

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2016
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. UW Extension
 - A. UW Extension Reorganization Schmitz, Manley
 - Regional Director Update
 - Chippewa Resolution
 - B. Regional Director Report Schmitz
 - C. Procedure on Resolution Referrals Manley
 - D. Horticulture Educator position Manley
 - E. Amanda Darr resignation Manley, Darr
 - F. Video Technology for 4-H Interviews – Pros and Cons Brown
7. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - A. Windshed Report Shannon Rohde
 - B. Take action on resolution to approve out of country travel for Conservation Program Specialist.
 - C. Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association Conference report.
 - D. Update on Farmland Preservation Program Roundtable.
 - E. Update on Nutrient Management Farmer Certification training.
8. Planning & Zoning
9. Economic Development
 - A. Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Update.
10. County Surveyor.
11. Land Records.
12. Committee may go into closed session pursuant to s 19.85(1)(c)Wis Stat., for the purpose of reviewing annual goals of department heads of Land & Water Conservation, Planning & Zoning and UW Extension.
13. Schedule next regular committee meeting – 9:00 am Wednesday, May 4, 2016.
14. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.
15. Adjourn

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Date: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

Members Present: Hilde Henkel (attended telephonically), Gerald Nelson, Bill Leichtnam, Robert Ashbeck and Harvey Petersen

Members Excused: Ken Curry

Staff Present: Land Conservation: Shane Wucherpfennig

UW-Extension: Peter Manley, Teri Lessig, Matt Lippert, Amanda Darr

Planning & Zoning: Jason Grueneberg

Land Records: Justin Conner

Others Present: Lance Pliml – County Board Chair

Bill Clendenning - WCB Dist. 15

Dennis Polach – WCB Dist. 14

Jason Angell – City of Marshfield, Director of Development Services

Committee Member Robert Ashbeck acted as Committee Chair for the meeting since

Committee Chairperson Hilde Henkel was present telephonically.

Committee Member Robert Ashbeck called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Public Comments

- There was no public comment.

Review Correspondence

- There was no correspondence

Consent Agenda

- The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1.) Minutes of the February 3rd and February 16th, 2016 CEED Meeting, bills from Land Conservation, UW-Extension, and Planning & Zoning, and 3.) Staff Activity Reports.
- Minutes– no additions or corrections needed
- Department Bills – No additions or corrections needed.
- Staff Activity Reports – No questions or comments.

Committee Member Gerald Nelson motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, bills, and staff activity reports. Committee Member Bill Leichtnam seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Risk and Injury Report

- There was nothing to report on for this month.

Land and Water Conservation Department

- A.) Take action on resolution to create a Conservation Specialist position effective January 1, 2017
- a. Shane discussed the position and the requirements that would be necessary. He is going to be looking for a candidate with a strong agronomy background.
 - b. The proposed resolution is only for the position and does not impact any ordinances. Shane read the resolution to the Committee to clarify that this only contains information specific to creating a new position, it does not impact any ordinances.

Committee Member Gerald Nelson motioned to approve the resolution to create a Conservation Specialist position effective January 1, 2017. Committee Chairperson Hilde Henkel seconded the motion and all approved the motion except for Committee Member Robert Ashbeck. He voted no because of constituent concerns. The motion passed.

B.) HIRC & LWCD Memorandum of Understanding

- a. Shane passed around a Memorandum of Understanding that he created for the Space Assignment of the westerly most stall of the Forestry Garage to the Land and Water Conservation Department.
- b. The MOU stated that The Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will take all responsibility for the maintenance and repair of this assigned space as long as they are able to utilize it.
- c. It also stated that the MOU will serve as the formal agreement going on record since previously there was no formal agreement or lease on record.

Committee Bill Leichtnam motioned to approve the MOU Shane Wucherpennig created allowing the LWCD to utilize the garage space. Committee Member Harvey Petersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

C.) Update on Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Workshop

- a. On February 22nd, 2016 The Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Workshop that Shane was in charge of putting together took place.
- b. Shane reported that there was a great turnout for the event – 131 attendees
- c. There were a lot of opportunities for networking and sharing ideas and information between attendees and presenters
- d. Ray Archuleta was a presenter and gave a very informative presentation.
- e. 80% of farmers who attended said they want to try and incorporate the ideas regarding cover crops/no till into their operations.
- f. 44% of attendees would like additional information about these practices as well as more hands-on workshops.
- g. The evaluation sheets showed a lot of positive feedback from attendees asking that this be held again or additional workshops like this event be held in the future.
- h. Shane reported that the event brought in \$7,800.00 in revenue and expenses amount to \$5,300.00 so the Department brought in around \$2,500.00 in profits.
- i. Committee Member Bill Leichtnam announced that the Committee commends Shane on his efforts with this project and that more events like this should be planned in the future.

D.) Update on District 8 Farm Bureau Young Farmer Workshop with Ray Archuleta

- a. On February 23, 2016 At the NTC Farm Tech Building the Young Farmer Workshop took place.
- b. There were a total of 29 future farmers who attended.
- c. Ray Archuleta also presented at this meeting and gave another informative presentation that led to a strong discussion afterwards.
- d. This event also brought a lot of positive feedback from young farmers getting started in the industry.
- e. John Eron was a young farmer who is very eager to try some of the new methods and practices discussed at this meeting. Shane and Ray are going to work with him in the future to start initiating some of these ideas on John's land.

E.) Update on Municipal & Industrial Wastewater Roundtable

- a. 16 people attended this roundtable and listened to a presentation regarding TMDL
- b. 5 communities are facing permit renewal in 2017
 - i. These 5 communities have 3 choices:
 - 1. Pay to update “mortar & brick”
 - 2. Adaptive trading
 - 3. Multi variance discharge – most appealing and less costly
- c. The purpose of this roundtable was to provide conservation help and get information out about lowering phosphorous on landowner's property.

- d. Shane plans to have another roundtable like this later down the road if the option 3 passes. He expects there to be a lot of people interested in utilizing their services if this option goes through.
- F.) Update on farmer led Conservation Council Meeting
 - a. John Eron took the initiative to get 7-9 dairy farmers together to form a farmer led conservation group
 - b. The group has applied for a \$20,000.00 grant to start implementing some new ideas and education driven developmental ideas to help farmers with conservation.
 - c. Ken Schroeder from the Portage UWEX is helping facilitate the grant process.
 - d. The Committee can expect an update about the grant process and if they were selected in early summer of this year.

Planning and Zoning Department

- A.) Discuss North Central Regional Planning Commission NCWRPC appointments
 - a. County Board Chairman Lance Pliml gave an update to the Committee
 - i.) Appointments are not dependent on being a paying member of the NCWRPC
 - ii.) Approximately \$45,000.00 per year to be a member
 - b. Jason said that he thinks it would be beneficial to have more feedback from municipalities as to whether they would take advantage of NCWRPC member benefits
 - c. The Committee decided to wait until there is more feedback from municipalities before moving forward with this program.
- B.) Approval of 2016-2018 Wood County Land Information Plan
 - a. Justin Conner the County Land Record Coordinator gave the Committee a resolution to seek County approval for a 2016-2018 Land Information Plan for Wood County.
 - b. The plan guides how the county utilizes funding and how land records are modernized and kept up to date.
 - c. There is no cost to the county, this just allows for eligibility for grants.

Committee Member Gerald Nelson motioned to approve the resolution to approve the Wood County Land Information Plan for 2016-2018. Committee Member Bill Leichtnam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development

- A.) Jason Angell from the City of Marshfield came to discuss the recent developments to the Marshfield area and what the County can expect in the near future.
 - a. Marshfield Clinic is building a new hospital; the project is expected to take about 24 months
 - b. The building will be approximately 630,000 sq. feet and hold approximately 240 beds
 - c. Downtown Marshfield is building a new community square
 - d. The project will cost around 1.3 million dollars to create and is expected to be done in 2017
 - e. City Hall will be undergoing some redevelopments
 - f. New apartments will be built in Marshfield and will hold around 120 units
 - g. The library in Marshfield will be completed in Sept/Oct of this year
 - h. Marshfield Mall will have a new tenant moving in around Sept/Oct of this year
 - i. Jason Grueneberg asked that the funds Wood County has allocated for the Marshfield Economic Development be released. The committee agreed, to release the \$30,500 of budgeted economic development funds to the City of Marshfield.

County Surveyor

-There is nothing to report for this month.

Land Records

-Justin Conner gave his report under Planning and Zoning.

UW-Extension**A.) UW-Extension Reorganization**

- a. Peter Manley gave an update on the changes coming to UW-Extension
- b. Wood County is now a part of a 4-county area rather than a 5-county area. The counties included in our area are: Wood, Portage, Marathon, and Clark.
- c. 80 positions are suspected to be cut. This averages out to about 1 per county.
- d. 40 positions are already vacant so it would consist of 40 more being eliminated.
- e. Peter passed around a copy of the resolution LaCrosse county has created to show what is being done by other counties in response to the Extension Reorganization.
- f. LaCrosse shared this resolution in the hopes that other counties would want to do something similar.
- g. In April the North Central Regional Director for UW-Extension, Tom Schmitz, will be visiting the Committee and give a report on any updates to UW-Extension.

B.) Horticulture Educator Resignation

- a. Teri Lessig, Wood County's Horticulture Educator, has resigned from UW-Extension effective March 31st, 2016.
- b. Peter discussed how it is a Committee decision to go through with filling her position and that since it is County funded the position should have no major threat of being eliminated with the reorganization to UW-Extension.

Committee Member Gerald Nelson motioned to move forward with the hiring process for the Wood County Horticulture Educator position. Committee Chairperson Hilde Henkel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C.) Master Gardener Education Information

- a. Teri Lessig passed out some brochures that the Master Gardener program has put together. She also discussed the mission of the Master Gardener program, and some of the projects they work on in the community.
- b. She also discussed how some of the members who are aging are having a difficult time doing physical work such as planting, etc. She created a program called Clean Hands that focuses specifically on the importance of education.
- c. These members facing physical challenges can keep up with their volunteer hours by educational opportunities that raise awareness about the Master Gardener program and the projects the program does.

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Adjourn

Committee Chairperson Hilde Henkel motioned to adjourn the CEED Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Committee Member Gerald Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kenneth A. Long

Report of Claims for Planning and Zoning / Surveyor / Econ Dev
For the Range of Vouchers
22160028 thru 22160039
38160001

VOUCHER#	VENDOR NAME	NATURE OF CLAIM	AMOUNT
22160028	QUILL CORPORATION	PS-Supplies	\$60.38
22160029	CARMODY CDS HOLDING INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (Mar)	\$299.00
22160030	WIESER CONCRETE PRODUCTS	PS-Seminar (Jeff/Heather)	\$40.00
22160031	REGISTRATION FEE TRUST	PS-Replacement Truck License Plate	\$2.00
22160032	AMAZON WEB SERVICES	LR-Service Charges	\$90.91
22160033	PANDA CONSULTING	LR-Conversion Project	\$17,000.00
22160034	WCCA	PS-Registration Fee (2)	\$230.00
22160035	WOOD CO CLERK OF COURTS	PS-SC Filing Fee (20)	\$1,950.00
22160036	BOYER, KEVIN	SU-Services per Contract (Mar)	\$833.00
22160037	EAGLE REPROGRAPHICS	LR-InkJet Cartridges for Plotter	\$239.85
22160038	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Fee for Sanitary Permits (Mar)	\$600.00
22160039	OPATIK, APRIL	PL-Expenses (Mar)	\$34.56
		P&Z TOTAL	\$21,379.70
38160001	CITY OF MARSHFIELD ECON DEV	ED-2016 ANNUAL AID	\$30,500.00
		ECON DEV TOTAL	\$30,500.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$51,879.70

PL - Planning

PS - Private Sewage

LR - Land Records

SU - Surveyor

ED - Econ Dev

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Report of Claims for

Land & Water Conservation Department

For the range of vouchers: 18160022 18160039

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18160022	RUESS LORI	LC - MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	02/24/2016	3.78	P
18160023	APPLE AWARDS	LC - OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/22/2016	12.00	P
18160024	UW EXTENSION	HSHW - REIMB FOR USB DRIVES	02/26/2016	764.94	* P
18160025	WOODTRUST BANK NA	LC/SWRM/HSHW-LODGING, FLIGHT	02/17/2016	1075.15	P
18160026	ARNOLD TRACY	SWRM/NM - MEALS/MILEAGE REIMB	02/18/2016	184.60	P
18160027	WUCHERPFENNIG SHANE	SWRM - MEALS/MILEAGE REIMBURSE	02/24/2016	141.64	P
18160028	GROSHEK ADAM	SWRM/NM/LC- MEALS/MILEAGE/MTG	02/24/2016	156.36	P
18160029	BOEHM KIRK M	HSHW - HONORARIUM	02/24/2016	100.00	* P
18160030	ONAN PAUL	HSHW - HONORARIUM	02/24/2016	100.00	* P
18160031	WOOD COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	WLD - RECORDING FEES	03/01/2016	120.00	* P
18160032	ARNOLD TRACY	NMM- SAFETY SHOE REIMBURSEMENT	03/11/2016	139.25	* P
18160033	ERON JOHN	HSHW - HONORARIUM	02/22/2016	100.00	* P
18160034	SOCHA PATRICK	HSHW - HONORARIUM	02/22/2016	100.00	* P
18160035	GROSHEK ADAM	LC - MEALS/MILEAGE REIMBURSEME	03/15/2016	98.72	P
18160036	ARNOLD TRACY	NM - MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	03/15/2016	18.90	*
18160037	WUCHERPFENNIG SHANE	LC - MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	03/15/2016	38.34	
18160038	WOODTRUST BANK NA	HSHW/LC CATERING/LODGING/MAINT	03/10/2016	3280.67	
18160039	GUDEN WILLIAM & MARGIE	SWRM - CS WELL DECOMMISSIONING	02/27/2016	1581.00	

* = 100% Reimbursed

P=Prepaid

Grand Total:

\$8,015.35

HSHW - Healthy Soil, Healthy Water

LC - Land & Water Conservation

NMM - Nonmetallic Mining

SWRM - Soil & Water Resource Mgt.

WLD - Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims

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Report of Claims for

UW-Extension

For the range of vouchers: 30160028 30160052

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30160028	SIEGEL SARAH	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES	02/25/2016	28.49	P
30160029	SIEGEL SARAH	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SARAH SIEGEL	02/26/2016	34.65	P
30160030	WOODTRUST BANK NA	4H PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY ITEMS	02/29/2016	63.03	P
30160031	EO JOHNSON COMPANY INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE FEES	03/01/2016	457.50	P
30160032	US BANK	CONF FEES, FTD MEAL COSTS	03/01/2016	267.58	P
30160033	SIEGEL SARAH	reimbursement for supplies	03/08/2016	25.00	P
30160034	VALDERS JOURNAL THE	FARM RECORD BOOKS	03/08/2016	56.98	P
30160035	FRIDAY JODI	reimbursement for supplies	03/09/2016	31.65	P
30160037	LESSIG TERI	TERI LESSIG EXPENSES	03/15/2016	271.62	P
30160038	EO JOHNSON CO INC	EO JOHNSON COPIER LEASE	03/15/2016	229.49	P
30160039	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/RFCSLLC	KITCHEN & WNEP SUPPLIES	03/22/2016	122.65	P
30160040	VIAU CHRISTOPHER	CHRIS VIAU MARCH EXPENSES	03/22/2016	61.02	P
30160041	HENKE ALLISON	ALLISON HENKE MARCH EXPENSES	03/22/2016	24.41	P
30160042	BROWN KYLI	KYLI BROWN MARCH EXPENSES	03/22/2016	100.44	P
30160043	JOURNAL SENTINEL	STATE FARMER PAPER RENEWAL	03/22/2016	45.00	P
30160044	LIPPERT MATTHEW	LIPPERT MARCH EXPENSES	03/29/2016	390.42	
30160045	SIEGEL SARAH	SIEGEL MARCH EXPENSES	03/29/2016	215.46	
30160046	SIEGEL SARAH	SIEGEL REIMBURSE	03/29/2016	32.71	
30160047	MANLEY PETER	MANLEY MARCH EXPENSES	03/29/2016	108.60	
30160048	WOODTRUST BANK NA	FAMILY LIV & 4-H	03/29/2016	276.24	
30160049	NOODLE SOUP	FAMILY LIVING SUPPLIES	03/29/2016	137.00	
30160050	VAN BECK VENDING	FAMILY LIVING SUPPLIES	03/29/2016	76.50	
30160051	NATIONAL CURRICULUM & TRAINING INSTITUTE	COLORS TRAINING	03/29/2016	779.16	
30160052	PLANT DISEASE DIAGN CLINIC	PLANT PATHOLOGY	03/29/2016	20.00	

Grand Total: \$3,855.60

Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee Report

April 2016

Peter Manley

Wood County UW-Extension Community Resource Agent

I made input into the March 2 CEED Committee meeting and processed necessary financial paperwork. I conducted strategic planning sessions for the Mental Illness Coalition and the AODA Coalition on March 3. This is part of the Health People Wood County planning process and involves the Health Department, area hospitals and many other people involved with our residents. I also attended steering sessions for these meetings on March 7. I attended the Blueprints workshops on March 15 and the training focused on putting together loan packages and networking among various lending entities. We made progress on defining a "blue trails" project on the Wisconsin River. I contacted Lynn Markham, water quality specialist, and worked with her on a presentation to the Groundwater Quality Subcommittee on March 11. The Subcommittee members commented that the presentation was very helpful to them. I made input into the Leadership Steering Committee for the south Wood County area, on March 10. I conducted call-in radio programs on March 22 and 23. I attended a lake quality seminar at UWSP on April 30. I had surgery on March 16 and was out for 3 days.

Matt Lippert

Wood County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent

- Heart of the Farm, a program focusing on farm financial and risk management for farm women was held at the Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center, near Milladore. We cohosted the program with Marathon County UW-Extension. Thirty two women heard speakers discuss dairy markets, a rural health initiative, bee care, and value added agriculture.
- I was on Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids radio and provided an agricultural update, including upcoming Extension meetings.
- I attended the special meeting of the Wood County chapter of the Wisconsin Towns Association in Richfield. The program discussed updates to the Wisconsin Implements of Husbandry (IoH) law and aspects of enforcement. The Clark Co. Sheriff and an attorney specializing in this area presented at the meeting.
- I attended the UW-Extension North Central Region All Colleague meeting in Minoqua. There were many in-service and poster sessions highlighting area agents programming efforts.
- The Central Wisconsin Dairy Series was held in Sherry and Elroy. Topics presented included heifer rearing costs, fertility in high producing herds, herd bull management, understanding forage tests and snaplage- a low cost method of high moisture corn harvest. The program received strong reviews and was attended by about 40 people.
- I assisted Clark County UW-Extension and the Wood County Land Conservation Department in providing SNAP+ Nutrient Management training to area farmers.
- I met with the Farm Technology Days 2018 Executive Committee
- I attended an AgSource DHI Cooperative Scholarship Fund Trustee and advisory committee meeting.
- I met with the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Agri- Business committee as they made plans for educational tours, recognition and scholarship programs.
- The Spring Issue of the Central Wisconsin Agriculture Specialization newsletter will be distributed to about 300 area farmers at the end of the month.
- I answered questions about crop budgets, livestock facility design and fertilizer analysis.
- Horticulture questions were answered in the absence of Theresa Lessig who has now left UW-Extension.

Sarah Seigel

Wood County UW-Extension Family Living Educator

- Talked on the radio (WDLB & WFHR) on March 1 and 3. Topic was *Savor the Flavor of Eating Right* for National Nutrition Month. I provided tips to the listeners about how to eat more nutritious.
- Dropped off Parenting the Preschooler Newsletters and the National Nutrition Month 2016 tip sheet at all of the Wood County Libraries on March 1.
- Had a meeting with Deb Steltenpohl from St. Vincent de Paul outreach in Marshfield regarding financial education opportunities for clients on March 2.
- Assisted with organizing a Home and Community Education presentation by Teri Lessig about GMO's on March 8.
- Listened and took meeting minutes for the WEAFCs board meeting on March 10. I am the board secretary for WEAFCs.
- Submitted a United Way of Inner Wisconsin Funding Application for 2017 funding for financial programming. March 15
- Had a Wallet Wise in Wood County financial education table at Grant Elementary in Marshfield on March 11. The table provided financial education materials for parents attending the CLC (Community Learning Center) family night.
- Had a United Way of Inner Wisconsin site visit on March 14. The visit is part of receiving 2016 funding from the United Way of Inner Wisconsin for financial education programs.
- Had a booth at the Boys & Girls Club/McMillan Library's Job Fair on March 14. The booth contained Financial Education materials for parents and kids.
- Attended the Nekoosa/Ho-Chunk Head Start parent meeting on March 15. The education component for the parenting meeting was National Nutrition Month and tips for parents to use to help their children eat more nutritious. Fact sheets and food samples were provided to the families. The parents also received their monthly Money Smart in Head Start newsletter on Using Credit Wisely.
- Attended the North Central Region UW-Extension Conference on March 16 and 17.
- Presented at the North Central Region UW-Extension Conference on March 16. Jodi Friday and I presented on Food Insecurity: Exploring a Weekend Backpack Program. Our presentation included what Food Insecurity is in Wood County and how the Backpack Program started. I also presented a poster session on my work with the UW-Extension Check your Free Credit Report Campaign 3 times a year. My poster session covered all the outreach which has taken place in Wood County around the campaign.
- Held a Becoming Money Smart class at the Wisconsin Rapids Job Center on March 21.
- Listened to a Focus on Family Living Wisline on March 24. The Wislines are once a month and focus on what is happening at the state and local level for Family Living.
- Taught Shop and Chop Course at River Cities High School with Jodi Friday on March 29 and April 1. Jodi and I are currently revising the Shop and Chop course to meet different audience needs.
- Had a meeting with the new market manager for the Peach Street Farmers' Market on March 29 and on March 30 attended a Peach Street Farmers' Market committee meeting regarding my role at the county farmers' markets.
- Attended a MSTC Health and Wellness Promotion Board meeting on March 31. I am on the advisory board for the Health and Wellness Promotion degree through MSTC.
- Finalized the WalletWi\$e in Wood County Series and promotional materials are being sent out monthly.
- I attended coalition meetings throughout the month for Healthy Growth and Development, Healthy Lifestyles, Early Years Coalition, and south Wood County Hunger Coalition.

Jodi Friday

Wood County UW-Extension WNEP Nutrition Educator

- Taught 12 classrooms of Kindergarten students at three WRPS elementary schools for over 200+ teaching contacts. My lesson this month introduced students to the food group friends using the Discover MyPlate curriculum.
- Taught at the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinic four times this month to approximately 30 learners. My lesson focuses on saving money on food.
- Participated in one joint WNEP teleconference between Wood/Portage counties in preparation of our North Central Region All Colleague Conference presentation.
- Participated in one UW-Extension North Central Region All Colleague Conference planning Wisline.
- Attended four Wood County Staff meetings.
- Taught at one Howe Elementary Innovation Night parent group night.
- Listened to one Family Living Wisline featuring WNEP Policy, System and Environment (PSE) work.
- Attended and presented at the North Central Region All Colleague Conference in Minocqua. I presented with Family Living Educator Sarah Siegel on Food Insecurity: Exploring a Weekend Backpack Program. Sarah and I our work with the Rapids Family Backpacks program. I also presented with the Portage County WNEP team on Tips of the Trade: Engaging People in Nutrition Education. I presented information on working collaboratively with schools during youth education, especially managing classroom behaviors while engaging youth. I also assisted North Central Region WNEP Representative Cara Cross (Marquette County) to plan and facilitate WNEP program area time during the conference. I created and facilitated an ice breaker activity, I facilitated group discussion, and I organized a large group lesson sharing activity.

Chris Viau

Wood County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator

The following is an overview of Youth Development activities:

- 4-H Club and Program Management
 - Trip and Awards Applications- Recruitment and Selection
 - 4-H Club and Volunteer Management concerns-Ongoing
 - 4-H Camp Planning
 - Team Meeting, Counselor Selection
- Central WI State Fair
 - Review online entry options
 - Selected Online Fair Management Program- Volunteer and family training plan needed.
 - Jr. Fair Board Meeting
 - Jr. Fair Book updates and changes
- Other
 - UWEX North Central Region Conference March 18-19
 - Professional Development and Networking Opportunities
 - Next Gen Agricultural Work Guidelines for Youth Steering Committee
 - New Project with National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety
 - WDLB and WFHR Radio
 - Cooperative Extension Volunteer In Preparation (Youth Protection) development team meetings- ongoing

- New Volunteer Background Check System Pilot County
- Administrative
 - State and Regional Phone Conferences
 - 4-H Youth Development Liaison Responsibilities- 25% FTE

Kyli Brown

Wood County UW-Extension 4-H Program Advisor

- Continue to update and maintain the Wood County 4-H Facebook site. We are up to 587 fans.
- Respond to phone calls and emails regarding 4-H enrollments, questions, feedback and planning meetings for 4-H.
- Attended All Colleague conference on March 16-17. Was also on the planning team for the conference in Minocqua.
- Meet with 4-H staff from three counties to work on planning Intermediate Camp this summer. Intermediate Camp is for youth in grades 3-7th grade and held July 18-21 in the Dells.
- Working on a state wide Cloverbud leader training initiative to bring training materials to leaders.
- Facilitated the PALS meeting and Leaders Association meeting on March 28th.
- Attended the 4-H Program area meeting on March 9th in Wausau.



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig February 2016

- March 1 – Attended Executive committee meeting to propose 2017 Conservation Specialist position. The resolution was approved to forward on to CEED and County Board at the March 2016 meetings.

- March 2 – Attended CEED Meeting.

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- e. 80% of farmers who attended said they want to try and incorporate the ideas regarding cover crops/no till into their operations.
- f. 44% of attendees would like additional information about these practices as well as more hands-on workshops.
- g. The evaluation sheets showed a lot of positive feedback from attendees asking that this be held again or additional workshops like this event be held in the future.
- h. Shane reported that the event brought in \$7,800.00 in revenue and expenses amount to \$5,300.00 so the Department brought in around \$2,500.00 in profits.
- i. Committee Member Bill Leichtnam announced that the Committee commends Shane on his efforts with this project and that more events like this should be planned in the future.

D.) Update on District 8 Farm Bureau Young Farmer Workshop with Ray Archuleta

- a. On February 23, 2016 At the NTC Farm Tech Building the Young Farmer Workshop took place.
- b. There were a total of 29 future farmers who attended.
- c. Ray Archuleta also presented at this meeting and gave another informative presentation that led to a strong discussion afterwards.
- d. This event also brought a lot of positive feedback from young farmers getting started in the industry.
- e. John Aaron was a young farmer who is very eager to try some of the new methods and practices discussed at this meeting. Shane and Ray are going to work with him in the future to start initiating some of these ideas on John's land.

E.) Update on Municipal & Industrial Wastewater Roundtable

- a. 16 people attended this roundtable and listened to a presentation regarding TMDL
- b. 5 communities are facing permit renewal in 2017
 - i. These 5 communities have 3 choices:

1. Pay to update "mortar & brick"
 2. Adaptive trading
 3. Multi variance discharge – most appealing and less costly
- c. The purpose of this roundtable was to provide conservation help and get information out about lowering phosphorous on landowner's property.
 - d. Shane plans to have another roundtable like this later down the road if the option 3 passes. He expects there to be a lot of people interested in utilizing their services if this option goes through.

F.) Update on farmer led Conservation Council Meeting

- a. John Eron took the initiative to get 7-9 dairy farmers together to form a farmer led conservation group
 - b. The group has applied for a \$20,000.00 grant to start implementing some new ideas and education driven developmental ideas to help farmers with conservation.
 - c. Ken Schroeder from the Portage UWEX is helping facilitate the grant process.
- March 2 – Attended WI Land & Water Conference in Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. This is our annual conference for LWCD Staff & CEED committee members to attend.
 - March 3 - Attended WI Land & Water Conference in Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI.
 - March 7 – Met with Adams County Conservationist (Wally Sedlar) to prepare Nutrient Management (NM) presentation for March County Board. In the afternoon met with 3 employees at Delmonte Foods in Plover, WI to discuss NM on Central Sands and to have them attend my NM certification training in March.
 - March 10 – Met with Craig Brandl at his farm to discuss a Waste Storage Facility and Nutrient Management requirements.
 - March 11 – Attended Groundwater Protection sub-committee meeting.
 - March 15 – Attended County Board and had Wally Sedlar from Adams County give a presentation on Nutrient Management. I gave a power-point presentation to the Board prior to consideration to act on a resolution to create a Conservation Specialist position effective January 1, 2017. The position was approved 14-3.
 - March 16 – Hosted Nutrient Management Certification training for Farmers. We had 10 participants from Wood & Marathon Counties. The training was provided in the Safety Training room for 3 days total, 1 day a week.
 - March 21 – Worked on NM plan maps for participants in the training class.
 - March 22 - Hosted Nutrient Management Certification training for Farmers.
 - March 23 – Worked on NOD Grant Application for Lee Deboer farm discharges.
 - March 24 - Worked on NOD Grant Application for Lee Deboer farm discharges.
 - March 24 – Had a three way phone conference with Ken Schroeder, Dan O'Connell from Portage county and myself to discuss a Farmer Led Council Grant application for 2016 that we are helping a Farmer Led group up in the Mill Creek Watershed with to apply for a \$20,000 Grant to fund to cover educational efforts, funding for cover crops, no-till, buffers, ect. The Grant Application was due April 1, 2016.
 - March 28 – Held a department staff meeting.
 - March 28 - Met with LWCD Staff & P&Z Staff to discuss the Farmland Preservation Round Table Session I was planning with DATCP on March 30, 2016 at the Wood County Courthouse, room 115.
 - March 29 – Asked to be put on HIRC Committee agenda in April to discuss the continued use of the Forestry Garage space by LWCD from Highway in future. I proposed a long term MOU to have the agreement documented. HIRC requested I draft a MOU and bring it to the April HIRC meeting for approval.
 - March 30 – Met with DATCP's staff: Alison Volk, Land Management Section Chief, Scott Karel, Environmental Analysis and Review Specialist, LWCD Staff and P&Z staff to discuss the Farmland Preservation Program. We discussed program history, comprehensive planning, Exclusive Ag. Zoning, AEA's & the Farmland Overlay Zoning concept. We also discussed Certificate of compliance of existing contracts and what options we have to keep the program alive and be able to offer qualified participants sign up opportunities.
 - March 30 – Staff reports and Agenda
 - March 31 – Worked on LWRM questionnaire, 2017 Annual Work plan and 2017, SWRM Grant Application.
 - April 1 – Met with Taylor, Clark, Lincoln, Wood and Marathon Counties in Abbotsford to discuss and work out the formalities of a two year Grant Application to fund Nutrient Management Certification training in all 5 counties. This has been a joint effort for about the last 8 years.

Activities Report for Tracy Arnold 4-2016

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

- Maintaining DNR database with current Wood County information
- Recorded 4 permanent fence contracts with Register of Deeds Department
- Entering 2015 crop damage claims into the DNR database, obtaining signatures
- Submitted 2015 crop damage claims to DNR
- Working with Lori to submit final 2015 reimbursement to DNR
- Submitted 2016 budget to DNR, with Lori
- Acquiring temporary fence supplies for apiaries to abate bear damage
- Met with several landowners about enrollment into Wildlife Damage Program

Non-metallic mining reclamation program

- No forfeiture payment from B & R Excavating to date (since June 12, 2013)
- Updating NMM databases
- All permit fees are submitted, DNR annual reporting complete and submitted
- Still working on a two financial assurances coming in and updating files
- Still working with DNR on two sites to gain compliance for solid waste issues
- One permit application out for public notice
- Reviewing another permit application
- Attended the 8 hour Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA) Part 46 refresher training

Land Conservation

- Following up on return of OTT Flow Meter for streamflow
- Invited streamflow volunteers to an appreciation night hosted by WI DNR
- Working with DNR Nurseries to coordinate generic gel sales
- Working with 2 DNR forestry locations to coordinate generic gel sales
- Continue to be Chair of the Youth Education Committee for the WI Land+Water
- Facilitated the State Poster and Speaking Contest
- Presented to 350+ at the WI Land+Water luncheon about the statewide Youth Education Programs
- Presented to a breakout session on WI Land+Water committees
- Planning/Coordinating the North Central Reorganizational meeting that Wood County is hosting
- Drafted resolution for Canada travel for National Envirothon
- Secretary of the North Central Land and Water Conservation Area Association
- Followed up on Don Aron Legacy Stone, dedication will be May 27, 2016 @ 11
- Working with Lauren McCann, Ag in the Classroom contact to develop better Ag education in Wood County
- Contact dairy and cranberry industry to set up displays at the Dairy Berry Breakfast in June
- Attended the Agribusiness meeting at the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
- Coordinating Rusty Crayfish Trapping Program with Pittsville High School
- Creating a prairie ecosystem powerpoint for use in Wood County schools
- Attended borehole abandonment training in Portage Co
- Presenting at the Wisconsin County Code Administrators conference, April 1st on nonmetallic mining reclamation

Activities Report for Adam Groshek – March 2016

- ~Jon Pankratz design for future 10 million gallon manure storage facility and approximately 1200 cow barn in the Town of Lincoln.
- ~Multi-discharger variance meeting with Wood County municipalities and industries to discuss future WPDES permit phosphorus limits and working with the County LWCD for compliance options.
- ~Lee DeBoer Vegetated Treatment Area (VTA) for leachate design, preliminary berm construction and discussion until permanent manure storage structure can be installed through NOD grant process.
- ~8-hour nonmetallic mining required safety training refresher in Tomah, WI.
- ~Finalizing temporary cattle lane allowance on Jeremy Kring's CREP property.
- ~Lee DeBoer and Jon Pankratz cultural resources construction approval.
- ~Visit with Blenker-Sherry WWTP to discuss measures to meet future WPDES permit phosphorus limits, plant optimization, and current WWTP treatment.
- ~Attendance of the annual WI Land & Water Conference in Elkhart Lake with 71 other counties.
- ~Lee DeBoer earnest money collection for the 2016 project, coauthoring of letter to DNR to meet requirements, design and calculations for NOD grant application, and site visit to check on preliminary measures.
- ~Taking in both trucks for exhaust/air intake manifold checks and repairs, oil change.
- ~Inspection of Bill Guden's decommissioned basement well and confirmation of DNR paperwork submittal.
- ~3-day SnapPlus overview and training for producer's nutrient management plans within Wood, Portage, Clark, and Marathon County with Richard Halopka and Kirk Langfoss of Clark/Marathon County.
- ~Attendance of a Friends of Mill Creek Watershed meeting at Jon Eron's farm. Discussion included reducing phosphorus from agricultural runoff, cover crops, no-till, and application for the Producer-led Watershed group grant through DATCP.
- ~Spring 2016 Conservation Engineering Technician training in Oshkosh.
- ~Future June 1st, 2016 wetland determination guidance and investigation for future permit rules.
- ~Lee DeBoer modified VTA design to allow for infiltration pond afterward preventing any discharge until a storm event greater than the 24-hour 25 year likelihood in accordance with the modified VTA standard.
- ~Working with Shane W. on GIS inventory map setup of existing Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) and CREP contracts throughout Wood County.

Activities Report for Lori Ruess March 2016

- Budget review and reconciliation
- Answered phone and front desk questions.
- Attended March 7th staff meeting; typed minutes and emailed to staff
- Completed FPP transfer worksheet for 65.578 acres from Mark & Donna Fairer to Jerry & Lisa Kieffer and forwarded to DATCP.
- Completed all FPP Compliance Certificates.
- Sent letters to thirteen farmers who are not in compliance with the Wood County Animal Waste, Nutrient Management, and Groundwater Protection Ordinance because they have not submitted a current nutrient management plan.
- Worked with Tracy in mailing tree distribution letters to 210 customers.
- Prepared tree, shrub and wildflower order forms for sorting & distribution.
- Started working on the 2017 Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant application.
- Working on completing the 2015 Land & Water Conservation Annual Report.
- Vouchered incoming invoices and requested checks.
- Completed February sales tax report and submitted report to Finance.
- Completed journal entry request for monthly fuel charges from Highway Dept. and forwarded to Finance.
- Worked with Tracy and submitted 2016 Wildlife Damage & Abatement budget to DNR.
- Completed change order for William Guden's well decommissioning.
- Completed cost-share reimbursement request for William Guden's well decommissioning.
- Attended March Cultural Diversity Lunch & Learn (wellness program).
- Mailed honorarium and thank you cards to presenters at the Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Workshop.
- Filing and tracking 2016 nutrient management plans as they come in.
- Typed resolution for out of country travel for Tracy Arnold.
- Attended March 28th staff meeting.
- Organized County Board and CEED packet information for County Clerk's office.

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

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

RE: Staff Report for April 6, 2016

1. Planning (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. River Block Transition Planning – Planning work continues for future occupancy of River Block and relocating IT and Dispatch in the Courthouse. The floor plans for Human Services and the Health Department are nearly complete and on April 5 Venture Architects will be working with the Space Needs Advisory Committee to determine where IT and Dispatch will be relocated in the Courthouse, and how other departments will be affected. As floor plans come together cost estimates will be developed to complete remodeling at River Block and the Courthouse. Venture Architects will be presenting plans for River Block and the Courthouse at the April 19 County Board meeting. Updates are provided at monthly Executive Committee meetings and County Board meetings.

2. Planning (April Opatik)

- a. Village of Hewitt Parks and Trails – Completed survey and organized data into final plan update. Scheduled update is to be completed at the end of May/June.
- b. Wood County Resource Map – Collecting, gathering and updating the 2016 resource map. The front text and small maps for each park was completed. Expected completion date is before the end of June.
- c. Housing Study – Help and provide assistance on the steering committee for the city's housing study. Survey was completed on the Riverview hospital staff to steer Wisconsin Rapids growth in the next 10 years. It was expected to grow and more central, downtown-focused housing is needed.
- d. Nekoosa Parks and Trails – Received a formal letter and working on scheduling a reoccurring meeting time that works best for them.
- e. DATCP – Formal meeting held with Land and & Water Department head to discuss the FPP. Options were given in correlation to the types of zoning held in our ordinances and networking was accomplished to help keep this program in our County alive.

3. Land Records (Justin Conner)

- a. Wood County Land Information Council Meeting – Gained approval for the 2016-18 Land Records Modernization Plan, discussed DOA WLIP plan, discussed future projects.
- b. DNR Wildland Fire SITS unit meeting – Met 3-14 to prepare for the spring fire season.
- c. UWSP Geography Dept – 3-14 I spoke with GIS/Geography students at UWSP about the future of GIS and GIS jobs.
- d. 2015 PLSS Maint. – Received coordinates, tie sheets and pictures from Badger Land Surveying. Tie sheets are scanned and new corners are mapped.
- e. Parcel Fabric – Attended training webinars 3/22 - 3/25 for parcel fabric editing. At least 2 more days planned in April.
- f. DOA Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) Plan – Discussed the 1st draft of the DOA's WLIP plan for future grant funding requirements and priorities. Sent comments to the DOA and WLIC.
- g. Web Mapping Application – Work continues on the newest version of the interactive web map.
- h. Tax software demos – Attended meeting to discuss tax software 3/29
- i. Wisconsin Rapids Airport – Continue to work with the airport to identify flight path obstructions using LiDAR.

4. POWTS Activity (Julie Akey)

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity. – There were 7 sanitary permits issued through March 28th (5 new, 1 replacement and 1 reconnect) with revenues totaling \$2,205. There were 5 sanitary permits issued in March 2015 (5 new) with revenues totaling \$1,360.

There were 16 sanitary permits issued through March 28, 2016. For comparison purposes, following are totals through the same period for the previous five years: 2015 – 14, 2014 – 13, 2013 – 14, 2012 – 14 and 2011 – 20.

- b. 2016 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – To date, Wood County has received \$406.82 for three outstanding cases.
- c. 2015 Maintenance Notices – Following vacancy checks, these are being referred for failure to service system.

- d. 2015 Program Fee Notices – These are being referred for failure to pay the program fee.
- e. Sanitary Permit Document Imaging Project Status. – To date, sanitary permits for the years 1982 – 2009 are available for viewing on the County's website www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/PZ. Sanitary permits for the years 2010-2011 are being scanned as time permits; however, they are not yet available for viewing on the website.
- f. Enforcement Activities Update.
 - i. Small Claims
 - 1. March 1st – Nineteen cases were scheduled for failure to pay the program fee. Thirteen settled out of court, one requested a monthly payment plan and one appeared in court (also requested monthly payment plan). The remaining four did not appear and default judgment was entered on each.
 - 2. March 22nd – Nineteen cases were scheduled for failure to pay the program fee (15) and for failure to pay the program fee/failure to service (4). Seven settled out of court, one requested a monthly payment plan and one appeared in court (agreed to pay forfeiture in 1 week). The remaining ten did not appear and default judgment was entered on each.
 - 3. April 19th – Twenty cases are scheduled for failure to pay the program fee. To date, two have contacted the P&Z Office to settle out of court. One stopped in the office today and paid the out of court settlement amount.
 - 4. On March 23rd an additional twenty cases were forwarded to Wood Co Corp Counsel to initiate Small Claims action. These are not yet scheduled.
 - ii. Contempt Hearing
 - 1. April 26th – Four cases are scheduled for Contempt Hearing. (These are from the March 1st Small Claims court date). They failed to return a completed Financial Disclosure Statement document.
- g. Wisconsin Fund Program Update.
 - i. FY17 – Thirteen applications were forwarded to the State for funding consideration. Eleven applications were submitted as Category I failure and two as Category II failure. I was informed by the State that due to the decrease in available funding for FY17, applications submitted as Category II failure will not receive a grant award in this funding cycle.

5. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker and Heather Marquardt)

j. Private Sewage Program, Permitting, Maintenance and Violations

- i. (5) on-site investigations/inspections/compliances
- ii. (2) septic system verification letters & failing system investigations
- iii. (0) failing septic system orders, (0) holding tank maintenance violations & settlements, septic tank maintenance violation settlements (1)
- iv. (8) soil tests reviewed, (1) hydrograph reports reviewed, (0) interpretive soils report reviewed
- v. (3) holding tank plan reviews, (1) conventional plan reviews, (3) mound plan review
- vi. (10) sanitary permits reviewed
- vii. (0) court cases for malfunctioning septic system and overfull holding tanks (3) referrals servicing, (19) referrals invoices
- viii. (0) sanitary system easements
- ix. Answered phone calls, emails and met in office regarding permitting and inspection questions.
- x. Answered numerous phone calls regarding pending court cases.

k. Floodplain Ordinance Investigations and Permitting

- i. (1) site inspections, meetings or enforcement
- ii. (1) permit issued, screening sites or Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)
- iii. (1) DNR Approved flood studies reviewed
- iv. (0) Cranberry farm certification
- v. Issued orders for the floodplain violations at the former Kickapoo Valley Cheese property
- vi. Answered questions from citizens regarding building in floodplain and shoreland areas.

l. Shoreland Ordinance Investigations and Permitting

- i. (1) general shoreland permits reviewed & issued
- ii. (0) mitigation plans reviewed, (0) exempt structure affidavit
- iii. (0) onsite pre-construction inspections, meetings & enforcement, compliances
- iv. (0) navigability determinations
- v. Issued orders for the shoreland violations identified at the former Kickapoo Valley Cheese property
- vi. Answered questions from citizens regarding building in floodplain and shoreland areas.

m. Held informational meeting for septic service providers and their employees on 3/16/16 in the court house auditorium.

- i. Topics covered included;
- ii. Proposed Maintenance Card Mailing Dates
- iii. Program Fee Card
- iv. Maintenance Reporting
- v. Carmody Practice Session
- vi. Electronic Scanning of Septic Records
- vii. Failing System Reporting & Enforcement
- viii. Discussion of Pre-Submitted Questions



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
Resolution No. 07 - 16

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RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY OPPOSE THE UW-COOPERTIVE MULTI-COUNTY REORGANIZATION PLAN

1 This resolution is presented to the County Board to state Chippewa County's formal
2 opposition to the UW-Cooperative Extension Multi-County Reorganization plan currently being
3 proposed by the Chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension to reorganize UW Extension. If
4 approved, this resolution will be provided to the governor, legislators and other statewide
5 officials to express Chippewa County's opposition to the plan.

6 County Administrator Frank Pascarella is requesting that Chippewa County oppose this
7 reorganization plan for a number of reasons. First, the budget reduction target being sought by
8 the State is \$1.2 million and that does not justify unilateral action by the Chancellor. In
9 addition, counties have been excluded from the process of developing a response to the
10 revenue reduction, instead of being engaged as partners to consider all options to share the
11 costs. Further, the reorganization plan imposes drastic changes to the current UW Extension
12 system, while actually adding bureaucracy. The plan reduces flexibility, decreases local
13 relevance and removes accountability to elected officials, partners and participants. Also, larger
14 counties are more likely to bare a larger burden for unreimbursed support services including
15 Information Technology, Human Resources and Financial administration, while smaller counties
16 are more likely to receive less service than urban centers as more time is devoted to the travel
17 required to cover a larger geographic area. Finally, a multi-county UW Extension system of
18 shared faculty being proposed is not sustainable because it jeopardizes the continuation of the
19 county levy support for UW-Extension, since Counties are unlikely to continue the current level
20 of tax levy support to pay for reduced services.

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**RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY OPPOSE THE UW-COOPERTIVE MULTI-COUNTY
REORGANIZATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the process used to develop the UW-Cooperative Extension Multi-County Reorganization plan was flawed, not transparent, provided little opportunity for meaningful consideration of county concerns, including asking counties for options to address any share of revenue shortfall that is used to justify the imposition of the plan, and raises many unanswered questions; and

WHEREAS, the plan for reorganization likely jeopardizes the partnership between the UW-System and Wisconsin Counties, which implies working together to find solutions, not simply accepting a plan unilaterally imposed by a decision of the Chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension; and

WHEREAS, the current Cooperative Extension system has a proven track record of success for more than 100 years as a single county-based model for governance, locally set levy contribution and individual county determined educational programming priorities under the policy guidance of each County Extension Committee designated by the elected County Board; and

WHEREAS, the reduction target allocated by the plan to Cooperative Extension of \$1.2 million annually, is about 5.8% of the Total \$20.46 million county levy support for Extension by the 72 counties, and does not justify the complete dismantling of the current county-based Cooperative Extension system when there are multiple options to address the budget shortfall; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County's share of the budget decrease would be approximately \$18,788 per year which equals 8.07% of annual tax levy support; and

WHEREAS, there are up to 40 current faculty/academic staff educator vacancies within the system, providing sufficient savings to allow for an inclusive examination of cost saving options with counties engaged as full partners, to consider whether individual counties are willing to contribute their proportionate share of the revenue decrease, or identify other non-levy revenue or expenditure reductions to make up their share of the shortfall allocated to Cooperative Extension by each county; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization plan imposes drastic and reckless changes on the current system, eliminating 80 local faculty education positions, a reduction of nearly 50% in direct education staff, while adding an unnecessary bureaucratic layer of at least 18 "area-leader-director" positions who will not provide any face-to-face service and will not be accountable to local elected officials, community partners, program priorities, community needs, volunteers,

66 funders or participants; and

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68 WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties are unlikely to continue the current level of county tax
69 levy support in future years if direct educational services are decreased by up to 50%, thereby
70 making the proposed multi-county educational delivery structure financially unsustainable;

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72 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board does hereby
73 oppose the UW-Cooperative Extension Multi-County Reorganization Plan approved by
74 Chancellor Cathy Sandeen on February 10, 2016; and

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board calls upon University
77 System President Ray Cross and the UW-Board of Regents to direct the Chancellor of UW
78 Colleges and UW Cooperative Extension to retract all portions of the plan imposing a multi-
79 county system on County/Tribal Extension offices and engage county/tribes as equal partners
80 to consider individual county options to address their share of the \$1.2 million reduction target,
81 approximately 21 cents per capita state-wide, which is equal to 1.93% of \$62,071,049 total
82 state/federal direct and indirect support plus County Extension tax levies, while maintaining the
83 current County Extension system; and

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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chippewa County is not willing to continue providing
86 local tax levy funding at the current level if direct educational faculty services are decreased by
87 up to 50% as described in the plan, while eliminating accountability to the County Extension
88 Committee and County Board; and

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90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County UW-Extension Department
91 Director and Chippewa County Administrator are hereby directed to provide input to the UW-
92 System regarding local concerns about the detrimental impact of the proposed multi-county
93 reorganization plan from the local partner organizations and program participants and
94 volunteers in the four program areas: Agriculture, 4-H & Youth, Family Living, and Community
95 Natural Resources & Economic Development; and

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97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 72
98 Wisconsin County Boards/Extension Education Committee Chairs and County Extension
99 department heads, the Wisconsin Counties Association, County Executives and Administrators,
100 Governor Scott Walker, University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross and the Board of
101 Regents, State Senator Terry Moulton, Representatives Tom Larson and Kathy Bernier,
102 Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald.

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104 Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

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106 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

107 There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

109 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
110 MOVER: Doug Ellis, District 12
111 SECONDER: Chuck Hull, District 14
112 AYES: Michels, Straka, Stimeling, Sikorski, Zwiebelhofer, McIlquham, Goettl, Albarado,
113 Wilkom, Gemish, Skwierczynski, Ellis, Leisz, Hull, Darrow

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115 History:
116 03/01/16 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD
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Approved as to Form:

James B. Sherman
James B. Sherman, Corporation Counsel

2/24/2016

Melissa J. Roach
Melissa J. Roach, Finance Director

2/24/2016

Frank R. Pascarella
Frank R. Pascarella, County Administrator

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RESOLUTION#

 Introduced by
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Conservation, Education and Economic Development

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

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve out of country travel for Wood County Conservation Program Coordinator, Tracy Arnold, to attend the 2016 National Conservation Foundation (NCF) National Envirothon. Dates including travel to Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario Canada will be July 24-29, 2016.

FISCAL NOTE: Expenses:
Lodging & Meals - \$ 1,100
Travel - \$ 600
\$ 1,700

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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			

SOURCE OF MONEY: WI Land and Water Conservation Association in Madison, Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, the NCF-Envirothon is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization established to coordinate the delivery of an environmental education program for high school students throughout North America. NCF-Envirothon is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, the environmental education program consists of the annual NCF-Envirothon competition in which winning teams from participating states and Canadian provinces compete for recognition and scholarships by demonstrating their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Envirothon is our state's ultimate middle and high school environmental science challenge where teams of five high school or middle school students participate in the hands-on, outdoor field challenges. The Envirothon competition offers an opportunity for Wisconsin students to start developing leadership skills to champion a more sustainable and environmentally aware community, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Envirothon is coordinated by the WI Land+Water Conservation Association, Youth Education Committee. Conservation Program Coordinator, Tracy Arnold, has been chair of the Youth Education Committee since its inception in 2013. Wisconsin Envirothon is one of the core statewide youth education programs we coordinate, promote and fundraise for. Tracy Arnold has been the co-director for Wisconsin Envirothon for three years and volunteer for six years previous, and

WHEREAS, Conservation Program Coordinator, Tracy Arnold, would assist in chaperoning the 2016 Wisconsin Envirothon winning high school team, along with networking among 53 Envirothon Coordinators from the United States and Canada to develop techniques to improve Wisconsin Envirothon, and

WHEREAS, funding from non-county sources comprises 100% of the total cost of the Conservation Program Coordinator's participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to, authorize the Conservation Program Coordinator to attend the 2016 NCF National Envirothon, July 25th through July 29th in Peterborough, Ontario Canada.

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Hilde Henkel, Chair

Robert Ashbeck

Ken Curry

Gerald Nelson

Bill Leichtnam

Harvey Petersen

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this _____ day of _____ 20 16 .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman