

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Kenneth Curry, Bill Leichtnam, Adam Fischer and Harvey Petersen

Members Excused:

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig and Lori Ruess

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Dist. #16 Lance Pliml, Joe Ancel, Clean Green Action

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None
3. **Review Correspondence.** None
4. **Consider/take action on a resolution to amend the 2017 Land & Water Admin budget for funding unanticipated expenditures.** Shane Wucherpennig presented the resolution to amend the 2017 Land & Water Admin budget in the amount of \$4,500 for the purpose of funding unanticipated expenditures. The resolution was include in the CEED packet. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to accept and forward to County Board the resolution to amend the 2017 Land & Water Admin budget for the purpose of funding unanticipated expenditures. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Update on 2017 Prairie Chicken Festival and consider release of budgeted \$5,000 for festival.** Lance Pliml stated that there has been action on this item outside of the CEED meeting. Funds were needed to pay vendors so he authorized release of the money. He explained it is no different than committees approving prepaid vouchers at a committee meeting. Discussion followed.

Joe Ancel and Bill Clendenning gave a brief update on the planning progress of the festival. A detailed accounting report will be submitted to the CEED after all expenses are paid following the event.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve release of the \$5,000 (as budgeted) for payment to the vendors of the Prairie Chicken Festival. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion passed.

Voting nay: Robert Ashbeck – Opposed to the prairie chicken funding because he doesn't want any more valuable farmland lost due to prairie chickens.

Hilde Henkel – Unhappy with the current accounting procedure; a detailed accounting report needs to be submitted to the CEED following the event.

6. **Adjourn.**

Motion by Harvey Petersen to adjourn at 8:59 a.m. Second by Adam Fischer. 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 (March 27, 2017)