

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, October 7, 2015
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. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - B. Approve bills
 - C. Receive staff activity reports
5. Risk and Injury Report
6. Economic Development
 - A. Introduce recently hired REGI President, Steve Anderson
7. Planning & Zoning
 - A. Update on Private Onsite Waste Treatment System mailings
 - B. Consider resolution opposing recent changes to shoreland zoning regulations passed as part of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55.
8. County Surveyor.
9. Land Records.
10. Land Conservation
 - A. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program update. Arnold
 - B. Invasive Species Program update. Arnold
 - C. Consider resolution to amend the 2015 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims budget for four approved fences.
 - D. Approve and accept the low bid for D&B Sternweis Farm Inc., roof runoff and underground outlet project and Heather and Trent Schmitt's waste storage facility project.
 - E. Review manure runoff complaints and compliance options.
11. UW Extension
 - A. Clean Sweep Update Manley
 - B. Fair Update Viau
 - C. Parenthetical: Using Extension Resources for Local Needs Viau
 - D. Report from Adam Fischer on fair property transfer
12. Schedule Next Meeting – 9:00 am Wednesday, November 4, 2015
13. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.
14. Adjourn

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015
WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

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Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Bill Leichtnam, Gerald Nelson and Bob Ashbeck (joined the tour at noon in Marshfield)
Member Excused: Harvey Petersen
Staff Present: LCD – Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek and Lori Ruess
Planning & Zoning – Jason Grueneberg, Jeff Brewbaker, Heather Marquardt, Julie Akey and April Opatik
UWEX – Peter Manley and Matt Lippert
Others Present: District #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Cindy Cepress, County Clerk and District #2 Supervisor Donna Rozar (joined the tour at noon in Marshfield)

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. A tour of the following sites took place: Rapids Family Backpacks - River Cities High School (Jodi Friday and Sarah Siegel – site presenter), NEPCO Lake Development (Jeff Brewbaker – site presenter), Dan Berkholtz Farm – Soil Judging Pits - (Matt Lippert – site presenter) and Gerald and Kay Sternweis Farm (Shane Wucherpfennig – site presenter).
4. Lunch was served at the Marshfield Municipal Airport; following lunch, bids were opened.
5. **Open WDACP fence bids and approve low bid.** Chairperson Henkel opened the following WDACP fence bids:

Jan Wolosek	Bids were as follows:
Straight Line Fence	\$ 37,590.00
Real Fence	\$ 38,799.50
Kolo Cranberry	
Real Fence	\$ 39,861.00
Straight Line Fence	\$ 44,120.00
ArborVantage	
Real Fence	\$ 10,064.50
Straight Line Fence	\$ 11,940.00
Fazio Cranberry	
Straight Line Fence	\$ 52,990.00

Motion by Kenneth Curry to accept the low bid in the amount of \$37,590.00 from Straight Line Fence for Jan Wolosek's fence, the low bid in the amount of \$39,861.00 from Real Fence for Kolo Cranberry's fence, the low bid in the amount of \$10,064.50 from Real Fence for ArborVantage's fence and the only bid received for Fazio Cranberry's fence from Straight Line Fence in the amount of \$52,990.00. Second by Gerald Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Open bids for Weiler Dairy, LLC and approve low bid for multiple practices.** Shane Wucherpfennig presented the bids for Weiler Dairy, LLC's calf barn storage & transfer system that were opened in the Land Conservation Department by Kenneth Curry on September 9th. Bids were as follows:

Gessert Construction, Inc.	\$ 32,730.00
Weiler Dairy, LLC	\$ 34,170.00
J & S Weiler Concrete	\$ 34,756.50

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Motion by Robert Ashbeck to approve the low bid from Gessert Construction Inc., in the amount of \$32,730.00 for Weiler Dairy, LLC's calf barn storage & transfer system project as the basis for cost-sharing. Second by Gerald Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.


Chairperson Henkel opened the bids for Weiler Dairy, LLC's feed leachate runoff collection project. Bids were as follows:

Weiler Dairy, LLC	\$ 31,815.00
Gessert Construction Inc.	\$ 34,922.50
J & S Weiler Concrete	\$ 39,340.00

Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve the low bid from Weiler Dairy, LLC in the amount of \$ 31,815.00 for Weiler Dairy, LLC's feed leachate runoff collection project as the basis for cost-sharing. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Following lunch and bid opening a tour of the following sites took place: Marshfield Municipal Airport (Jeffrey Gaier, Dan Maurer and John Berg - site presenters) and the Hewitt-Marshfield Connector Trail (Jason Grueneberg - site presenter).
8. The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Henkel at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land Conservation Department
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (9/23/15 @ 2:13 p.m.)

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09/28/15

REPORT OF CLAIMS FOR

Land Conservation Dept.

For the Range of Vouchers: 18150074 to 18150084

<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Nature of Claim</u>	<u>Doc Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
18150074	WOODTRUST BANK NA	LC-WD VEHICLE MAINT. ABATEMI	08/18/15	\$1,273.94 P
18150075	LAURA'S LANE NURSERY	TS - DEPOSIT ON 2016 TREES	08/24/15	\$1,183.00 * P
18150076	PAINT CREEK NURSERY	TS - 25% DEPOSIT - TREE STOCK	08/31/15	\$887.50 * P
18150077	DLT SOLUTIONS LLC	LC - AUTODESK LICENSE	08/26/15	\$6,283.50 P
18150078	WEILER DAIRY LLC	SWRM-CS WSF, TS, RR & FENCING	07/28/15	\$7,842.34 * P
18150079	LINDNER EXCAVATING/WEILERDAI	SWRM-CS WSF, TS, RR, & FENCIN	09/17/15	\$12,384.43 * P
18150081	ACE HARDWARE	WD/NMM - Field Supplies	09/10/15	\$29.62 * P
18150082	WOODTRUST BANK NA	LC - LATH & SAFETY SHOES	09/20/15	\$104.64
18150083	ARNOLD TRACY	LC - MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	09/19/15	\$141.45
18150084	WUCHERPFENNIG SHANE	LC - MEAL/MILEAGE REIMBURSEM	09/24/15	\$51.70

Grand Total:

\$30,182.12

P = Prepaid Voucher

* = 100% Reimbursed

Committee Chair_____
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LC - Land Conservation

SWRM - Soil & Water Resource Management Grant

NMM - Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation

TS - Tree & Shrub Sale

WD - Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims

Report of Claims for

UW-Extension

For the range of vouchers: 30150099 30150116

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30150099	QUALITY PLUS PRINTING INC		08/19/2015	38.00	P
30150100	HENKE ALLISON	expenses for August 2015	08/28/2015	161.94	P
30150101	SIGNS & DESIGNS	BANNER FOR CLEAN SWEEP	08/28/2015	79.13	P
30150102	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/RFCSLLC	supplies for 4H camp & kitchen	09/02/2015	282.70	P
30150103	WOODTRUST BANK NA	4H DATA PROCESSING COSTS	09/02/2015	246.77	P
30150104	HENKE ALLISON	expenses for September	09/10/2015	140.94	P
30150105	VIAU CHRISTOPHER	EXPENSES FOR SEPT	09/10/2015	313.48	P
30150106	YOUNG WENDY	EXPENSES FOR SEPT	09/10/2015	13.00	P
30150107	DARR AMANDA	expenses for Sept	09/10/2015	41.40	P
30150108	UW SOIL TESTING LAB	soil sample charges	09/17/2015	136.00	P
30150109	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CNTR	4H NEWSLETTER CHARGES	09/17/2015	167.32	P
30150110	BROWN KYLI	kyli brown sept expenses	09/17/2015	503.18	P
30150111	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/RFCSLLC	fair food & supplies for 4H	09/24/2015	56.34	P
30150112	WOODTRUST BANK NA	Clean Sweep & 4-H materials	09/29/2015	371.00	
30150113	LIPPERT MATTHEW	LIPPERT EXPENSES FOR SEPT	09/29/2015	438.21	
30150114	LESSIG TERI	LESSIG EXPENSES FOR SEPT	09/29/2015	386.98	
30150115	MANLEY PETER	MANLEY EXPENSES FOR SEPT	09/29/2015	360.52	
30150116	SIEGEL SARAH	SIEGEL EXPENSES FOR SEPT	09/29/2015	426.65	
			Grand Total:	\$4,163.56	

Committee Chair

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September 23, 2015

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Justin Conner, GIS Specialist
Julie Akey, Admin Services 6
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
April Opatik, County Planner

RE: Staff Report for October 7, 2015

1. Planning (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Hewitt-Marshfield Connector Trail –The Hewitt Marshfield Connector Trail was paved on August 14. A final walk through of the trail will be completed in upcoming weeks and a ribbon cutting scheduled for the end of October.
- b. Blueprints for Tomorrow - On September 22 and 23 I participated in the Blueprints for Tomorrow Training session facilitated by the Incourage Community Foundation. The session focused on the areas of adaptive leadership, developing a shared community vision, and goals and tools for a healthy, sustainable and growing local economy.
- c. Shoreland Zoning Policy Changes – Governor Walker signed the 2015-17 State Biennial Budget (2015 Wisconsin Act 55) on July 12, 2015. The CEED Committee will consider a resolution opposing recent changes to shoreland zoning regulations passed as the budget. The budget makes several policy changes limiting the scope of county shoreland zoning ordinances:
 - Counties may not enact ordinances that require or prohibit the installation of outdoor lighting.
 - Counties may not enact ordinances requiring approval, impose a fee or mitigation requirement, or otherwise prohibit or regulate the maintenance, repair, replacement, restoration, rebuilding or remodeling of all or any part of a nonconforming structure, if the activity does not expand the footprint of the nonconforming structure.
 - A county ordinance may not require any approval for, impose any fee or mitigation requirement or otherwise prohibit or regulate, the vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure unless the vertical expansion would extend for more than 35 feet above grade level.
 - A county ordinance may not require any inspection or upgrade of a structure before the sale or transfer of the structure.
 - A county shoreland zoning ordinance may not regulate a matter more restrictively than the matter is regulated by a shoreland zoning standard promulgated as an administrative rule by the DNR.
 - A county shoreland zoning ordinance may not require a person to establish a vegetative buffer zone on previously developed land, nor expand an existing vegetative buffer zone.

2. Economic Development Activity (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Regional Economic Growth Initiative (REGI) – On September 28 the Regional Economic Growth Initiative presented the regional Competitive Asset Assessment that was completed in June of 2015 at the Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School. The public was invited to attend and the presentation was broadcast by the River Cities Community Access. Additional public meetings regarding the Assessment will be scheduled in coming months.
- b. Tribune Building – The Tribune Building Project will break ground in mid-October. A tour will be provided for County Board members on October 9 at 12:30. Contact the Planning & Zoning Department if you would like to be a part of the tour. More details of the project can be found at tribunebuilding.org
- c. Central Housing Region – The Central Housing Region met on September 24 in New London. The program is currently using Phase II of 2012-2013 funding for 0% home repair projects. Of the \$1.4 million allocated for this phase, \$890,000 is left. There are currently 42 applications in the region that have not been processed and it is anticipated that these applications will use up the remaining \$890,000. The application for 2014-2015 funds has been submitted, and it is not known how much funding will be available in this cycle. See attached report for the status of grants in the region and the detailed report of grants for Wood County.

3. Planning (April Opatik)

- a. Update of the Parks and Trails Plan for the village of Hewitt.
- b. Coordination of Tribune Building Tour
- c. Coordination of Riverfront Design with Taewook Cha and UWSP
- d. Review of housing study proposals for the City of Wisconsin Rapids
- e. Creating a newsletter for the Planning and Zoning Department
- f. Collecting, gathering, and updating the Resource Map for Wood County in conjunction with Justin Conner, Park and Rec. Department, and the Visitor's Center
 - i. Anticipated finish date in early Spring
 - ii. Funding is available for printing in Park & Forestry budget
- g. Updating and organizing some of our historic documents and resources

4. Land Records (Justin Conner)

- a. QA/QC Aerial Photography – Finished quality checks on the new aerial photography. Gave the contractor the go ahead to prepare the final deliverables which should be delivered in the 1st week or two of October.
- b. QA/QC LiDAR – Took delivery of LiDAR in mid-September. Made duplicate hard drives for Rapids and Marshfield. Data is being checked over for any issues. Getting a feel for what the data and software can do. Created a map that helped on a borderline floodplain property. The data really proved its worth in that case.
- c. Planning for increased data storage – Met with IT to discuss our needs to increase capacity on the GIS server. Imagery and LiDAR is a total of 2 terabytes.

Also looking at using Amazon cloud storage as a way to have a secure off premise backup and a way to publically distribute the data.

- d. Parcel Mapping - The new Real Property Lister is editing the parcels on a training basis for now. I check his edits and in many cases redo them.
 - e. CIS Mobile Mapping – Work with Jenny Corbett and CIS to implement the mobile mapping component for shared dispatch.
5. POWTS Activity (Julie Akey).

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity. There were 25 sanitary permits issued thru September 23, 2015 (8 new, 15 replacements, and 2 non-plumbing) with revenues totaling \$6,600. There were 7 other sanitary permits applications received this month, but not yet issued, with revenues totaling \$1,800. There were 13 sanitary permits issued in September 2014 (3 new, 9 replacements, 1 reconnect) with revenues totaling \$3,375.

There have been 133 sanitary permits issued through September 23rd. For comparison purposes, following are totals through the same period for the previous five years: 2014 – 128, 2013 – 145, 2012– 133, 2011 – 148 and 2010 – 143.

- b. 2015 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP). To date, Wood County has received \$10,082.00 on 9 outstanding cases. Two of these cases now have a zero balance and the necessary paperwork has been completed and filed with the court to show satisfaction of judgment. *There has been no change from the previous month.*
- c. 2015 Maintenance Notices.
 - i. On May 8th, postcards were mailed to 2,848 property owners who need to have their POWTS serviced in 2015. They were given 120 days to complete this required servicing with a deadline date of September 18th. As of September 10th, 1,112 have not yet complied.
 - ii. On July 8th, postcards were mailed to 118 property owners who have not complied with the required servicing requirement in 2013 or 2014. They were given until August 17th to complete this required servicing. As of September 10th, 61 have not yet complied.
 - iii. On July 8th, postcards were mailed to 21 owners who have an Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU) septic system which require a 12 month service interval. They were given 120 days to complete this servicing with a deadline date of November 6th. As of September 10th, 17 have not yet complied.
- d. Sanitary Permit Document Imaging Project Status To date, sanitary permits for the years 1982 – 2006 have been scanned and are available for viewing on the County's website (www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/PZ).
- e. Enforcement Activities Update. Nothing is currently scheduled.

f. Wisconsin Fund Program Update.

- i. FY16 – On September 18th I received an e-mail from the State. They are hoping to release the grant awards to the counties by mid to late October. Now at least I have an answer when the applicants call weekly regarding the status of their grant. As I mentioned earlier, letters were sent to the applicants last month requesting copies of their paid invoices as well as copies of their cancelled checks as proof of payment. A few responded right away. And then there's some that I will have to beg for this required information. Happens every year. I cannot submit a Payment Request to the State without this required information and I can only submit such a request once a month.
- ii. FY17 – Currently, 4 owners have submitted a grant application to this office for funding consideration for the next fiscal year.

6. Code Administrator's Report (Jeff Brewbaker).

a. Private Sewage Program, Permitting, Maintenance and Violations

- ✓ (103) on-site investigations/inspections/compliances
- ✓ (6) septic system verification letters & failing system investigations
- ✓ (0) failing septic system orders, (0) holding tank maintenance violations & settlements
- ✓ (22) soil tests reviewed, (4) hydrograph reports reviewed, (3) interpretive soils report reviewed
- ✓ (5) holding tank plan reviews, (6) conventional plan reviews, (7) mound plan reviews, (0) aerobic plans
- ✓ (21) sanitary permits reviewed
- ✓ (0) court cases for malfunctioning septic system and overfull holding tanks (0) referrals
- ✓ (0) sanitary system easements
- ✓ Answer phone calls, emails and meet in office regarding permitting and inspection questions.

b. Floodplain Ordinance Investigations and Permitting

- ✓ (4) site inspections, meetings or enforcement
- ✓ (2) permit issued, screening sites or Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)
- ✓ (0) DNR Approved flood studies reviewed
- ✓ (0) Cranberry farm certification
- ✓ Answer questions from citizens regarding building in floodplain and shoreland areas.

c. Shoreland Ordinance Investigations and Permitting

- ✓ (3) general shoreland permits reviewed & issued
- ✓ (0) mitigation plans reviewed, (0) exempt structure affidavit
- ✓ (8) onsite pre-construction inspections, meetings & enforcement, compliances

- ✓ (0) navigability determinations
- ✓ Reported to CEED Committee on 9/2/15 concerning shoreland zoning changes
- ✓ Participated in Fall CEED Tour on 9/18/15
- ✓ Answer questions from citizens regarding building in floodplain and shoreland areas.

CHR CDBG Statistics for 2012-2013 Grant Year

County: Totals

Totals as of 09/23/2015

Total Grant Statistical Information

Number of Applications Received	256
Number Ineligible/Inactive	114
Number on Current Waiting List	0
Number of Projects in Progress	42
Number of Loans Completed	100

Total Grant Financial Information

Loan Totals

\$ 2,358,508.10

CHR CDBG Statistics for 2012-2013 Grant Year

County: Wood

Totals as of 09/23/2015

Grant Statistical Information for the County

Number of Applications Received	35
Number Ineligible/Inactive	16
Number on Current Waiting List	0
Number of Projects in Progress	7
Number of Loans Completed	12

Grant Financial Information for the County

<u>ID</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
1Wo	555.00	Title fees & initial inspection - backed out
3Wo	555.00	Asbestos & lab samples
3Wo	555.00	Title fee & initial inspection-backed out
4Wo	555.00	Asbestos sampling
4Wo	8,262.00	Mortgage
5Wo	4,445.00	Mortgage
6Wo	8,616.95	Mortgage
6Wo(2nd)	76,407.00	Mortgage
6Wo(3rd)	4,007.00	Mortgage
6Wo	975.00	Asbestos sampling & Lead Risk Assessment
6Wo	220.00	Lead clearance testing
7Wo	7,717.00	Mortgage
7Wo	525.00	Asbestos sampling
11Wo	10,967.00	Mortgage
12Wo	595.00	Lead risk assmt
12Wo	28,349.00	Mortgage
12Wo	220.00	Lead clearance testing
15Wo	555.00	Title fees & initial inspection - did not compl.
16Wo	595.00	Lead risk assmt
16Wo	26,720.00	Mortgage
16Wo	220.00	Lead clearance testing
17Wo	555.00	Title fee & initial inspection-backed out
17Wo	975.00	Asbestos sampling & Lead Risk Assessment
21Wo	8,432.00	Mortgage
23Wo	595.00	Lead risk assmt
24Wo	975.00	Asbestos sampling & Lead Risk Assessment
24Wo	52,978.00	Mortgage
25Wo	595.00	Lead risk assmt
25Wo	9,232.00	Mortgage
26Wo	975.00	Asbestos sampling & Lead Risk Assessment
26Wo	77,037.00	Mortgage
29Wo	55.00	Title fee - backed out

30Wo	975.00	Asbestos sampling & Lead Risk Assessment
30Wo	20,210.00	Mortgage
WO30	525.00	Asbestos sampling

Totals

\$ 355,729.95

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Central Housing Region
Community Development Block Grant
Housing Committee Meeting
May 28, 2015
Wood County Courthouse
Wisconsin Rapids

Call to Order

Tom Brounacker called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Tom Brounacker, Ryan Brown, Dave Thiel, Deb Behringer, Paula Cummings, Jeanne Dodge, Jason Grueneberg, Julie Oleson, Barb Gabrielson, Rick Gabrielson, and Brenda Jahns-Grams. Toni Simonson and Sara Radloff attended via teleconference.

Absent: Cindy Phillippi.

Public Comments

None

Agenda

Deb Behringer made a motion to approve the agenda and the February 27, 2015, minutes, second by Jeanne Dodge, motion carried.

Program Managers Report

The application/loan statistics report was reviewed by the Committee. There was discussion about how to market and/or advertise in our region. There seem to be some ideas that may work for some Counties that don't work for others. Jason Grueneberg brought a sample post card that could be sent to individual households. The cost would be \$.37 to \$.65 a piece for postage.

Julie Oleson and Barb Gabrielson informed the Committee that they believe the CHR will obligate Phase I money within the State's timeline. Phase II contracts are due out at any time from the State to the Regions. We had received them but the State's attorney wanted to review the contracts further.

New Business

Julie Oleson presented an updated brochure. The consensus of the Committee was to run the new brochure.

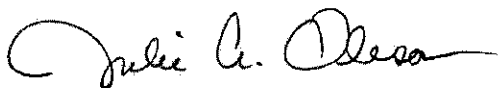
Unfinished Business

Adjournment

At 11:00 a.m. Jason Grueneberg made a motion to adjourn, second by Ryan Brown.

The next CHR Committee Meeting will be held on September 24, 2015, in Waupaca County, at the Washington Center in New London.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Oleson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Julie A. Oleson
Executive Director



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Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig September 2015

- September 2 - Attended CEED meeting.
- September 2 – Reviewed Non-Metallic Mining changes to the fees and other ordinance changes.
- September 2&3 – Designed drain-tile curtain system for the Lee Deboer Weiser structure to be installed around the perimeter of the waste storage structure. Resource Engineering out of Middleton, WI submitted the Weiser structure for review and a permit. I designed the tile after we determined a perched water table existed.
- September 3 – Thomas Portle from DNR was here performing an audit of our Non-Metallic program and spent some time with Tracy Arnold and myself to discuss the programs and current issues we may have.
- September 4 – Staked out Agitation pads for D&B Sternweis farms, Inc.
- September 8 – Followed up with Landowner Clarence Boerboom after validating an excessive manure application & manure piles near a waterway complaint. (Validated the complaint on Aug 25, 2105. Complaint was called in on August 20, 2015 and it was legitimate).
- September 9, Drafted and sent out a formal violation letter to Michael J. Ronnfeldt / Amber N. Likens (operators/leasees at the Clarence Boerboom Dairy facility located on Richfield Drive, Marshfield, WI).The letter informed him he was in violation of NR 151 Manure Management Prohibitions for having unconfined manure piles in a water quality management area. He was given until September 30th to correct the violation.
- September 9 – Open bids for Barnyard Runoff Storage Facility & Transfer Systyem on the Weiler Dairy, LLC site.
- September 9 – Issued permit for Weiler Dairy, LLC Barnyard Runoff Waste Storage Facility and Waste Transfer System.
- September 10 - Reviewed plan sets for Lee Deboer's Weiser waste storage facilities engineered by Recourse Engineering from Middleton, WI.
- Issued an animal waste storage facility permit for Lee Deboer for the construction of two Weiser concrete structures.
- September 10 – Responded to a request from Darla Doescher from DOT to check if the Landowners she was working with on land acquisition where in the Farmland Preservation Program.
- September 11 – Bill reimbursement for Weiler Dairy & Lindner Const. For the Waste Storage Facility construction.
- September 11 - Field visits to D&B Sternweis farms, Weiler Dairy, Marti Farms and Lee Deboer.
- September 14 - September 14 - Worked on Engineered plans for half a day.
- September 14– Staff meeting with staff to discuss schedules, projects and monthly activities.
- September 17 – Attended Golden Sands RC&D water quality committee meeting and the council meeting.
- September 18 – Opened bids for the Feed Leachate Collection and Waste Transfer System projects for Weiler Dairy, LLC.
- September 18 – Attended and Co-Hosted Fall CEED conservation tour.
- September 21 – Sent out bids for Heather Schmitt waste storage facility.
- September 21-25 – Covered construction inspection of on-going projects for engineering technician in his absence.
- September 28 – Covered construction inspection of on-going projects for engineering technician in his absence.
- September 29 – Open bids for Heather Schmitt waste storage facility & transfer system and D&B Sternwis Farm's roof runoff system with CEED Chair.
- September 29– Staff meeting with staff to discuss schedules, projects and monthly activities.

Activities Report for Tracy Arnold 10-2015

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

- Maintaining DNR database with current Wood County information
- Entering 2015 enrollees into database
- Coordinated the 2015 Venison Donation
- DNR approved on 4 out of 5 fences
 - Prepared bids forms, Met with fence contractors, Met with landowners to finalize designs
 - Opened bids and approved low bid
 - Discussed financials with 4 landowners
 - Setting up logistics of fence construction
- Purchasing temporary fencing supplies for apiaries
- 1 WDACP fence back into compliance, 4 still working to gain compliance
- Conducted appraisals on 515 acres corn, 210 acres of soybeans

Non-metallic mining reclamation program

- No forfeiture payment from B & R Excavating to date (since June 12, 2013)
- Updating NMM databases
- Facilitated the DNR audit of NMM program. (Please see enclosed report from DNR.)
- Conducting the quantitative assessment procedures for success evaluation
- Drafted permit fee and financial assurance increase letter for Shane to sign

Land Conservation

- Entering stream flow data into the SWIMS database for 16 sites (authorized by state to enter data)
- Conducted stream flow survey's on Five Mile, Two Mile and Bloody Run
- Submitted the required paperwork to DNR for our Purple Loosestrife Beetle Bio-control project
- Conducting Acoustic Bat Survey's for Wood County
- Concluding the Rusty Wranglers Program at North Wood County Park
- Drop off Crayfish donation to Bay Beach Wildlife Area
- Preparing for 2016 Tree Sale
- Continue to be Chair of the Youth Education Committee for the WI Land+Water
- Coordinating the Wood County Poster and Speaking Contest
- Preparing newsletter articles
- Facilitated a successful CEED fall tour



Activities Report for Adam Groshek – September 2015

~Inspection of waterstop and concrete formwork for the Travis Marti farm manure storage structure and relay of information to John Roach, the private engineer in charge of the project.

~Working with John Roach and Travis Marti to best address the issues associated with the draitile installation and rain erosion of the manure storage pit sideslope base soils.

~Lee DeBoer farm GPS stakeout for draitile lines from new manure storage tanks.

~Randy Pliska farm barnyard manure transfer tank planning.

~Design, plan set preparation, bid paper collection, and review of plans for clay-lined manure storage structure for Heather Schmitt.

~Attendance of the Conservation Education and Economic Development Tour to Lake NEPCO subdivision, Marshfield Sternweis farm, Hewitt bike trail, etc.

Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee Report October CEED Meeting 2015

Peter Manley

Wood County UW-Extension Community Resource Agent

I attended and made input into the CEED meeting on September 2nd. I led weekly staff meetings and we reviewed 6 month progress on the budget and planned changes as necessary. I submitted an updated budget for CEED and Executive Committee approval. September began with the fair and I spent September 1-7 with duties at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Immediately afterwards, September 8-11, I attended the Basic Economic Development Course in Madison. Topics included: Entrepreneurial & Small Business Development, IEDC Certification, Real Estate Development, Business Retention and Expansion, Strategic Planning, Ethics, Finance, Workforce Development, Community and Neighborhood Development, Managing an Economic Development Organization, and Marketing and Attraction. I had two COLORS presentations, with Chris Viau, for the Human Services Department on September 15 & 23. Both of these presentations were in Marshfield. We are also meeting with Human Services managers to discuss future COLORS presentations. I attended County Board on September 17 for a resolution from our department. On September 21, I attended the WCA Conference in Lacrosse as Lance Pliml became the President of WCA. I attended the initial presentations of the Blue Prints Community Development program in Wisconsin Rapids. This consists of training over a 9-month period followed by development of a community development project. I had four call-in radio programs this month. The latter half of the month also consisted of preparations for the upcoming Clean Sweep on October 3. I also prepared applications for Clean Sweep funding for 2016.

Matt Lippert

Wood County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent

- One issue of the Cranberry Crop Management Journal was produced by our office in September. The Journal is funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Cranberry Board. Up to ten issues are produced each season by the Wood County Extension office. It is available to every cranberry grower in the state by email or mail; we have a distribution of over 300 people. Input for the newsletter comes from state specialists at UW-Madison, USDA specialists, crop consultants as well as individual growers. Each issue averages 8 pages of timely crop production information.
- The CWAS Newsletter, a joint effort of seven county agriculture agents, was distributed to about 350 producers in September.
- Fair Week! I assisted with JR and open show dairy and beef and swine shows and the market animal sale. I also assisted with Jr. and open show crop and garden exhibits.
- Our office has begun the process of recruitment of host farm applicants for Farm Technology Days. The application is available from our office and is due September 15. We have 6 applicants.
- The Soil Judging Field Day and Tour was held with 65 students from Auburndale, Marshfield, Pittsville and Wisconsin Rapids learning about soil and land management. The group also toured the Central Sands Dairy in Nekoosa.
- The Market Animal Sale committee met and reviewed the events of the fair.
- The Carcass show was held with about 120 attending at Hewitt's Meat Processing in Lindsey.
- I attended the Wood County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.
- Live Radio interview on WDLB.
- Attended Team Forage Extension in-service in La Crosse, learned about the grass seed industry and current technologies for grass production.

- Provided educational tours for the public at Warrens Cranfest.
- I met with other ag agents to plan programming for the fall and winter and provided training and mentoring for the new Adams County Agriculture Agent.
- I worked at World Dairy Expo assisting with the show ring and the UWEX Dairy Team booth.

Teri Lessig

Wood County UW-Extension Horticulture Educator

- Visited Farm Tech Days in Dane County with the rest of the office on Tuesday, August 25th in preparation for 2018 when Farm Tech Days comes to Wood County. I spent some time visiting with my colleagues in Dane County discussing their topics and displays. The Master Gardeners contributed extensively and I took pictures and documented their ideas to bring back to our group. The Wood County Master Gardeners are forming a committee in 2016 to begin brainstorming and planning for the event.
- Two appearances on WFHR. We discussed fall gardening activities that should occur before the first frost and nuisance insect pests that will be invading houses and how to prevent them from coming in.
- The community gardens in both Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids are winding down for the season. Garden clean-up has been scheduled.
- The Master Gardener Level 1 training was cancelled for this fall. There were not enough participants signed up to make it worth the time that needs to be invested into the 12 week program.

Sarah Seigel

Wood County UW-Extension Family Living Educator

- Went to the Peach Street Farmers' Market on September 1 to test dial gauge canners and provide education regarding home food preservation and food safety.
- Attended the Central Wisconsin State Fair on September 1 to assist with Junior Fair project check-in.
- Organized and participated in the September "Identity Theft" Financial Lunch & Learn. Presenter was Jeremy Keith from the Wood County Sheriff's Department. (September 2)
- Attended the Central Wisconsin State Fair on September 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to help with the Junior Fair building.
- Talked on WDLB and WFHR (September 8 and 10) about checking your credit report. UW-Extension Family Living promotes checking your credit report on February 2 (2/2), June 6 (6/6) and October 10 (10/10)
- Attended a meeting at the Family Center regarding future programming for their clients on September 10.
- Went to the Rapids Mall Farmers' Market on September 10 to test dial gauge canners and provide education regarding home food preservation and food safety.
- Went to the Baum's Farmers' Market on September 11 to test dial gauge canners and provide education regarding home food preservation and food safety.
- Had a meeting with Heidi Elsen at Ho-Chunk Head Start regarding programming for the year. (September 14)
- Taught a Food Preservation Basics class at McMillan Library on September 14.
- Presented at the WAHCE state conference at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on September 15 and 16. My presentations included Cooking for 1 & 2 and Food Label Lingo.
- Presented to the CEED tour group on September 18 about Rapids Family Backpacks. The group also helped pack the 2nd week/meal of backpacks.

- Listened to a Wisline for the Schools and Hunger Workgroup which I co-chair for the Family Living state Healthy Living Team on September 18.
- Listened to a Wisline for the 3D parent/child financial story time workgroup that I belong too. Workgroup focuses on tying financial concepts/education with childhood literacy. (September 22)
- Attended a volunteer session for the NOW program at the Marshfield Area United Way in Marshfield on September 24. The NOW program is Marshfield's version of a backpack program to address food security issues.
- Attended a tour of the Faith Reformed Food pantry in Plover on September 24. Tour was part of our work with the south Wood County Hunger Coalition.
- Listened to a scholarship webinar for the Department of Family Development tenure process on September 28.
- Continued to revise and work on the Financial Capability programs and curriculum for all Financial Capability Series classes/courses offered. Continued to work on marketing the Financial Capability Series within Wood County.
- Continued to revise and work on the Family Leadership programs and curriculum for all Family Leadership topics/classes offered.
- Worked on our social media resources which are promoted to the community/families to use to access and register for Family Living programs.
- I attended coalition meetings throughout the month for south Wood County Hunger Coalition, Rapids Family Backpacks and Child Abuse Task Force Team.

Jodi Friday

Wood County UW-Extension WNEP Nutrition Educator

My appointment resumes to full time. I have spent many hours preparing for upcoming lessons with WIC and youth learners.

- Taught at two Senior Dining Congregate meal sites to approximately 50 seniors. Seniors are learning the health benefits of eating tomatoes and tomato products. These were my last lessons with Senior Dining. Going forward, I will be teaching Seniors through a series of lessons, rather than quarterly at Senior Dining Congregate meal sites.
- Taught at the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) clinic three times this month to approximately 35 parents. This quarter's lesson focuses on the farmers market and how to use WIC farmers market vouchers.
- Participated in three Wood County Staff meetings.
- Participated in one Rapids Family Backpacks (RFB) committee meeting. Represented RFB at ERCO for the United Way campaign.
- Ordered food for the Rapids Family Backpack room for the remainder of the trimester.
- Hosted the CEED Committee at the Rapids Family Backpack.
- Attended the ADRC Nutrition Advisory Council meeting in Pittsville.
- Attended one WNEP Team meeting (Wood/Portage County).
- Visited the Nutrition on Weekends (NOW) backpack program in Marshfield and the Inner Faith Food Pantry in Plover as a member of the South Wood County Hunger Coalition. Both programs have valuable insight into how they address hunger in their communities.
- October 1st, I begin work in the schools.

Chris Viau

Wood County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator

The following is an overview of Youth Development activities for September 2015:

- 4-H Club and Program Management
 - 4-H Club and Volunteer Management concerns-Ongoing
 - Club merger
 - Member Re-enrollment education
 - New Volunteer Orientation session
 - Newsletter contributions
 - 4-H Leaders Association
 - Executive Committee Meeting
 - Leader's Association Meeting
- Central WI State Fair
 - On-site @ Fair. September 1-7
 - Post Fair tasks- reports, evaluation, and conflict resolution
- Other
 - WDLB Radio- "Preparing for the Homework Battle"
 - Potential New Program Development- Middle School Youth Leadership and STEM Committee Development
 - Cooperative Extension Volunteer In Preparation (Youth Protection) development team meetings- ongoing
 - Real Colors with Human Services.
 - Facilitate 2 Real Colors sessions
 - Review Session data (total of 9 sessions)
 - Session with Managers- review and next steps
- Administrative
 - State and Regional Phone Conferences
 - 4-H Youth Development Liaison Responsibilities- 25% FTE

Kyli Brown

Wood County UW-Extension 4-H Program Advisor

- Helped to coordinate the 2015 Central WI State Junior Fair. The Junior Fairy was a great success and the Kiss a Critter raised over \$190 for transportation costs to State Fair for Arts and Crafts Items.
- With our Respond to phone calls and emails regarding 4-H enrollments, questions, feedback and planning meetings for 4-H.
- Continue to update and maintain the Wood County 4-H Facebook site. We are up to 561 fans!!!
- Facilitated a North Central Regional Face to Face meeting on Sept. 30
- Attended a Department Head meeting in Merrill on September 15.
- Facilitated a Conflict Negotiation training on September 24th in Adams County with Peter Manly.
- Attended the VIVA training in Madison. Volunteers in Vision to Action training on September 29th.

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September 17, 2015

Ms. Tracy Arnold, Conservation Program Coordinator
Wood County Land Conservation Department
Wood County Courthouse
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Subject: NR 135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program Review on September 3rd
for Wood County - (RA # 55-141-00000)

Dear Tracy,

On September 3, 2015 we conducted a performance review audit of the Wood County NR 135 nonmetallic mining reclamation program. State statute, s. 295.18 requires the Department to periodically review (at least once every ten years) the nonmetallic mining program of each NR 135 regulatory authority (RA). An array of program elements subject to review is found in s. NR 135.47, Wis. Adm. Code. Pursuant to s. 295.18 and s. NR 135.47(4) a written compliance determination must be provided to the audited regulatory authority (RA).

The intent of the NR 135 program review is: 1) to ensure that all NR 135 programs are being administered in a comprehensive and consistent manner, 2) to ensure that the uniform reclamation standards contained in ch. NR 135 are being complied with during reclamation, 3) to gather and/or verify information on program administration, 4) to provide you technical assistance (as needed) and 5) to learn about any concerns you might have.

First, I'd like to express my appreciation of your time spent during the audit and follow-up phone calls and for the additional information you provided after the audit. The results of the NR 135 reclamation program review of September 3, 2015 are given below.

General - Program Administration

Of the 22 Towns in Wood County half have no zoning requirements. However, a few cities and villages also have zoning requirements including the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

The number of permitted mines has increased between the 2007 DNR program review audit and the present. In 2007 there were 48 permits for about 395 active acres; by 2014 the number increased to 63 active permits with just over 520 actively mined acres. Presently, there are six inactive sites. There are no chapter 30/NR 340 mines permitted by the DNR in the county. Wood County's NR 135 Reclamation program had previously been audited by the DNR in 2007. Information from that audit was included in the 2008 report to the Natural Resource Board (NRB) on fee and revenue balances <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wa/WA1366.pdf>. Wood County data are included in Table 3. of the 2013 Report to the NRB <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Mines/documents/NMMFeeReport2013.pdf>.

The Ordinance (802 NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION) revised to reflect a 2006 revision to NR 135 as required. During the office portion of the program review, we discussed plan to revise the ordinance again both to remove fees from the body of the ordinance and position self for closer relationship between revenue and

administrative expenditures. This entails referencing an external fee schedule and removing the current fee table from the ordinance to an external schedule. This was passed on September 15 and on September 16 I received a copy of the proposed revised ordinance as per NR 135.46.

Note: Ordinance revision (to be) October 2015- revisions include –removal of Table 1 – Permit Fee Schedule and wording changes to include “...fees established by the CEED Committee. The amount of the fees under this section shall be established from time to time by the CEED Committee.”

Recordkeeping - Collection and Transfer of Fees and Reporting

Records pertaining to the Wood County NR 135 program were accessible, were well organized and are being used effectively to support the program. As a direct result of diligence in looking to improve the Wood County program there is a robust electronic recordkeeping system that brings together program records, plans, and information obtained during inspections. This provides up-to-date coordinated recordkeeping and is viewed as an asset by others as well as the Wood County NR 135 program. ArcView- maps are utilized for keeping track of mines and for use in sending letters regarding annual fee payment on unreclaimed acres. Field inspections are used as opportunities to confirm the fee-assessable acreage as a GPS instrument is used during on-site visits. A further enhancement is that Land Records has worked together with Conservation to generate property transfer alerts which are especially valuable when there is a new owner who may lease to the operator. In such cases, too often the new owner is not aware of and does not concur with the reclamation plan pursuant to NR 135.19(6). Fees are transferred and annual reports are provided to the DNR, as required by NR 135.37, by March 31 each year using the annual reporting tool.

Permitting - Process for Review of Permit Applications, Modifications

Based on the 2014 annual report there were 7 modifications and noticed hearings but none were needed. Modifications were a result of permit transfers. I received a detailed checklist (used to ensure all elements in NR 135.19 as well as any additional county requirements) and looked at reclamation plans and plan modifications that were done using the checklist as a guide. The process is thorough and well thought out. One of the modifications for Badger Sandstone site in the Town of Rudolph which became necessary when the operator decided to cease mining well before originally intended. This site was visited that afternoon (see below and photos in Attachment 1).

Site Inspections/ Response to Inquiries, Complaints and Enforcement; COC Evaluation

Wood County performs regular inspections and derives several benefits from doing so. Aside from the usual value of inspections for compliance with the ordinance and the reclamation plan the county uses field inspections to validate active acreage at NR 135 sites. Inspections uncover issues on sites. Sometimes the DNR is engaged in these especially when there is a possible enforcement matter. For example, at Badger Sandstone Field inspections Badger Sandstone for solid waste concerns including the storage/disposal of shingles. Tracy worked with Brenda Halminiak, a DNR solid waste investigator, from the Bureau Waste and Materials Management. I received a Wood County Land Conservation Department ‘Complaint Form’ from Tracy. Another positive is the integration of the process of performing regular inspections as a way to validate fee-assessable acreage. I shared and later sent a site inspection checklist for periodic inspections and a template that may be used for COC success quantitative evaluations of reclamation success.

COC Evaluation

Tracy provided me with photos for a site mined and reclaimed by Doine Excavating, Inc., in the Town of Lincoln where a Certificate of Completion (COC) was issued for this mine and financial assurance was released. Due to proximity I was not able to physically visit the site but received photos from Tracy. The County has good photo-documentation of reclamation at this site (see Photos Nos. 1 and 2 in Attachment 1).

We visited a site in the context of COC on the afternoon of September 3. Please see photos of the progress at the Badger Sandstone site (see Photos Nos. 2-8 in Attachment). As discussed below for the site visit this site is currently being worked on and which has caused some concerns. This is a site of around 11 acres where a road is to be left as part of the final post-mining land use. This is may amount to about an acre; areas previously used for topsoil and soil materials storage has been returned to an agricultural rotation. After what soil was available was redistributed on site. The soil materials were distributed and used in reclamation it now appears that there is a soil deficiency. This leaves perhaps ten acres that are not as yet satisfactorily reclaimed although the permittee is actively seeking a COC for the site. A bond of approximately \$33,000 is on file and held by Wood County.

Financial Assurance Determination and Re-evaluation- Discussion with the Regulatory Authority/Technical Assistance

Financial Assurance (FA) is on file for all permitted mines in Wood County. Wood County routinely reviews their FAs to ensure none expire and therefore remain certain that all permitted mines have current financial assurance in place.

Wood County has periodically (on more than one occasion) re-evaluated and raised the amount of the FA for permitted mines thus increasing the chance of having adequate funds to cover current costs of implementing the reclamation plan. While Wood County is to be commended for periodically adjusting the “lump sum” dollar amount of the FA for permitted mines amounts (currently at \$3,000/acre), and for the current effort to adjust it to keep current, there remains an element of unnecessary risk in place. This is magnified because: 1) the initial dollar amounts of FA, at program inception, were likely less than actual costs and 2) were not tied to the site-specific reclamation plan, approved post mining land use land and specific materials and activities needed to achieve it. As a result, there is an inherent risk of falling short should a FA needed to be seized by the county.

For perspective on this, in an August 2011, in the program review for one northwestern county, I was provided with more or less reasonable “lump sum” estimates - ranging from between **\$8,000 – 8,500** per acre for hard rock sites (**quarry**) more than twice the amount used for unconsolidated material **sand and gravel** – set at **\$3,500**.

Note: Estimates made in 2007, by a separate county, (there were no hard rock quarries) - the standard estimate for FA dollar amount was \$4,000 per acre.

This approach appeared to be based on realistic figures via input from the highway department folks and other sources and were adjusted regularly to account for inflation, increases in fuel costs, materials to ensure its continued adequacy to cover current costs. In addition, these figures were frequently updated and “blessed” by the committee of jurisdiction.

Ensuring adequate FA dollar amounts reduces the risk to the county and taxpayers and thus it is important that FA amounts reflect current reclamation costs should the County be forced to do the reclamation work. It is required by required by NR 135.40(3).

Review of Program Finances

Wood County accurately tracks administrative expenses and revenues. There is currently a minor deficit incurred in program administration (please see Attachment 2) which contains a summary of recent (2014) revenue and cost

data. Wood County is taking steps to address this by amending their ordinance to reference an adjustable fee schedule. As mentioned above, Wood County was included in the 2008 Fee Report to the NRB <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wa/WA1366.pdf> and had, at that time, a surplus¹.

Field Portion of program review

During the field portion of the audit on the afternoon of September 3 we visited the Badger Sandstone site (see Photos Nos. in attachment) in the Town of Rudolph which is currently working on reclamation. The Reclamation Plan was modified and previous plan had together sufficient detail including a 2014 date for completion of reclamation activities. However, more work is needed to achieve compliance with the approved plan language and modification text and to be in compliance with the uniform reclamation standards contained in ch. NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code are the Wood County ordinance.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Pursuant to NR 135.47 (4) and based on my observations and review of the Wood County's NR 135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program, I find that Wood County, is currently administering the nonmetallic mining reclamation program in in manner that demonstrates **compliance** with the requirements in Chapter NR 135 requirements and the requirements in Chapter 295, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code and with the requirements and the Wood County Reclamation Ordinance - **802 NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION**. The Wood County reclamation program is clearly benefiting from efforts to continually improve its processes and for improvements made in electronic recordkeeping and is to be commended for this progress.

That said, based on the findings of this review of your NR 135 program review there is room for program enhancement. Towards that end, I am making the following recommendations and requests in their order of importance:

One: Financial Assurance – When re-evaluating the dollar amounts for FAs, as required by NR 135.40(3), please consider any adjustments necessary to ensure that “*the financial assurance equals outstanding reclamation costs... according to the approved reclamation plan...*” as based on the language in the approved reclamation plan. It is increasingly important that the amount of FA reflect the cost of implementing the approved language in the reclamation plan so the FA amounts remain is adequate and remains so in the future.

Two: Site Inspections for Reclamation Success - Certificate of Completion (COC). Please consider enhancing your quantitative assessment procedures for success evaluation. This will provide a consistent and defensible approach whenever a permittee requests a COC evaluation as per NR 135.40(6). During less busy times of the year it would be good idea to systematically go through older reclamation plan language to ensure that all reclamation plans are up to speed in terms of having meaningful success criteria that fit with the approved post mining land use(s) and that the criterial or criterion are clearly established in the language of the approved plan.

¹ At that time Wood County was among a group of four RAs that were considered as having relatively high surplus, as expressed on a per permit basis. Wood County did take successful action in amending the fee schedule contained in its Reclamation ordinance to achieve a balance between revenues and expenses by lowering their fees. This was done in conjunction with the ordinance revision mandated by the 2006 revisions to ch. NR 135.

Three: Enhancements to Consider (please also see Attachment 3) -

- a) Signage Topsoil Subsoil Stockpiles – protection and volume adequacy (see Attachment 3.)
- b) Invasives Control

During inspections or at other logical times please consider emphasizing using appropriate signage to designate (therefore protecting) topsoil and subsoil stockpiles (please see Attachment 3). Also, during inspections, it would be good to check on and confirm the volumes of soil and other reclamation materials to ensure that that required for final site reclamation is available and maintained on site for use during reclamation. Along with this it makes sense to discuss soil or reclamation material volume augmentation (when necessary) and possible soil enhancement. Inspections are also a good time to create more awareness of the increased likelihood of invasive terrestrial species being established and possibly inadvertently spread during mining activities (Attachment 3). Please promote that all areas to be mined are seeded down with favorable (non-invasive/nuisance) vegetation. It is one of the benefits that flow from regular contact with permittees such as that during inspections.

Again, thank you for your time and effort provided during the DNR review of the of Wood County's Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program. Again, thank you for your time and effort provided during the DNR review of the Rusk County's Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program. It has been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to it in the future. If you have questions or concerns or if you'd like to further discuss any of this please contact me at (608) 267-0877 or Thomas.Portle@Wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Portle

Thomas Portle
Reclamation Specialist/Soil Scientist

Attachments:

Attachment 1. Site photos

Attachment 2. A. Materials provided and
B. NR 135 RA Financial records

Attachment 3. Signage, invasives and other enhancements

Cc: (electronically)
Ed Lynch, Phil Fauble – WA/5
Shane Wucherpennig - Wood County Land Conservation Dept.

Jill Schoen, WDNR-Eau Claire (electronic)
Zoe McManama, NOR - Rhinelander

ATTACHMENT 1.

Site photos

Photos Nos. 1 and 2 - taken by Tracy Arnold of Wood County.

Others photos from site inspection during a NR 135 program review on September 3, 2015.



Photos Nos. 1 and 2. Doine Excavating, Inc. Town of Lincoln COC; was the permit holder – (I did not physically visit).



Photos Nos. 3 and 4. Lower part of site. Badger Sandstone LLC. Early stage of revegetation at site for which permittee had petitioned for a COC.



Photos Nos. 5 - 8. Upper part of site on September 3, 2015; areas of side-cast materials and backfilled areas. Badger Sandstone LLC. Depicts preliminary reclamation and a sense of site status in light of the permittees COC request.

ATTACHMENT 2.

(A) NR 135 RA Financial records

General Program Information	
Regulatory Authority/ Audit year	Wood County 2014 CY
Administered by:	Wood County
Fee structure (How you set your fees, as well as any recent fee changes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised with amended ordinance? • Other? 	802 NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION - WOOD COUNTY NON-METALLIC MINING Revised as needed in 2007; 802.27 Annual Fees -Banded approach – ceiling at 50 acres Revised to reference an external fee schedule that may be adjusted by committee in in 2015. Plan review fee of \$400.00
Overhead costs - Expenditures on Program Administration	
Supplies – office expenses	\$ 200
Salary & Fringe Benefits	\$ 13,797
Public hearings	\$ 600
Office space/ insurance/ phone/ leases of equipment/ postage	$\$ 240 + 144 + 150 + 100 + 150 = 748$ \$ 748
Data Management/License (ArcView)	\$ 1,200
Meetings and travel	\$ 400
Total administrative expenses	\$ 16,745
Fees collected on unreclaimed acres	\$ 19,790
(+) Permit Review Fees	n/a
(-) Amount transferred to DNR	\$ 3,920
Total operating revenue	\$ 15,870
(-) Total administrative expenses	\$ 16,745
Surplus or (deficit)	\$ (875)

(B) Materials provided to or sent to Wood County

Provided:

- Example of violation – order for enforcement
- Inspection checklist
- Reclamation success evaluation draft document
- DNR Guidance doc. on establishing fees to equal administrative expenses - WA 832
- Lump Sum FA examples and discussion

Please be advised that there is a fuller array of technical reclamation documents and other NR 135 Reclamation Newsletters are available on Waste and Materials Management website: dnr.wi.gov/topic/Mines.

Materials received from Wood County

- a map of towns and jurisdiction
- Wood County Land Conservation Department
 - Complaint Form
 - detailed checklist for contents of reclamation plans
- Revised Reclamation Ordinance language

ATTACHMENT 3.

I recommend using appropriate signage to designate (therefore protecting) topsoil and subsoil stockpiles. I also recommended incorporating this item into site inspections



BRIEF SUMMARY OF NR 40 AND TERRESTRIAL INVASIVES CONCERNS AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Invasives Control - Any site that is disturbed by any activity and not re-vegetated or otherwise stabilized is a magnet for growth of invasive and other undesirable or species. Nonmetallic mining sites are no different in most respects. However, in other ways they may actually pose more of a potential risk both to the un-stabilized nature of active areas on mining sites. Because of their nature mining sites have areas that may be affected including material (product) stockpiles, topsoil and reclamation material stockpiles, MSHA safety berms, scenic berms or barriers and other affected areas that are not being mined. The presence of invasives may not be observable, especially when not in the growing season, and so normal activities inherent to producing and transporting aggregate may inadvertently spread seeds of undesirable species to various locations. It is ultimately in the best interest of the operator to manage these open areas to prevent an infestation of undesirable species. For example, a topsoil or subsoil or backfill material

stored and not revegetated is a prime target for invasive and undesirable specie. Once well established, undesirables may be much more difficult and costly to deal with.

NR 135 RAs should use every contact with their permittees including site inspections, operator workshops, any visits by operators to their offices and with the paperwork sent out in fall to permittees to collect the required annual fees based on 'unreclaimed' or active acreage and the corresponding annual reports as required by their NR 135 Reclamation Permits.

Consider that:

- Due to the nature of site excavation activities, operations storage and even installation of safety features like long MSHA berms (may be thousands of linear feet on some sites) all potential provide idea conditions for invasive species gaining a foothold.
- A topsoil or subsoil or backfill material stored and not revegetated is a prime target for invasive and undesirable specie. Once well established, undesirables species are likely more difficult and costly to deal with. This is true for MSHA safety berms, scenic barriers and the like.
- Active acreage whether directly supporting the excavation or processing operation or exposed and not stabilized by vegetation or other means, including material stockpiles (before or after processing)- especially if these are long-term stockpiles. Further, this may even include stockpiles or storage areas for topsoil and reclamation materials unless these are properly revegetated, stabilized or otherwise managed.
- Once well-established undesirables may be much more difficult and costly to deal with and may pose an on-going threat to near-by areas
- These species pose potential but preventable problems for mine operators whether time cones for the time of contemporaneous, interim or final reclamation plants may be difficult to eradicate and compete with the seed mix that must be established in order to get a COC and release of FA.
- Even if eventually controlled, if allowed to set seeds during the intervening period seeds of undesirable species may be a long-lasting threat to germinate and cause problems with the desired vegetation.
- the NR 40 rule provides that, apart from certain exceptions - the transport, possession, transfer and introduction of *Prohibited species* is banned.

General Actions for Nonmetallic Mine Operators (to be discussed and promoted by NR 135 RAs):

- Become familiar with the listed invasive plants and their regulatory status for the county/counties in which your nonmetallic mining operations are located (whether the site is owner or leased),
- Do not buy or install any regulated invasive plant,
- Understand the distinction between *regulated* versus *restricted* plants,
- Report and remove any prohibited species from your property. (Required)
- Control any restricted invasive species, (encouraged but not required by NR 40 but sure to save time and money during reclamation and facilitate COC and FAQ release) and
- Plant and promote species (non-invasive alternatives) that further on-going site stabilization goals, build soil and support final site reclamation.
- Be aware of how typical activities may actually spread invasives and take measures to avoid doing so.



RESOLUTION#

Introduced by Conservation, Education and Economic Development & Executive
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LR

Motion:	Adopted:	
1 st	Lost:	
2 nd	Tabled:	
No: _____	Yes: _____	Absent: _____
Number of votes required:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds		
Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u> , Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: <u>MFR</u> , Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To seek County Board approval to amend the 2015 Wood County Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) budget for unanticipated state aid monies and to appropriate those monies to Wildlife Damage expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated revenues from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

		NO	YES	A
1	Nelson, J			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Hendler, P			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Miner, T			
9	Winch, W			
10	Henkel, H			
11	Curry, K			
12	Machon, D			
13	Hokamp, M			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
56123	Wildlife Damage Abatement		\$105,379.00
43586-481	State Aid	\$105,379.00	

Source of Money: Additional revenues from the Department of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has amended the Wildlife Damage Abatement grant to Wood County from \$52,179.00 to \$105,379.00 and

WHEREAS, the \$105,379.00 increase will be for the following woven wire fence projects:

Jan Wolosek's -	\$ 28,193.00
Kolo Cranberry's -	\$ 29,896.00
ArborVantage's -	\$ 7,548.00
Fazio Cranberry's -	\$ 39,742.00

WHEREAS, the payment made for the installation of the fence projects will have no impact on the county tax levy, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County State Aid Land Conservation Department account - 43586-481 be amended to accept \$105,379.00 of state aid monies and appropriate those monies to Wildlife Damage expenditures - 56123, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats 65.90(5) the County Clerk is directed to publish a Class I notice of the budget change within ten (10) days.

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Hilde Henkel, Chair

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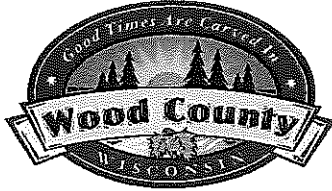
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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



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LAND CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT

BID SUMMARY

September 29, 2015

Bids for: D & B Sternweis Farms (15-LWRM-05)

Type of Project: Roof Runoff Rock Drip-line Underground Outlets

CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
*Kolo Trucking & Excavating Inc.	\$17,959.50
Weichelt Trucking & Excavating	\$19,574.60

- = Lowest Bid - The cost-share payment will be based on this amount. The landowner reserves the right to choose any contractor; however, any expense above the selected low bid will not be cost shared.



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LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

BID SUMMARY

September 29, 2015

Bids for: Heather Schmitt (15-LWRM-01)

Type of Project: Waste Storage Facility

CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
*Becker Trucking & Excavating Inc.	\$20,447.50
Weichelt Trucking & Excavating	\$26,455.14
Kolo trucking & Excavating Inc.	\$30,626.95

- = **Lowest Bid** - The cost-share payment will be based on this amount. The landowner reserves the right to choose any contractor; however, any expense above the selected low bid will not be cost shared.