

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Robert Ashbeck, William Winch, Ken Curry, Ruth Moody and Dale Gehrke

Member Excused: Hilde Henkel

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning Staff – Gary Popelka, Julie Akey and Jason Grueneberg, Land Conservation Staff – Shane Wucherpennig and Travis Hirman, UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley and Jodi Friday.

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Terry Schmitz (UWEX Regional Director), Jason Angell (Marshfield Director of Planning & Economic Development) and Marshfield Mayor Chris Weber.

1. **Call to Order.** Vice-Chairman Robert Ashbeck called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** Supervisor Winch questioned if anyone is checking on the sale of livestock when crossing State lines (i.e. cattle coming from Iowa farms). Peter Manley reported he will refer this matter to Matt Lippert for review.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
 - a. Robert Ashbeck reported that Chairperson Henkel attended the WCA Environment & Land Use Steering Committee meeting on July 23rd. Committee members reviewed her notes from the meeting.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the July 11, 2012 CEED meeting, 2) bills from UW Extension, Land Conservation and Planning & Zoning and 3) staff activity reports.

Motion by Ruth Moody to accept the July 11, 2012 CEED minutes as presented. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ruth Moody to accept the bills and staff activity reports as presented. Second by William Winch. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Land Conservation

- a. RC&D Council Meeting Update. Committee member Ruth Moody reported Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. A special banquet will be held August 18, 2012 at the Jensen Center in Amherst.
- b. Update. Shane Wucherpennig updated the Committee on several work projects the intern is assisting with this year.

6. University Extension

- a. Family Living Educator Refill Process Terry Schmitz, UWEX Regional Director, updated the Committee on the Family Living Educator vacancy. He reported the visioning session was completed. It is anticipated this position will be filled by the end of this year.
- b. Budget Update Peter Manley reported they have just begun working on the 2013 budget. anticipates the 2013 budget would be similar to last year's budget.
- c. Smart Board Training Jodi Friday gave a brief training lesson on the use of Smart Boards. She explained Smart Boards are interactive white boards which are featured mainly in k-12 education. The use of the Smart Boards allows students to interact with the lessons and materials by touching the board to manipulate information and objects.

- d. Clean Sweep Resolution Peter Manley requested authorization to submit a state grant application in cooperation with Marathon County for a joint collection program. It was noted the County would not proceed with this program if the State funding is not received. Supervisor Winch asked if a charge could be assessed to recoup some of the program costs. Manley responded a fee could not be charged through this program. As a result, Supervisor Winch requested Manley write a letter to the State suggesting that program guidelines be amended to allow agencies to charge a fee.

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to authorize the submittal of a state grant application and the subsequent appropriation of County funds (\$20,000) and outside donations for a Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Program for Wood County. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Planning & Zoning

- a. 2013 Budget Overview Gary Popelka updated the Committee on the 2013 budget process. It was noted two of the P&Z budgets are non-levied budgets and only one is a levied budget. Popelka also briefly explained the County's new computer replacement program which will affect all 2013 budgets.
- b. Computer Replacement Gary Popelka reported his existing laptop computer cannot be upgraded to Windows 7 due to its age. A replacement computer has been ordered and will be paid from the 2012 Private Sewage Budget.

8. Economic Development

- a. Report of CWED Advisory Committee Meeting Gary Popelka reported on the July 31st meeting he attended. He reported this committee is updating its Policies and Procedures as well as its Bylaws. It was noted the consortium consists of five counties now; however, additional counties may be added because of the State's desire to have larger regional loan programs. There are currently 148 loans now totaling more than \$14 million. In addition, Popelka reported Wood County has had no new inquires. Jason Angell reported the City of Marshfield has had three inquires.

9. Schedule Next Meeting.

- a. 2013 Budget Review Meeting. Tuesday, August 21st @ 9:00 a.m.
- b. Regular Meeting. Wednesday, September 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Ken Curry to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary
 Minutes by Julie Akey, Planning & Zoning Office
 Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved via telephone August 9, 2012)