind visited Wisconsin Fall Forum and asked "How has 4-H impacted you or your community?" The link to view the YouTube video what was said: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KPif-D8cVg&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0P_C7QaF7fGKx08S1Yrk2H6dAkz3ms-oqG5wBuWFanNmZVFIQwae1f-w

Wood County has approximately 600 youth members and 130 adult members. Training youth is important for the future to help them strive for greatness.

Wood County received a \$5,000 grant from 4-H Tech Changemakers program. The National 4-H Council and Microsoft are working together to empower 4-H teens to lead digital skills trainings, teach the value of digital tools and find technology solutions to real world problems.

13. Schedule Next Regular Committee Meeting. The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #115.

14. Agenda items for next meeting.

A. Wood County Solar Project

Harvey Petersen announced that he is retiring after 27 years and will no longer be the Farm Service Agency representative. A new Farm Service Agency representative will attend the CEED Committee meetings starting in January 2020.

15. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None

16. Adjourn. Chairman Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office