

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Gerald Nelson (via teleconference), Robert Ashbeck, Kenneth Curry, Bill Leichtnam and Harvey Petersen (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)

Member Excused:

Staff Present: Land & Water Conservation Staff – Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, and Lori Ruess
 Planning & Zoning Staff – Jason Grueneberg, Jeff Brewbaker, and Heather Marquardt
 UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley and Sarah Siegel

Others Present: District #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Fred & Patty Lumby, Town of Grand Rapids residents, Joe Bachman, Wisconsin Rapids City Times, Speakers - Skye Francis, Elementary Division, Jacqueline Sii, Junior Division and Carlina Sii, Senior Division, Dean Francis and Nancy Sii.

1. **Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Speeches by First Place Wood County Speaking Contest Winners.** Tracy Arnold introduced the first place Wood County Speaking Contest winners and they gave their speeches.

- Skye Francis – Elementary Division – Grove Elementary – speech title, CAFO Alert Protect Wood County.
- Jacqueline Sii – Junior Division – Wisconsin Rapids Middle School – speech title, Invasion of the Little Erasers.
- Carlina Sii – Lincoln High School – speech title – The Last Straw.

The committee thanked the students for taking time to attend the CEED meeting to deliver their speeches. Bill Leichtnam congratulated all the speakers and commended them on a fantastic job.

3. **Public Comment.**

Gerald Nelson reported the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) met on January 26th. He gave a brief update on the meeting.

Bob Ashbeck, Ken Curry and Bill Leichtnam had questions/concerns regarding the WCA Agriculture, Environment & Land Use steering committee memo that was included in the packet. Bob stated he attended the Mill Creek meeting and there are concerns with loss of wetlands, specifically in the Plover area. Ken had a question regarding the new bill AB 603. Chairperson Henkel stated the committee came to consensus on all bills that were discussed and there are many more topics to discuss.

4. **Review Correspondence.** There was no correspondence to review.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the January 6, 2016 CEED meeting 2) bills from, Planning & Zoning/Surveyor/Economic Development, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, April Opatik, Justin Conner, Julie Akey, Jeff Brewbaker, Heather Marquardt, Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Lori Ruess, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert, Teri Lessig, Sarah Siegel, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, and Kyli Brown.
 - a. Minutes of January 6, 2016 CEED Meeting. Robert Ashbeck questioned the 2015 hours in 6d. Chairperson Henkel explained that 2015 is considered full-time at 38.75 hrs /wk for the Administrative Services position.
 - b. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - c. Staff Activity Reports. No questions or comments.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve and accept the January 6, 2016 CEED minutes, staff activity reports from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation, and UW Extension and the bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Risk and Injury Report.** Nothing new to report this month.

7. **Planning & Zoning.**

- A. Consider variance request from County Land Subdivision Ord. for a cul de sac that is greater than 1000' for Fred and Patty Lumby in the Town of Grand Rapids. Jason Grueneberg stated he emailed information on the variance request to the CEED. He presented a map of Fred and Patty Lumby's parcel and explained the Lumby's are looking at putting in a 1060' cu de sac off a new town road that will be named Lumby Avenue and they have submitted a certified survey map. The 1060' cul de sac is longer than the county ordinance allows; therefore, a variance and CEED approval is required. He explained there are inconsistencies between the County and Town of Grand Rapids ordinances as far as how cul de sacs are measured. The Town of Grand Rapids Plan Commission has approved the cul de sac. Jason added he does not see a safety concern with the proposed 1060' cul de sac. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to approve the variance request from the County Land Subdivision Ordinance for a cul de sac that is greater than 1000' for Fred and Patty Lumby in the Town of Grand Rapids, Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discuss North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission membership. The Committee discussed the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission membership. Discussion on the benefits of membership for county departments as well as municipalities took place. Gerald Nelson stated there are two vacancies on the Commission and suggested that another county board member be appointed to the Commission, regardless of membership. As a member of the Commission, he recommended that a name of a county board member be forwarded to Lance. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the CEED that Hilde and Jason talk with Lance Pliml and put this item on the March 2nd CEED meeting agenda for further discussion.
- C. Discuss code enforcement process for Private Sewage Program and status of Triennial Fee payments. Jeff Brewbaker gave a brief presentation on the enforcement process for the Private Sewage Program and the status of the triennial fee payments. He handed out information on the program that included a copy of the Septic System Triennial Program Fee Notice, Septic Maintenance Notice, Septic Tank Maintenance Enforcement flowchart, Holding Tank Maintenance Enforcement flowchart, and a copy of a violation letter that is mailed when necessary. Following the presentation, Jason commended Jeff Brewbaker and Heather Marquardt on their approach and success with enforcement and stated they are doing an outstanding job.

8. **Economic Development.**

- A. Marshfield Area Economic Development Update from Jason Angell. Jason Angell was unable to attend the meeting due to the weather. He will attend in March to give an update on Marshfield Area Economic Development including the new Marshfield Hospital project.

9. **County Surveyor.** Nothing to report

10. **Land Records.** Nothing to report

11. Land & Water Conservation Department.

- A. NCLWCA Area Speaking and Poster Contest. Shane Wucherpfennig reported the North Central Land & Water Conservation Association Area Speaking and Poster Contest will be held on Friday, February 12th at the Portage County Annex. Registration has been sent in for Shane, Tracy Arnold and Robert Ashbeck. Registration deadline is Thursday, February 4th.
- B. Update on Administrative Services position. Lori Ruess started working full-time (2015 hrs /yr) on Monday, February 1st. She is currently working 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- C. Update on Conservation Specialist position. In March, Shane Wucherpfennig will present a resolution to the Executive Committee and CEED Committee for the new Conservation Specialist position.
- D. Update on Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Workshop. To date, approximately 50 people have registered to attend the Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Workshop; the majority of those registered are farmers. The workshop will be videotaped for those who are interested, but are unable to attend. The goal is to draw in a diverse group of agricultural groups to share ideas and success stories and to get farmers who are doing a great job to step up and encourage other farmers to do the same.

12. UW Extension.

- A. UW Extension Reorganization Update – Manley. Peter Manley gave an update on the UW Extension Reorganization. He sent an email to Chancellor Sandeen outlining the reorganization opportunities, concerns and questions that were raised at one of the tables during the WACEC NC Region Annual Meeting on January 8th. He should find out more details on the reorganization by mid-February.
- B. Check Your Credit History – Siegel Sarah Siegel gave a PowerPoint presentation on Check your Credit Report Campaign. The presentation covered what is the “Check your Credit Report Campaign”, why and when to check your report, what you need to provide when requesting a credit report, how to obtain a free credit report, and what if there are errors on your report. A “Check Your Credit Report” Lunch & Learn was held on February 2nd.

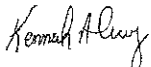
13. **Committee may go into closed session pursuant to S19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of reviewing annual goals and conducting performance evaluations of the Land & Water Conservation, Planning & Zoning & UW Extension department heads.** The Committee did not go into closed session. Chairperson Henkel explained that department head goals and progress are reviewed in January, April and August.

14. **Schedule next regular committee meeting.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Ken Curry asked to be excused from the March 2nd meeting and Harvey Petersen asked to be excused from the April 6th meeting.

15. Adjourn.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land and Water Conservation Department
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved February 9, 2016 @8:45 a.m.)