

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, August 5, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 114

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Declaration of Quorum.
3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
4. Review Correspondence.
5. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Approve bills
 - c. Receive staff activity reports
6. Risk and Injury Report
7. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Update on Jeremy Kring's CREP grazing plan.
 - b. Notice of Town of Hiles road (known as River Road) closure.
 - c. Discuss Livestock Facility Siting.
 - d. Update on virtual County Conservationist meeting.
 - e. Committee reports
 - i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
 - ii. Health Committee report.
 - iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.
8. Private Sewage
9. Land Records
10. County Surveyor
11. Planning
 - a. Update on cancellation of fall CEED Tour.
12. Economic Development
 - a. Update from the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce and consider release of 2020 economic development grant funds.
 - b. Discuss 2021 Economic Development Budget and the 2021 grant program for economic development projects and organizations.
 - c. Update on the Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative.
 - d. General Economic Development update.
 - e. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update.
13. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
 - b. County Board Presentation
 - c. Horticulture Position Update
 - d. Fair Donation Discussion
 - e. Educational Presentation – Allison Jonjak
14. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
15. Agenda items for next meeting
16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
17. Adjourn

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MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Ken Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg

Extension Staff: Jason Hausler, Karli Tomsyck (via WebEx), Nancy Turyk (via WebEx), Hannah Wendels (via WebEx)

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Dist. # 16 Supervisor Lance Pliml (via WebEx), Scott Larson (via WebEx), Josh Miller (via WebEx)

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00am.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)**
None.
4. **Review Correspondence.**
None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the June 3rd, 2020 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Land & Water Conservation, Planning & Zoning and Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Laura Huber, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Allison Jonjak, Jackie Carattini, Hannah Wendels, Kelly Hammond, Rachael Whitehair, Adam Groshek, Caleb Armstrong, Dave Christensen, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Rod Mayer, Shane Wucherpennig, Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson.
 - a. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - b. **Approve bills.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - c. **Receive staff activity reports.** No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the June 3rd, 2020 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Bill Leichtnam.

Chair Curry requested office operation updates from each department.

- *Land & Water Conservation is open and fully staffed. Riverblock has reopened with health screening at the entrance.*
- *Planning & Zoning office is open full time. Two staff members are in the office. Jason is trying to keep staff separated and does not want to fully staff since confirmed cases continue to increase in Wood County.*
- *Extension's office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additional staff integration is to come with staggered shifts. Staff continue to provide remote programming and are always available via phone or email.*

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
7. **Land & Water Conservation Department**

a. 2021 Budget

Shane Wucherpennig noted typically the County Board Chair sends out a budget letter and finance provides some direction. Land & Water Conservation has done a lot of budget groundwork for staff and

salary items, but there seems to be a shortness in guidance and what levels need to be met. Shane feels Land and Water will be in good shape in terms of the 2021 budget.

Chair Curry speculates more guidance for the 2021 budget will come out in the next week. Discussion followed.

a. Review Livestock Facility Siting Article in Wisconsin County Association Magazine

Supervisor Ashbeck requested this article from the June 2020 edition be shared during the meeting. He is concerned about the standards set in the Central Sands area and feels more should have been done.

Shane Wucherpennig provided a brief overview of the article and context from Land & Water Conservation. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Leichtnam expressed disappointment that the approach seems to be reactive, rather than proactive. He also mentioned it is important to note the article is written from a legal perspective.

Following lengthy discussion, it was determined that the Land and Water Conservation Department Head look at this for a future agenda topic and come back to the committee with a proposal. This will be moved to a future agenda item.

b. Committee Reports

i. **Citizen's Groundwater Committee meeting.**

Supervisor Leichtnam shared they attempted a virtual meeting two months ago. There was not enough interest so last month's meeting was cancelled.

ii. **Health Committee report.**

Shane Wucherpennig shared the Health Department's nitrate lab is now open and running.

i. **Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.**

Supervisor Leichtnam shared the committee met virtually on May 29th. It was very successful and more people attended than expected. Nancy Turyk (Extension Wood County) and Nathan Sandwick (Extension Portage County) facilitated the breakout rooms for attendees and work groups.

Moving forward, there will likely be quarterly virtual meetings for the CSGWCC committee. Bill noted John Exo, Doug Reinemann and Patrick Robinson are names that will become familiar to the committee and County Board. They have been putting a lot of effort into nitrates and will be presenting at a coming County Board meeting. They will be sharing new tools they're developing to help with nitrate reduction. Discussion followed.

8. Private Sewage. Nothing to report.

9. Land Records. Nothing to report.

10. County Surveyor. Nothing to report.

11. Planning

12. Economic Development

a. Update from the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MACCI) and consider release of 2020 economic development grant funds.

Chair Curry requested to move this item up on the agenda. Committee approved.

Scott Larson presented an update from Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MACCI) on key metrics, workforce talent initiatives, business attraction/marketing, business retention/expansion, business creation, COVID related economic development actions and other related economic development actions.

Chair Curry asked for a comparison of where businesses are at now versus January. Scott noted there is variation since some businesses were deemed essential and did well through the Safer at Home order. The businesses impacted the most were those subject to a partial or full shutdown. Scott also shared MACCI is seeing a lot of activity with their job board. Unemployment was at 3% prior to COVID, went up to 20% during COVID, and is now currently at 12%.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve release of 2020 economic development grant funds to Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the amount of \$19,500.00. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discuss 2021 Economic Development Budget and the 2021 grant program for economic development projects and organizations

Jason Grueneberg shared he wanted to discuss and decide if there will be a grant program for 2021. His hope is that a similar grant program to 2020 can be established for 2021 and focus efforts on economic recovery.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to request the first cut of the budget for 2021 proposed economic development be \$275,000.00. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason reviewed potential projects. He would like to see money used toward economic development but there is a question of where it's needed most right now. Discussion followed.

Supervisor LaFontaine suggested asking the weekly Economic Development roundtable group for feedback on what needs are. He would like to know what the needs are throughout the area and County and what the group sees as the highest priority. This should help determine from a County Board standpoint what assistance they need to provide throughout the county.

c. Update on the Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative

Jason Grueneberg shared an update on REDI and noted economic development issues have been changing since the beginning of the year. They would like to get the steering committee back together. The next meeting will be held virtually in July. Purdue will help facilitate the meeting. The goal is to have the document ready by September.

Nancy Turyk shared she has been meeting with the Purdue group and Extension staff who are providing support. They meet monthly to discuss what is happening. Nancy noted some of the REDI projects that have been completed are already receiving funding. For example, the broadband initiative just received about one million dollars to move forward. Nancy also noted the sooner the plan is completed, the longer we will have for Purdue and Extension to help with implementation. The July REDI meeting will be held on the 22nd.

d. General Economic Development Update

Jason Grueneberg noted the focus right now is keeping the weekly round table/economic recovery meetings going. There are currently two meetings per week.

Regular Economic Development meetings on Thursdays last about an hour and discuss how COVID is impacting community, government and businesses. Jason has looked to the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids Chambers as "boots on the ground" and provide reports on what is happening with businesses. The Health Department has been a staple in providing a weekly report. Having a unified approach with the Health Department and businesses has been very positive.

Jason noted supervisors are welcome to attend the meetings.

e. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Update

Jason Grueneberg shared they need to start thinking about projects for next year and emphasized the importance of asking. County level and community level projects, etc. are things that should be discussed for 2021.

Discussion followed regarding commission memberships.

13. Extension

a. General Office Update

Jason Hausler provided the following updates:

- Extension's physical office space is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Staff are always available during normal business hours via phone and email.
- The Horticulture Coordinator position was on hold due to a hiring freeze but Extension can now start to initiate new hires. As the budget is discussed, Jason is cautiously optimistic the position can be filled but is holding off on posting the position until 2021 budget guidelines are released.
- Extension is in the planning process with the budget. The budget is in line with cost savings for 2021.
- Jason mentioned during the June CEED meeting, with state being on furloughs, some cost savings will be returned back to the County. Contractual services for 2020 will be decreased.
- The state is projecting a 2% cost of living adjusted on contracted fees for 2021 from \$41,500.00 to \$42,300.00. The projection for 2021 will be lower than 2020 because of recalculation of salaries and benefits.
- The Clean Sweep grant was awarded from DATCP. Clean Sweep will occur toward the end of August 2020. It is set to be held in Marshfield.
- Nancy Turyk and Jackie Carattini are serving on the Community Impact sub team in response to Verso closing. Extension will continue to play a role in these efforts and conversations because of the community and statewide impact.

b. 2019 Annual Report

Jason Hausler shared copies of the 2019 Annual Report with committee members. Wendy Young worked with staff to create the document. Jason shared the following 2019 highlights:

- Agriculture - Allison Jonjak was hired as the state's first Cranberry Specialist. She is based in Wisconsin Rapids.
- Agriculture – training for youth making career choices, as also mentioned by Scott Larson. Matt Lippert has been working on this as well as many other initiatives including focus on financial stress, farm safety training and mental health awareness. Farm Technology Day grants have helped with partnerships to extend Extension's reach.
- Community Development – Nancy Turyk worked on achieving SolSmart designation (along with Doug Machon), Solar Energy Project at Nepco Lake, Clean Sweep, Economic Development and Strategic Planning.
- Health & Well-Being – nearly 1,700 contacts were made through FoodWise, with 419 being direct educational contacts.
- Human Development & Relationships – 52 individuals completed Rent Smart training done by Jackie Carattini and developed knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. Carattini also partnered with various agencies including Financial Stability Coalition of South Wood and Adams Counties, Ho-Chunk head Start Program and Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area to promote financial education to over 600 Wood County youth.
- Natural Resources – Rachael Whitehair was hired as the Regional Natural Resource Educator. She participated in the UWSP-Wausau Career Expo. Rachael recently created a video about Farmers of Mill Creek.
- Positive Youth Development – Laura Huber has worked on programs such as Project GEN Connect and summer camp. For 2020, the summer "Camp in a Box" program has over 400

families with over 1000 children participating. 4-H also partnered with Hewitt's Meats for a meat processing contest.

c. Extension's Work Related to Renewables

Supervisor Hahn wanted to make the CEED committee aware that Nancy has been doing quite a bit of work for the Renewable and Sustainability committee.

Nancy shared a brief overview of how her time is currently allocated. She has about 30% capacity available to help the County implement the energy plan. About 40-60% time is needed to implement the plan based on R&S meeting discussion.

Chair Curry noted how Nancy's time is allocated is up to the department head. If the R&S committee would be okay with an adjusted timeline, Jason Hausler would support Nancy's involvement. Jason also noted local government support is part of the Community Development Educator job description.

d. Educational Presentation – Hannah Wendels

Hannah Wendels is the FoodWise Nutrition Educator for Extension and started in November 2019. Her role includes teaching nutrition lessons at three elementary schools in Wood County and an adult education series at SWEPS. Due to COVID-19, some lessons have moved to an online format and she has been working on virtual lessons for the elementary schools for fall.

Hannah shared the following programming highlights:

- In April/May, FoodWise, 4-H and Family Living collaborated with Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area to offer educational activity kits for families with children under 18 once per week for five weeks. Activities went out every Friday, reaching over 200 families in Wood County.
- In late June, Hannah facilitated and represented Extension and FoodWise in a cross-state discussion on virtual education. States included Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Hannah was chosen because of her early experience with virtual education in February 2020 when FoodWise piloted an online parent education series via Zoom.
- Also in late June, Hannah co-taught a parent education series with a colleague in Portage County. They partnered with the Women Infant and Children (WIC) program and had a group of six parents join on Mondays for one hour for 3 weeks. The series focused on taking pressure off feeding your children at home and beginning basics of MyPlate. A third series of the class is being planned and a Facebook group is being utilized to connect parents from the online classes to further their education and maintain connections with each other and the educators.
- Hannah began working with the Wood County Health Department at the beginning of the summer. Her work in public health and Extension align very closely. She works with local farmers, vendors, businesses and organizations to build the Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers market and promote/educate residents on buying locally grown food and supporting the community.

14. Schedule next regular committee meeting.

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 9:00am at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

Agenda items are due by July 29th.

- Continuing Report on Economic Development - Verso

16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None.

17. Adjourn. Chair Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Minutes by Karli Tomsyck, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Wood County

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: July 2020

For the range of vouchers: 30200068 - 30200082

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30200068	EO JOHNSON COMPANY INC	Color Copies - March-June 2020	06/30/2020	\$25.35	P
30200069	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	4-H Camp in a Box Supplies	06/30/2020	\$81.86	P
30200070	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	4-H Camp in a Box Supplies	06/30/2020	\$60.84	P
30200071	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	4-H Camp in a Box Supplies	06/30/2020	\$56.40	P
30200072	EO JOHNSON CO INC	Copier Lease	07/14/2020	\$229.49	P
30200073	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	07/14/2020	\$12.24	P
30200074	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	07/14/2020	\$10.72	P
30200075	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	07/14/2020	\$40.94	P
30200076	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	Ag Mailing - CWAS	07/21/2020	\$99.72	P
30200077	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies - Mail Holders	07/21/2020	\$165.86	P
30200078	QUALITY PLUS PRINTING INC	4-H Plat Book Check-Out Forms	07/21/2020	\$90.00	P
30200079	US BANK	July Statement	07/21/2020	\$47.00	
30200080	HUBER LAURA	July Expenses	07/28/2020	\$98.33	
30200081	JONJAK ALLISON	July Expenses	07/28/2020	\$258.75	
30200082	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	June Statement - FoodWise/4-H	07/28/2020	\$195.62	
Grand Total:				\$1,473.12	

Signatures

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: JULY 2020

For the range of vouchers: 18200247 - 18200253

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18200247	JEFF ERTL TRUCKING LLC	SWRM - CS COENEN'S WATERWAY	06/17/2020	\$9,909.06	P
18200248	COUNTRY TODAY THE	LWC - SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	06/23/2020	\$55.95	P
18200249	VRUWINK PHILIP OR STACEY	SWRM - CS RESIDUE MGT	07/10/2020	\$3,960.85	P
18200250	UW - STEVENS POINT	LWC - INTERNSHIP SALARY - JUNE	07/06/2020	\$1,800.58	P
18200251	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWC - OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/15/2020	\$36.69	P
18200252	WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION	LWC - MEETING REGISTRATION	07/15/2020	\$55.00	P
18200253	US BANK	LWC/WD/MC - GIS LICENSE, TESTI	07/17/2020	\$1,405.14	
Grand Total:				\$17,223.27	

Signatures

Committee Chair:

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: July 2020

For the range of vouchers: 22200057 - 22200070 38200003 - 38200003

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22200057	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract(July)	07/01/2020	\$833.00	P
22200058	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit (Jun)	06/30/2020	\$2,400.00	P
22200059	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/Service July 2020	07/01/2020	\$299.00	P
22200060	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/02/2020	\$51.53	P
22200061	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/02/2020	\$9.25	P
22200062	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/03/2020	\$13.89	P
22200063	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/03/2020	\$11.25	P
22200064	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/10/2020	\$13.89	P
22200065	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/14/2020	\$1.29	P
22200066	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	07/15/2020	\$19.98	P
22200067	ESRI INC	LR-ArcGIS Annual Maintenance	06/10/2020	\$15,100.00	P
22200068	SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG CO INC	LR-Trimble GPS	06/26/2020	\$2,112.13	P
22200069	ANDERSON O'BRIEN LAW FIRM (Refund only)	PL-Board of Adj Ref (Mitchell)	05/28/2020	\$500.00	P
22200070	US BANK	Credit Card Charges	07/17/2020	\$141.01	
38200003	MARSHFIELD AREA CHAMBER FOUNDATION	ED-2020 Grant Request	06/30/2020	\$19,500.00	P
Grand Total:				\$41,006.22	

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CEED Committee Report

July 2020

LAURA HUBER

Extension Wood County, 4-H Program Coordinator

- Appeared on WFHR radio (2 July)
- Met with state Virtual Educational Programming Team (2, 9, 23 July)
- Supervised Art Club virtual meetings (5, 19 July)
- Supervised Lego Club virtual meetings (5, 12, 19, 26 July)
- Met with Northern Region WI 4-H Colleagues via Zoom (7, 21 July)
- Met with colleagues to develop lesson plan template for the Virtual Education Programming Team (7 July)
- Attended Junior Fair Board meeting (8 July)
- Distributed Camp in a Box program kits (9, 10, 11 July)
- Met with the WI 4-H Hall of Fame Committee (10 July)
- Participated in WI 4-H Policy Advisory Standing Committee (13, 20, 27 July)
- Met with Wood County Extension colleagues via Teams (13, 20, and 27 July)
- Joined the Rozellville Rockets 4-H virtual club meeting (13 July)
- Managed Camp in a Box - including creating educational videos and managing social media group (13-16 July)
- Led Camp in a Box program group games & education Zooms (13, 14, 15 July)
- Joined Wisconsin Leadership Council's team working to plan an alternative Fall Forum program (15 June)
- Attended the Positive Youth Development Communication & Media workshop (15 July)
- Visited the Maple Dude, sponsor of Camp in a Box, to create/post maple syrup video for campers (16 July)
- Participated in the statewide Extension "De-centering Whiteness" webinar (20 July)
- Led 4-H charter training Zoom for club leaders (20 July)
- Took 4-H Online 2.0 training (23 July)
- Attended "Using Zoom to Teach" Forward Friday Extension course (24 July)
- Attended statewide 4-H program Zoom (24 June)
- Participated in WI 4-H Association's Professional Concerns committee meeting (28 July)
- Taught Effective Online Games & Interaction class for volunteers and youth leaders (29 July)
- Furlough day (6 July)

Special COVID-19 Educational Programs:

- Lego Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader. The club met every Sunday of May, including Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend
- Art Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader. The club met every Sunday of May.
- "Camp in a Box" - an alternative to summer camp - over 75 Wood County families participated, (which includes over 180 individual youth)

Ongoing Responsibilities:

- Working cooperatively with state programs and club leaders and volunteers to address insurance and other logistical questions
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 952 followers
- Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 357 followers
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H Instagram page with currently has 29 followers
- Responded to communications to the office including general questions, 4-H enrollment, planning meetings, etc.
 - Ongoing assistance for new leaders and the volunteer background checks

MATT LIPPERT

Extension Wood & Clark Counties, Agriculture Agent

- The Extension Central Newsletter, which has replaced the Central Wisconsin Agriculture Specialization newsletter, was distributed during the month to hundreds of area farm families. Area educators provided information on grazing cattle, summer heat stress, crop pests and new farm programs offered by the USDA.
- I interviewed on the Extension hour on WDLB and WFHR radio.
- I attended a Farm Bureau policy meeting. This is a program where farmers get together and debate and try to develop consensus on what type of policy farmers should work toward at the national, state and local level to develop a more sustainable agriculture community.
- I attended a Farm Bureau county summer picnic, I discussed impromptu a thing called the "Producer Price Differential" The PPD is a component of how milk is priced for farmers and it is normally an addition to the base price. Base price is the value of milk for cheese and PPD is the extra value shared across all farms for milk that was used for fluid use. A complicated thing to explain but when prices rise rapidly PPD becomes negative instead of positive. It is a difficult thing for farmers to accept and understand when their checks are smaller than what they expected from following the futures markets.
- Next month I will take a certification exam as a Certified Crop Advisor, I am preparing for it.
- Phone correspondence has been about milk pricing, fair pricing of standing forage crops, some yard pests and plant diseases.
- I have assisted with plans to hold a COVID friendly Clean Sweep collection program in August for Agricultural and household chemicals.

NANCY TURYSK

Extension Wood County, Community Development Educator

Economic Development

- Met weekly with the Wood County economic development recovery group to collaboratively address current topics associated with the economic development recovery, pandemic-related needs and opportunities, and Verso closure. Participated in weekly PPE calls with a subset of the ED group.
- Visited the Ho-Chunk Casino - Nekoosa with health department staff to learn about precautions and adjustments made to keep staff and patrons safe while remaining financially viable. Wrote up a case study, which is currently in a draft format.

- Listened to a Wisconsin Rapids Together task force call for updates on the Verso closure.
- Coordinated with Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and UW-Madison Extension specialists who developed the webinar "Navigating Your Restaurants through Covid-19". One-on-one counseling about adjustments to restaurant management with SBDC and cash flow with an Extension specialist were also offered to assist the participants. Distributed information about these programs to Wood County restaurants through a variety of email listservs and social media.
- Worked with SBDC professionals at UW-Stevens Point to offer a three-part webinar series aimed at helping ancillary small businesses with weathering the Verso closure and pandemic. Topics include cash flow, marketing, and pivoting businesses. The webinars are scheduled for August 12, 19, and 26. One-on-one consultations will also be offered to the participating businesses.
- Participated in economic recovery and pandemic-related webinars hosted by WEDA, SBDC, WCA and others to evaluate opportunities for Wood County businesses, municipalities, and non-profits.
- Shared information about pandemic-related business support opportunities by emails, Facebook posts, telephone, and web conferencing conversations primarily with Wood County towns/villages/cities, chambers of commerce, visitor and convention bureaus, Mid-State Technical College, UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield, Ho-Chunk Nation, agricultural produces, Wood County health and planning and zoning departments.
- Maintain contact with UW-Madison Extension colleagues about the closure of Verso. They have generated reports about the Wood County economic conditions and working with WDNR and others regarding impacts to foresters in Wood County and across the state.
- Met (via WebEx) with the USDA Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) facilitating team and the Wood County REDI team to discuss next steps with the development of the County's REDI plan. Work groups will be meeting via video conference to refine their portions of the plan. Once the team agrees on a draft, it will be presented to the public for comment. The plan is anticipated to be submitted to Purdue University for review towards the year's end.
- Participated in a discussion about preparing and submitting a grant proposal for broadband in a portion of the County. This initiative was identified through the REDI planning process and is being organized by MaryAnn Lippert, who has been involved with broadband with the Centergy team. In addition to County representation, several towns, Extension specialists, and the chambers have been involved with this team. Representation from a school district and health care will also be sought.

Strategic Planning

- Completed the Wisconsin Forest History Association's board strategic plan and continue to provide guidance on implementation.

Energy and Resiliency

- Attended the Renewable and Sustainable Committee meeting to provide updates. Reached out to Faith Technologies regarding their interest in potentially evaluating the Courthouse for energy saving initiatives.
- Reviewed materials and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Local Community Initiatives

- Routinely forwarded Wood County Health Dept. and other relevant COVID and economic development outreach to town/village/city clerks and REDI team listservs.

- Stayed informed about the County by reading county email updates, county committee packets, local newspapers, listening to the County Board and CEED committee meetings, and in discussions with Wood County employees and supervisors.
- Working on identifying a site near Marshfield for Wood County's Clean Sweep (Fairgrounds are not available). This year, Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th. It will be a no contact event.

UW-Madison Division of Extension

- Participated in virtual meetings primarily related to the pandemic with UW-Madison Extension Dean, Community Development Institute, and Wood County staff.
- Successfully spearheaded the development of a proposal for the Dean's Innovation Fund with partners from the UW-Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team's. The funds will be used to hire student interns to assist with the development of a community resilience menu to be used by communities in identifying the areas that need to be improved for greater resiliency to impacts from the changing climate.
- Participated in the UW-Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team monthly meeting.
- Participated in discussions about community diversity, inclusion, and justice.
- Continued to learn about the Community Development Institute's Thriving Communities framework.

ALLISON JONJAK

Extension Wood County, Cranberry Outreach Specialist

- Visit growers to observe and troubleshoot leaf drop & winter damage
- Connect virtually with growers including WSCGA president to discuss future arc of cranberry industry
- Connect virtually with new plant pathologist hire to establish relationship
- Host virtual brown bag for WI cranberry growers featuring policy/COVID, updates from crop consultants and research scientists (78 participants)
- Visit marsh to troubleshoot a disease or fungus
- As a follow-up to an earlier leafhopper infestation, we were able to identify that the leafhoppers in question were the blunt-nosed leafhopper, which we dread because it can transmit the incurable False Blossom disease. However, testing with the state lab determined that these leafhoppers were not infected with False Blossom phytoplasma, and so thankfully they were not transmitting the disease to these vines. Worked cooperatively (virtually) with grower to consult USDA plant pathologist on current availability of yield data, allowing her to avoid hiring someone in a data analytics role until data is available
- Wrote article for community distribution suggesting planning ahead for COVID PPE needs (<https://fruit.wisc.edu/2020/07/01/consider-buying-harvest-ppe-now/>)
- Collected all articles for and published Cranberry Crop Management Journal issue 5 (https://wood.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/07/CCMJ_70820.pdf)
- Toured new plantings at Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station to work with Juan Zalapa on communication with growers about new genetics initiatives
- Conducted planning for WSCGA's virtual Summer Field Day set for August 12th
- Established virtual equivalent for Cranberry Nutrient Management Planning course for those whose registrations are expiring---this is coordination with DATCP, NRCS, and lots of learning for me (training Aug 7)
- Coordinated upcoming Virtual Brown Bag on July 31st

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- Began training to administer Pesticide Applicator Trainings

JACKIE CARATTINI

Extension Wood County, Human Development and Family Relationships Educator

- Hosted 2 weeks of "Catch Your Breath" for community partners and taught mini Taking Care of You. In July we started a 7:30am offering to adjust to schedules.
- Taught a program on "Dealing with a Drop in income" on WFHR radio
- Starting July 1, hosted daily "Extension Wellness Moments" and taught 2 sessions.
- Attended a Department of Extension Administrative committee meetings
- Attended the Family Development section meeting
- Attended 2 Rent Smart team meetings on launching a virtual Rent Smart curriculum.
- Taught one session of the Rent Smart series.
- Attended virtual meetings with United Way of South Wood and Adams County
- Attended a virtual "Stuff the Bus" planning meeting
- Attended virtual meetings on planning programming for the Financial Stability Coalition
- Hosted and led 3 Forward Friday professional development sessions
- Attended meeting to present recently authored module on Advanced Directives for a new preparing for end of life curriculum.
- Attended 2 Rapids Together subcommittee meetings regarding the Verso idle.
- Attended a fall program meeting with community partners.
- Attended the national Aging Mastery Program

Attended multiple zooms on:

- JCEP Forward Fridays (attended and hosted weekly sessions)
- Department of Extension Administrative Committee
- Extension Wellness moments (daily at 8:15am)
- Financial Education in the time of COVID team meeting zoom
- Racism as a Public Health Crisis weekly series
- Taking Care of You- video shorts
- Rent Smart Team virtual learning
- Pre-planning for the death of a loved one team
- Life Span program check-in
- Free Throw Fridays (institute weekly zoom)
- Institute meetings on changes and programming
- Highlights of Taking Care of You team meetings

HANNAH WENDELS & KELLY HAMMOND

Extension Wood County, FoodWise Nutrition Educator and Coordinator

- Began creating schedule for 6 fall classes that we will begin to offer in Wood County in a virtual format (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, 7/1)
- Began creating virtual lesson plans and materials needed for the 6 fall classes that we will begin to offer in Wood County in a virtual format (ongoing, Hannah & Kelly, 7/1)
- Assisted colleagues with their technology class needs in Iowa County for an online class around feeding your families (ongoing, Hannah, 7/9)
- Began working on an adult curriculum workgroup – Seniors Eating Well – revamping lessons for virtual and phone education lessons (ongoing, Hannah, 7/23)

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- Continue work with third grade curriculum workshop - began creating lesson adaptations for online teaching in the classroom (ongoing, Hannah)
- Continue working with “Greener in FoodWise” workgroup with colleagues throughout the state (ongoing, Hannah)
- Continue working with “Physical Activity/Nutrition for Colleagues in FoodWise” workgroup (ongoing, Hannah)
- Attend virtual FoodWise North Region check in calls (ongoing, Tuesdays)
- Attend virtual FoodWise State check in calls (ongoing, Tuesdays)
- Attend virtual Wood County Extension check in calls (ongoing, Mondays)
- Attend virtual Extension Area 7 check in calls (ongoing, every other Wednesday)

RACHAEL WHITEHAIR

Extension Wood County, Natural Resources Educator

- Submitted a Producer-led grant of which could support programming done by the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council on prairie-based training and education (June 1)
- Developed a needs assessment protocol to interview area farmer-led watershed groups as part of a greater effort to develop a regional collaborative (July 2)
- Met with Regional Farmer-led representatives in the North East via Teams to discuss field day and outreach strategies (July 7)
- Met with other regional NRE’s to discuss DNR contract milestones and strategies for fulfillment (July 8)
- Assisted with planning the annual Common Ground event; held by the community watershed group, EPPIC, to recognize stakeholders and share information about group goals and accomplishments (July 9)
- Assisted with Land and Water virtual county conservation meetings by hosting Zoom rooms and providing technical support (July 10)
- Hosted a Zoom meeting for the 14-Mile Watershed Committee and provided technical support (July 13)
- Visited FMCWC prairie planting sites to conduct species inventory and maintenance (July 16)
- Attended PACRS Virtual conference call to receive updates and spread word about FMCWC field day (July 17)
- Attended the FMCWC Field Day on Low Disturbance Manure Injection and took photos and videos for social media (July 17)
- Wrote a press release for the FMCWC field day and submitted to the Portage Co. Gazette (July 20)
- Participated in the Lake Decorah Restoration Project Committee Meeting, discussed future opportunities to offer my time as a facilitator to GOLD (Guardians of Lake Decorah) (July 20)
- Developed an outreach video on behalf of the field day held by the FMCWC (July 22)
- Met with Maureen Muldoon, WI Geological & Natural History Survey, to discuss ground water curriculum ideas and resources (July 21)
- Collaborated with Allison Jonjak, State Cranberry Specialist on a Zoom training targeting older farmers and growers in an effort to increase participation in virtual learning opportunities (July 21)
- Developed Social Media Content for the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo (July 23)

- Met with Regional NRE's to discuss facilitation strategy for upcoming virtual DATCP/DNR Partner Meeting (July 23)
- Provided public education via WDLB Radio on best management practices and groundwater basics (July 28)
- Provided public education via WFHR Radio on best management practices and groundwater basics (July 30)



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpfennig - July, 2020

- **July 1** -- CEED Meeting, Met with Bill and Tom Roth to go over maps for NM and cover crops.
- **July 2** -- Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **July 3** -- Holiday.
- **July 6** -- Met with UWSP Summer Intern Coordinator Rob Michlitsch to discuss the program and how it was working out. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **July 7** -- Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Worked remotely.
- **July 8** -- Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Worked on Grant proposals. Prepared AWO application for Sally Peterson.
- **July 9** -- Virtual County Conservationist meeting.
- **July 10** -- Virtual County Conservationist meeting.
- **July 13** -- Worked Remotely on Maps and acres for No-Till/ Cover Crops on MDV areas. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **July 15 - 28** -- Vacation
- **July 29** -- Worked on Tracking for NO-Till & Cover Crop Acres in 2020.
- **July 30** -- Staff Meeting, Updated ongoing projects.
- **July 31** - Off

Staff Report for Caleb Armstrong

July 2020

- Sprayed and helped controlled to spread of wild parsnip throughout the county with the approval from the weed commissioner.
- Educated the public on helping maintain the spread of the wild parsnip.
- Created a map of the spots where wild parsnip has been found based on if it has been controlled, population density, or if it's one of its look alike.
- Assisted Rod on crop appraisals for fields of alfalfa where there has been reports of deer damage. Then used a system to help with cost share of crop damage along with issuing shooting permits.
- Attended online training on how to properly manage grazing cattle in the heat of the summer.
- Attended online training on how to properly interseed corn into standing rye. This was held by WI Land and Water.
- Followed up on a complaint about ponding of water running off due to construction of new road and the water running of into nearby neighbors land and causing the fruit trees and garden to die. Along with the constant washing out of gravel driveway.
- Transported No-Till drill throughout the county to farmer's land that are using it to implement better conservation practices on their land.
- Created maps of the land where the drill is being used on these farmers land.
- Did our monthly water testing samples in 8 different points located on Mill Creek and surrounding creeks to test for phosphorous and suspended solids.
- Worked with UW-Stevens Point in looking into stream flow assessment. We are measure the flow rate of the water in a number of creeks in the south east part of Wood County. This will be a monthly check with a limited amount of times during the winter.
- Helping assist a farmer with the possibility of implementing a creek crossing into his rented land. That way he can get and work a big portion of the field.
- Helped a farmer in assisting with his farm's NMP and implementing it into his farm and improving the conservation with it.

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Davis Christensen

- Worked on soil report for an intermittent stream crossing
- Typed up a user manual for Web Soil Survey
- Monitored the River Block Pollinator Garden
- Controlled wild parsnip throughout the county
- Observed a manure injection demonstration
- Moved the no till drill

Activities Report for Adam Groshek – July 2020

Land and Water Resource Management Program/Animal Waste Storage Ordinance/CREP Activities:

- ~General CREP planning and discussions for 2020 site visits, contracts, etc.
- ~Krings CREP/WRP grazing plan discussions with landowner, NRCS, and DATCP over easy to follow grazing plan including the Wetland Reserve easement by NRCS on pasture near the CREP area.
- ~Behrend culvert crossing project planning, design, mapping, permitting applications and discussion, endangered species review, cultural resources review, bidding, cost estimating, and investigation for 2020 project construction.
- ~Continued planning with State DATCP engineering staff for the Kirby & Karen Cashen streambank to find best solution to this severe erosion site.
- ~Wil-bar Dairy manure pushoff ramp plan design, cost estimate, design alterations/additions and discussions with landowner and potential contractors on project construction timeline. Final design edits to address sliding restraint of the wall.
- ~No-till drill calls, discussions, scheduling, and coordination with different LWCD employees to rent out to various Wood and Portage County landowners for spring planting/interseeding.
- ~Well abandonment plan design, site visit, GPS documentation, and discussion for Mr. Koback in Milladore.
- ~Assisting the LWCD intern and newer employees in day-to-day duties of the LWCD.
- ~Final cost-share payment emails and discussion for the completion of the Coenen grassed waterways project.
- ~Required IT Security training.
- ~Maintenance of 2 work trucks.
- ~Budget discussions and calculations for the expected 2021 Multi-Discharger Water Quality Standards Variance money from area municipalities and industries.
- ~Assisting with discussion and options for a landowner complaint involving high groundwater/drainage problems.
- ~Wetland areas lunch n learn online webinar.
- ~Earnest money discussion and review.
- ~Future project discussions and trying to manage the loss of project interest due to pandemic.

Activities Report for Lori Ruess – July 2020

- Answered phones and replied to emails
- Deposited checks for no-till drill and AWO permits.
- Reviewed general ledger.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Completed July sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the July 2, July 16 and July 30 payrolls.
- Completed required KnowB4 IT security training.
- Completed cost-share payments for Jim Coenen's waterway and Philip Vruwink's residue management.
- Scheduled no-till drill rental.
- Answered questions from two callers who were interested in putting in ponds. Referred them to information on our website for non-metallic mining pond exemption and took their contact information for Rod.
- Reconciled the Wildlife Damage budget for the second quarter reimbursement request.
- Completed Jim Coenen' waterway reimbursement request and forwarded to DATCP.
- Completed Philip Vurwink's residue management reimbursement requests (3) and forwarded to DATCP.
- Completed CREP training webinar.
- Attended Questica budget training via WebEx.
- Discussion with staff on 2020 project carryover amounts and 2021 project amounts for budgets.
- Completed preliminary budgets for Land & Water, DATCP Grant, Wildlife Damage, Nonmetallic Mining, Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV), Mill Creek and Fines and Permits.
- Worked with Glen Peplinski's on additional paperwork required by the DOA for his CREP buyout.
- Organized County Board packet and submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the June CEED packet.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

July 2020

- **Wednesday, July 1.** Attended online meeting for CEUs. Wild parsnip field work.
- **Thursday, July 9.** Reported a couple parsnip sites to Eddmaps. Updated cost-share tracking database. Added the latest total phosphorus results to excel and organized some charts in excel.
- **Friday, July 10.** Prepped bottles and paperwork for July's water sampling. Field checked cost-shared conservation practices.
- **Thursday, July 16.** Worked on a task for the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo.
- **Friday, July 17.** Attended Mill Creek farmers field day event.
- **Wednesday, July 22.** Trained by UWSP specialist to take streamflow measurements.
- **Thursday, July 23.** Looked up historical P data for Mill Creek on the WI DNR surface water data viewer at put into chart.
- **Friday, July 24.** Streamflow monitoring at 6 locations.
- **Tuesday, July 28.** Took samples from Mill creek and Bear Creek at 8 locations for total phosphorus and total suspended solids, sent to Madison lab.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer

JULY 2020

- Field visit to Reber pit – put photo-map packet together showing areas and needed reclamation. Correspondence with Tetra Tech.
- Delivered/enrollment for Hauke Honey abatement materials.
- Lippert Act 82 (Ag tags) – field visit and enrollment
- Ron Knuth – scare gun delivery and training for goose issues.
- Completed NMM training webinar – Reclamation Plan Components
- Follow up fence inspection calls
- Correspondence with Quest Engineering – in the working on a new reclamation plan for the opening of a pit for railroad ballast contracts for Shawn Dupee
- Worked with bank for financial assurance on Brand/Pankratz pit
- Updated DNR database for 20 fence inspection completed in 2020 – scanned and updated 6 missing enrollments – scanned and updated 18 missing contracts.
- 6M Cranberry Act 82 (Ag tags) – field visit and enrollment
- Managed enrollment for Krohn (Corn and Soybeans) – field visit, paperwork signatures, and database updates.
- Extension on Goldan Pond exemption – shaping still needed.
- Fazio cranberry – researched apiary assistance – correspondence with owner
- Placed reflective streamers between pond and soybean field on Knuth farm – abatement from nesting geese crossing into crop field.
- Schuller farm – research sand pit options for ag use only – correspondence with farm
- 6M Cranberry – field visit – discussed fence options on multiple marshes – designed a fence for one of the marshes – design map created – cost estimate put together – researched town road issues with County Surveyor – completed fence estimate Reimbursement Request and submitted to DNR.
- Received pond complaint – no exemption received – field visit with DNR storm water specialist – received exemption paperwork – reviewed.
- Dupee Act 82 (Ag Tags) – field visit and enrollment.
- Looked into Pankratz pond issues – documented with pictures – GPSed
- Completed Knuth 2nd crop alfalfa appraisals on multiple fields – processed paperwork – updated DNR database
- Worked on estimated costs for possible 2021 fences for budget
- Completed 2nd quarter wildlife reimbursement request.
- Correspondence to DNR Storm water Specialist on closed pits & Reber pit info
- Reviewed 3 pond exemption applications – DNR correspondence – etc.

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Adam DeKleyn, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
Vacant, Code Technician
Kim Keech, Admin Services 5
Victoria Wilson, Admin Services 4

RE: Staff Report for August 5, 2020

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Wood County Economic Recovery Roundtable – On July 7th, 14th and 28th, I facilitated meetings to discuss issues pertaining to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). On July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, I facilitated roundtable meetings to discuss economic recovery due to the impacts of COVID-19. Notes from the meetings are included as attachments to this report.
- b. Verso Mill Closure – Wisconsin Rapids Together Task Force – On July 15th and 30th, I attended the Wisconsin Rapids Together Task Force meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to address the impacts on all who are directly or indirectly affected by the mill closure. Resources for individuals/families as well as task force members can be found at www.rapidstogether.com
- c. Broadband Exploratory Committee – On July 15th and 30th, I participated in meetings to look into addressing broadband needs in Wood County. An increase in work-from-home and virtual schooling has highlighted the need to improve broadband in areas of the County. Possible future actions could include applying for state grants to address unserved or underserved areas.

2. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)

- a. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – (5) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (2) CSMs were approved/recorded. (3) CSMs are pending approval.
- b. Zoning – Updating all town zoning GIS data to allow for better use, consistency and efficiency in county and town operations as well as public use. New zoning maps will be prepared for all towns.
- c. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Community Survey Summary available on the Town of Grand Rapids website: <https://townofgrandrapids.org/>. Housing element of plan was prepared and presented at last PC meeting. Transportation element is being prepared for next PC meeting.

- d. POWTS Inspections – Providing back-up assistance with POWTS inspections due to staff vacancy.
- e. Town Zoning Amendments – (1) Town zoning ordinance amendment and (1) town zoning map amendment submitted for DPZ review. Action by CEED and CB next month.
- f. Town/County Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance to the general public and town officials.
- g. Wood County CDAC – Appointed by DNR Secretary Preston D. Cole to the Wood County CDAC as the tourism/economic development representative for another 3 years.
- h. COVID-19 Operational Planning – Working remotely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. County Planner functions and programs will remain operational as normal. I will be available by phone: (715) 421-8568 or email: adekleyn@co.wood.wi.us.
- i. US 2020 Census – Help shape your future and your community's future. Participate in the 2020 Census. Visit: [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov) to learn more.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- a. Coordinating Project with Panda Consulting to update our parcel editing workflow to match ESRI's new generation of the Parcel Fabric workflow. Panda Consulting has helped in the past with the initial Parcel Fabric migration.
- b. Assisting the Health Department to keep the COVID-19 dashboard up to date – updating on a daily basis.
<http://woodwi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/da7f0d6815494e4b85e614e042671b14>
- c. Developing a Tract Index application to better assist surveyors, real estate professionals and citizens to locate plats.
- d. Assisting the Parks & Forestry and the Highway departments to continue development of GIS resources mostly through ArcGIS Online workflows.

4. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker)

06-25-2020 – Review plan & issued permit replacement HT TN: 21; review plan & issued permit replacement conventional (tank only) TN 07; soil evaluation TN: 10

06-26-2020 – Created shoreland mitigation document TN: 17; order letter-failing System TN: 10 & TN: 12

06-29-2020 – Review soils, hydrograph, plan & issued permit replacement conventional TN: 07

06-30-2020 – Inspection new conventional TN: 18; soils onsite & hydrograph reading TN: 07; inspection mound plow for soil moisture test TN: 10

07-01-2020 – Inspection replacement mound A+O plow TN: 02; inspection new mound <24' plow TN: 15; inspection new mound <24" plow & reinspect TN: 15; inspection HT (commercial) TN: 03; inspection replacement mound <24" plow TN: 02

07-02-2020 – Inspection replacement mound reinspect TN 02; inspection replacement conventional (tank only) TN: 07; inspection new conventional TN: 18; inspection replacement mound <24" tank & reinspect TN: 02

07-03-2020 – Holiday (4th of July)

07-06-2020 – Review plan & issued replacement conventional TN: 07; review plan & issued reconnect HT TN: 03; review plan & issued renewal new mound A+O TN: 02; review plan & issued replacement mound <24" TN: 11

07-07-2020 – Inspection replacement conventional TN: 13; inspection new mound A+O plow TN: 11

07-08-2020 – Inspection replacement mound <24" plow, tank & reinspect TN: 19; Meet with State of Wisconsin RE: Hydrographs

07-09-2020 – Webinar; review plan & issued replacement mound >24" TN: 14

07-10-2020 – Inspection shoreland & floodplain onsite TN: 07; office appointment shoreland & floodplain TN: 18; Review & issued shoreland permit TN: 17; review & issued reconnect HT TN: 15; complaint investigation shoreland TN: 10

07-13-2020 – Inspection replacement mound <24 plow & tank TN: 01; inspection replacement mound A+O plow & reinspect TN: 04

07-14-2020 – Review plan new mound A+O TN: 10; review floodplain (stream crossing TN: 04; review shoreland for new home TN: 10; review renewal shoreland permit for garage TN: 18

07-15-2020 – Inspection new mound A+O reinspect TN: 01; review plan new mound A+O TN: 10; complaint investigation letter TN: 10

07-16-2020 – Inspection new conventional TN: 18; review plan & issued new mound <24" TN: 16; inspection new mound A+O tanks TN: 10

07-17-2020 – Shoreland (wetland fill investigation) TN: 10; soils onsite new mound A+O TN: 16; maintenance site visit TN: 31; mound change in use visit TN: 06; inspection new mound <24" final TN: 10;

07-20-2020 – Inspection replacement mound <24" plow & reinspect TN: 01; inspection replacement conventional TN: 07; inspection new mound A+O reinspect TN: 10

07-21-2020 – Inspection replacement mound A+O plow, tank & reinspect cell TN: 15

07-22-2020 – Inspection replacement mound <24” plow, tank & reinspect TN: 15; complaint investigation letter TN: 15; inspection replacement mound <24” plow TN: 02

07-23-2020 – Inspection replacement conventional TN: 13; inspection replacement mound <24” reinspect TN: 02; review plan & issued replacement HT TN: 09

07-24-2020 – HT violation onsite TN: 11; soils evaluation, review plan & issued new mound <24” TN: 16; inspection replacement mound <24” tanks TN: 02;

07-27-2020 – Inspection mound >24” plow, tank & reinspect TN: 14; soils evaluation, hydrograph, review plan & issued conventional TN: 18

07-28-2020 – Inspection replacement HT TN: 21; soils evaluation replacement mound A+O TN: 11; soils evaluation replacement HT TN: 11; IT computer training

5. **Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)**

- a. **Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity** – There were 24 sanitary permits issued in June 2020 (10 New, 14 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$13,875. There were 27 sanitary permits issued in June 2019 (8 New, 18 Replacements, 1 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$9,775.

**New fees went into effect September 1, 2019.*

There were 82 sanitary permits issued through June 2020. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the previous five years: 2019 – 73, 2018 – 68, 2017 – 82, 2016 – 83 and 2015 – 61.

**As of July 29th, there have been a total of 100 sanitary permits issued since January 1, 2020.*

- b. **2020 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP)** – As of July 29th, Wood County received an additional \$388.90 for a total of \$7,147.47 on eleven (11) outstanding cases for 2020.
- c. **2020 Maintenance Notices** – Septic Maintenance Notices, ATU (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, White Knight (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, and Farmer Exempt Holding Tank Maintenance Notices are scheduled to be mailed approximately Friday, April 24th with a due date of Friday, August 14th. There are approximately 2,583 scheduled to be mailed between the four notices.
- d. **Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims)** – None
- e. **Wisconsin Fund Grant Program** – 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the 2017 biennial budget act, repealed, effective June 30, 2021 the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program for failing septic systems. 2019 Wisconsin Assembly Bill 791 delayed the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program to June 30, 2023 passed on February 18, 2020. 2019 Wisconsin Senate Bill 791 was scheduled for consideration late March but has not been

considered due to COVID-19. No extension yet for the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program. Office Staff continues to take applications for the program.

- i. (4) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2021 – Wisconsin Fund Grant Applications were emailed to the State of Wisconsin on January 30th meeting the deadline date of January 31st. Disbursement of Wisconsin Fund Grant is expected late fall 2020.
 - ii. (3) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2022 – Office Staff continue to accept Wisconsin Fund Grant Applications pending passage of 2019 Wisconsin Senate Bill 791.
- f. Sanitary Permit Database System Project – The next phase for the sanitary permit system database will consist of creating a service provider and comments interface. Information Technology Department continues work on the design phase of the project.
- g. Survey Document Indexing Project – There are over 4,000 survey documents that are being indexed with a tentative completion by the end of 2020.
- h. ArcGIS Software Project – Editing addresses in 22 townships.
- i. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:
 - i. Staff Meeting on July 13th.
 - ii. Questica Budget Training on July 28th.
 - iii. Wellness Committee Meeting on July 29th.
- j. Victoria attended the following meetings/trainings:
 - i. Economic Development Meeting (COVID-19 Recovery) on July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd, July 30th.
 - ii. Personal Protective Equipment Meeting on July 7th, July 14th & July 28th.
 - iii. Staff Meeting on July 13th.
 - iv. REDI Meeting on July 22nd.

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance:; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Michelle Boernke-Campus Executive-UWSP@Marshfield; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Jim Webster-General Manager-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa; Kristen Fish-Peterson- Administrator-CWED; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Representative Thomas Tiffany; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- We are seeing a surge in COVID19 cases in the state. In the last 11 days, we have seen an average of 165 new cases. Wood County currently has 95 positive cases.
- Many conversations are taking place concerning secondary education. Most K-12 groups are focusing on what the start of the fall semester is going to look like. Many people agree that it is important to get the kids back to school in an active and healthy learning environment.
- We are seeing some economic rebound. Unemployment was at 11.1% nationally at the end of June. Wisconsin is at 12%. We are starting to see some jobs and businesses that have been permanently lost or closed. We may be looking at a second shut down of some businesses because of workforce issues.
- Most of us have been effected by the CARES act. Many of the CARES act programs will be expiring at the end of July. This could negatively affect many people and families. We are hearing about a second stimulus program at the federal level.
- In the past week in Wood County, the aquatic center in Wisconsin Rapids opened on July 6th. Marshfield broke ground on their aquatic center with a plan to open in 2021.
- Wood County has a grant program available each year. There will be some funding out there next year but the Operations Committee has directed there be no levy increases next year. The oversight (CEED Committee) is looking for feedback on these grants funds. Where can the funds be used and is it valuable? Funds from this year could possibly be rolled over to next year or they could be reallocated in 2020.
- We may need to start talking about businesses that are struggling out there and may experience a second closure.

Tom Tiffany-Representative 7th Congressional District:

- The CARES act was designed to provide more flexibility to businesses. Please contact our office for more details.
- There is another stimulus program being considered. We do not have details on what will happen with this yet.
- The extra \$600 for those on unemployment ends July 25th. It was meant as a bridge and served that purpose.
- We are not seeing the intensive care units being overrun. This is positive news along with no deaths being attributed to COVID19 in the last ten days here in Wisconsin.
- It is absolutely vital that we get our kids back to school. Various data shows that 15% of kids do not have a sufficient broadband connection to provide them the online learning they need.
- The Verso Mill closing affects not only Wisconsin Rapids and Wood County but also the state as a whole. The sense that I am getting at this point is that Verso is not looking so much at re-opening

their facility. I am focused on an expansion of the forest products industry. I would like to see some of these mills repurposed or new facilities built.

- Feel free to contact us anytime at 608-225-3365.

Angel Whitehead-HOW:

- We are working with MACCI to host a job fair. We will be working on this in the next couple of weeks.
- We did not have a lot of feedback on the surveys we sent out in regard to PPE. We are going to hold off on this issue for now.
- We are working with the school districts and have some Zoom meetings set up so parents and businesses can ask questions as kids return to school.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- We are still working on our JEM grant program. Some marketing projects have been pushed back likely to the spike in COVID19. Work continues on the Central Wisconsin Tourism website with some challenges.
- I had to make the call to cancel the Maple Fall Festival that was to be held the third weekend in September due to COVID19 concerns.
- A festival held in Auburndale recently, reported some spread of COVID19.
- There is baseball tournament taking place this weekend.
- “Dairy Strong” kicks off on July 12th with a week-long event celebrating our area’s strength in the dairy industry. There will be new safety measures in place.
- The ground breaking for Vandehey Waters aquatic center took place on Wednesday July 8th. The tentative completion date for the project is July of 2021.
- Hotel occupancy had been on a positive trend but dipped in the last week. These fluctuations will likely continue due to COVID19.

Kyle Kearns-City of Wisconsin Rapids:

- I am looking forward to continuing the conversations regarding Verso.
- The next meetings regarding Verso are next week, Tuesday July 14th and 15th starting at 10:00am each day.
- We have a lot of interest from individuals pulling permits for new houses, additions and renovations along with some new commercial projects on 8th St.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- Clean Sweep will likely occur on August 29th at the fairgrounds.
- I am following a group called the Central Wisconsin Maskers. In the two weeks since they formed this group, they have gained 2200 followers. They are people that are interested in finding businesses that are following different safety practices. They share their experiences with others about what these businesses are requiring and then placed on a map. Businesses are seeing an increase in business and attributing it to this group.

Betsy Wood-Incourage:

- If anyone hears of any businesses, non-profits or other organizations that are struggling, please let us know so we can help them get through this difficult time.
- This time of year, we are normally working with Helen’s Zoo House to provide a zoo experience for kids. Due to COVID19 and difficulty in having kids social distance, we are working with Animal Quest to provide an online program from July 14th to the 23rd so kids can still have a zoo experience but virtually.
- PPE meeting: Tuesday July 14th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday July 16th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 10:13am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Michelle Boernke-Campus Executive-UWSP@Marshfield; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- COVID numbers continue to rise with 117 cases currently. Only 42 of those cases are active at this time. In the past seven days statewide, we have had 7.2% test positive with 821 new cases. 77% of cases in the state have fully recovered.
- Many conversations continue regarding education and how the schools will open up in the fall.
- Mask discussions are happening and are very political. We are seeing a lot of retailers beginning to require masks.
- We are nearing the end of CARES act benefits. There is some agreement at the federal level that something else will need to be done.
- County and municipal budget impacts due to COVID will be an upcoming issue in the next few weeks.

Scott Larson-MACCI:

- We are involved in the Verso meetings that are taking place.
- We are trying to stay on top of any trends we are seeing in relation to businesses re-opening and staying open, if they are seeing any PPE issues. So far, it has been quiet and they have the materials they need to be open in a safe and responsible manner.
- There is still Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) money available. The program has been extended to August 8th.
- The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program money has all been expended.
- We are waiting for information on phase four of the CARES act. Something is in the works but we don't have anything certain right now for information.

Angel Whitehead-HOW:

- Businesses are starting to hear back on whether they are receiving the WEDC grant funds. Individuals who were missing information are being given the opportunity to re-apply with all of the needed information.
- We are firming up a location today to host a job fair the first week in September. There will be many resources for people including training, mental health and other resources.
- During the month of August, we will be working with our partners to have mini sessions to help people prepare before the job fair. This will include resume writing, soft skills, and tips and tricks for interviewing. We formed a small committee to help with these sessions.
- This last week I have had two entrepreneur counseling sessions with people wanting to start businesses in Wisconsin Rapids.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- There was a baseball tournament held this past weekend that brought about 35 to 40 teams to Marshfield. Some hotels in Marshfield sold out so some teams stayed in surrounding cities. So far, we have not heard of any COVID outbreaks because of the tournament.

- Our hotel partners are seeing an increase in occupancy with about 40 to 50% occupancy. However, this is down about 40 to 50% from previous years.
- Billboards are going up today and tomorrow in the northern region of Wausau to launch the “Play Outdoors in Central Wisconsin” campaign.
- Results of the “Best of Marshfield” voting were released yesterday. Go to visitmarshfield.com to see the winners.

Meredith Kleker-Wisconsin Rapids CVB:

- We are excited about the Central Wisconsin Tourism Association and the JEM grant. This will be good for our area.
- Airport travel is down to the Alexander Field airport. Hotel occupancy is down 40 to 50%. Overall though, attitudes of the hospitality workers are positive.

Kristie Rauter-Egge-Wood County Health Department:

- We are getting a lot of mask mandate requests along with negative emails towards a mask mandate.
- Is anyone in this group willing to help work alongside the Health Department on a campaign about protecting employees and customers? Eau Claire county Chamber of Commerce came out with a commercial to ask people to wear a mask to protect employees and customers.
<https://www.facebook.com/eaucclairchamber/videos/2387613408197874/?t=30>
- Below is a link to rural talking points regarding economic development and health:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t4rESzmiFam219Gmoaq98XFn4sN44JupejH0yclK4mQ/edit>

Verso Discussion:

- A taskforce meeting was held yesterday at 10:00am. There is a lot of focus on the impact on forestry. A taskforce/subgroup is being created to address this impact. The main message yesterday was that Verso will idle the mill July 31st. It doesn't sound like there's an option for them to keep the doors open and keep moving ahead.
- Union negotiations with Verso continue but not much information has been shared yet.
- We need to get some of the local municipalities and leaders engaged in this taskforce as it will impact them as well.
- There is some discussion about what is next once the mill is idled. Verso has signed a contract with a third party to market the property.
- Some discussion is taking place with the Economic Development Administration and trying to secure their help to market or re-invent the property in some way.
- Out of Wisconsin's entire wood harvest, the Verso mill accounted for about 25% of that. This is going to be a significant impact to the entire state of Wisconsin and other states as well. This could impact not only the 902 people laid off, but also nearly 10,000 other people in many ways.
- If you're looking to have some involvement with the Verso shutdown, go to www.rapidstogether.com for more information on how to become involved.
- (Jenny Resch) UWSP continues to stay in strong communication about the global market and opportunities for Central Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin to remain a relevant player in the paper industry.

Broadband Discussion:

- There was a call yesterday initiated by Maryann Lippert regarding broadband. She is trying to assess if there is a consensus to move forward with trying to get grant funds into the county to assist with broadband issues. It was agreed we need to move forward with this project but much work will need to be done.

PPE Discussion:

- Childcare came up in our last PPE meeting. With the uncertainty of school this fall, we would like to engage someone in childcare to be in discussion with parents and employers. If schools should go back into a virtual only situation, how will childcare be addressed?
- Childcare has been a topic even before the pandemic hit. The availability of childcare workers has been an ongoing struggle.

- (Information from Karen Olson) There were COVID relief grants available to childcare providers. They were anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 to help with cleaning supplies and liability insurance. Ten to twelve facilities in Wood County were able to receive grant funds. The CARES act also provided three grant programs through the Department of Children and Families. Some providers were able to receive assistance from one, two or all three programs. There are seven to eight new providers starting up. North Wood County only had one childcare provider that closed due to the pandemic. All others providers are open in some capacity. Staffing continues to be an issue. Some providers are choosing not to enroll new families and just continue to provide care to the kids they currently have enrolled. Most childcare providers are also waiting to see what will happen when school opens up.
- Concerning starter kits, after much work and research, it seemed that businesses were fine at the time. We would like to reach out to businesses and get them thinking about future needs that may arise as we work through this pandemic.
- Each school district is looking at re-opening in different ways/phases depending on the district. Transportation will be a major issue. There are a variety of options depending on the type of building and size of the district.
- PPE meeting: Tuesday July 21st, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday July 23rd, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 10:06am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- A smaller, local group meeting will be initiated by Dennis Lawrence regarding Verso.
- A grant from the Legacy Foundation will provide facemasks to the Wisconsin Rapids School District. Each child will get three to five masks depending on what grade they are in.
- Congress is back in session this week. There are assumptions that there will be talk of another stimulus package.
- The State is looking at cutting \$250 million from their budget. We do not know yet how that will affect our budget at the county level.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- The Small Business Development Center is planning to do three webinar sessions with a primary target of smaller ancillary businesses associated with the Verso closure. The sessions will be on Wednesdays in August beginning at 11:00am.



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Josh Miller-City of Marshfield:

- City Hall is open to the public; however, we are not allowing people into our secured area. We converted a lobby/sitting area into a meeting area so inspectors can meet with people.
- Eventually we will have an online self-service portal so people/contractors can apply for permits online.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- We have kicked off some pieces of our "Play Outdoors in Wisconsin" campaign this week. This coming Monday all of the marketing pieces will be out there to entice people to come to the Central Wisconsin Area.

Kristie Rauter-Egge-Wood County Health Department:

- Yesterday we had 147 positive cases with 38 of those being active. We have 108 recovered individuals with only one death. Total negative test results are 7,156.
- We have been working with our epidemiologist to provide even more data on our dashboard. Link below:
- <http://woodwi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/da7f0d6815494e4b85e614e042671b14>
- We are planning to do another potential community-testing site in partnership with the National Guard in early August.
- We are working on a local testing strategy plan. Task forces would help provide testing to some of the population that cannot get into testing at a local provider.
- We continue to work with the school districts to support them in their re-opening plans.
- We are working on a mask campaign to encourage people to mask up to protect other people.

Job Fair Information from Angel Whitehead-HOW:



Press Release
7.21.20 Employment



Employment
Fair.pdf



Registration
Form.pdf

- PPE meeting: Tuesday July 28th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday July 30rd, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 9:41am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- It seems things may be under control regarding PPE.
- This last week, the Central Wisconsin State Fair in Marshfield was cancelled due to COVID concerns.
- Encouraging Wood County Health Department to utilize the \$1.2 million dollars in funding from the state for PPE and other reimbursable needs. Requests have to be in by November.
- We need to continue to think about what the needs are going to be for everyone as we continue through this pandemic. Some things to discuss on Thursday in the Economic Recovery meeting would be childcare and business needs.

Angel Whitehead-HOW Chamber of Commerce:

- Our PPE group is meeting this afternoon. Several businesses from the survey we sent out have acknowledged that they would like to have “no touch” thermometers available so they can screen their employees. Our PPE group would like to move forward with obtaining these thermometers. I will know more after today's meeting.
- Funding for the above-mentioned PPE may need to be investigated further. The funding that is provided by the Legacy Foundation is limited to five zip codes in the immediate Wisconsin Rapids area. We may need to investigate other funding options to expand to other areas in Wood County.

Jenny Resch-UWSP:

- All of our time, energy and resources are being put into bringing 7000 students back to the campus. There are parents and community members on both sides of the spectrum either not wanting their students attending face-to-face classes, whereas others are supportive of it. Businesses are very supportive of bringing students back.

Meredith Kleker-Wisconsin Rapids CVB:

- Most businesses are finding PPE supplies.
- Will reach out to agribusinesses as needed. Please let me know so we can make sure we are reaching out to this pocket of businesses.
- From a tourism perspective, those activities that are taking place are being responsible and safe.

Kristie Rauter-Egge-Wood County Health Department:

- We did a survey to assess the needs of the businesses regarding PPE but did not get a lot of feedback. This does not mean that businesses do not need PPE but rather we are wondering if we are just not reaching the businesses that are in need of PPE.
- Next PPE meeting tentatively: Tuesday July 14th, 2020 @ 9:00am

Adjourned at 9:33am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- We are seeing discussion around PPE requirements. There are certain places starting to require their staff to wear PPE. Wood County is not requiring staff to wear masks at this time but safety protocol is being strongly recommended and travel is restricted. The number of COVID19 cases continues to slowly rise with 108 cases as of today.
- Transportation for kids returning to school is an emerging issue. A survey went out to determine if parents could provide their kids with transportation as busing will look different this year. If more parents are taking their kids to school, this in turn causes traffic issues at the schools.
- Should we be engaging the childcare providers? (Scott Larson) Yes, we should open a dialogue with them should kids end up back at home during the school year. Scott will have Karen Olson reach out and do some preliminary outreach to childcare providers and gauge capacity.

Scott Larson-MACCI:

- Ryan Christianson from the Marshfield School District gave an update at a meeting yesterday. They are planning three levels of operation. First, they plan to operate with students in class; second, they will have a plan on how to operate in case of the need arises to quarantine some classes; and third, a plan on what to do if they need to go back to virtual teaching. All Wood County schools districts are meeting on a regular basis. It will be up to each school district as to what their plan of operation will be. Universities are trying to end their in-class instruction by Thanksgiving and send students home to do virtual learning for the last semester. The schools are considering that as well due to the potential impact of the flu season. Busing brings a host of concerns also. Kids from the same family can share a seat but other kids would have to be one to a seat. Plexiglas enclosures are being discussed for the drivers as well as having them wear masks.
- Two things we need to stay on top of are: Continuing to monitor PPE supplies and supporting and providing information to businesses on childcare and what may happen if kids are sent back home at some point.
- The chambers could be doing some outreach to businesses to ask them that as school starts, fall harvest starts up and flu season begins, do they anticipate increased needs in PPE and are they thinking about these things?

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- Are the schools talking about the children needing PPE?
Kristie-Some PPE will be provided to the districts by FEMA but it will not be enough to last more than a year. Wisconsin Rapids School District has connected with a local foundation to put together a proposal to get some washable cloth masks for the elementary and high school. They are looking to put together a package to provide some incentives to get kids to wear masks.

Kristie Rauter-Egge:

- We have a meeting with all the school districts next week. We have a flow chart for them to help them understand how cases will be processed within the school should a child or teacher test positive. It does sound like all of the schools are planning to bring all of the kids back for in class learning but will have a virtual option as well.

- Governor Ever announced on Tuesday, July 7th that he is sending millions of facemasks and thousands of thermometers to schools to help teachers and administrators prepare to teach children face-to-face this fall during the coronavirus pandemic.

Betsy Wood-Incourage:

- There was not much response to the “ask” about need for PPE. We are ready to mobilize at any time if businesses have an issue or need for supplies. We need to get the word out to businesses that we are here to help them with these needs.

Josh Miller-City of Marshfield:

- If a mandate comes down requiring everyone to wear masks, are we ready for that and are businesses ready for that?
- Next PPE meeting: Tuesday July 21st, 2020 @ 9:00am

Adjourned at 9:48am

Via: Teleconference

Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning Director, as facilitator

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Jim Webster-General Manager-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- An article in the Journal Sentinel indicates that nursing homes are worried about a PPE shortage. The article also discussed that the PPE they received from FEMA had unusable items such as gowns that resembled bags with no armholes cut out. Nursing homes are also where we are seeing many deaths from COVID19 taking place so it is critical they have the proper PPE. They are placing orders now and are seeing some orders not fulfilled or prices increasing.
- There has been spread of COVID19 at some local businesses. Discussion ensued regarding the release of business names in Wood County that have had an employee or patrons visit that have tested positive for COVID19.
- When businesses shut down due to a positive case at their establishment, is there anything our group can do or resources we can provide should they have needs while they are shut down or re-opening?
Scott Larson: we need to ensure the businesses have the best information possible should a situation occur.

Scott Larson-MACCI:

- We are making follow up calls with facilities in our area due to the article regarding nursing homes' concern over PPE shortages.

Kristie Rauter-Egge:

- Steve Kreuser would be someone to contact regarding PPE as he receives most of the requests for PPE for public health and health care. Jason will reach out to him to discuss if he has been contacted by the nursing homes requesting PPE.
- Wood County Health Department has an algorithm to determine if they should release the name of a business that has had an employee or patron at their business that has tested positive for COVID19.
- The Health Department is not asking businesses that have had a positive case to close. Many businesses are doing this on their own due to staffing issues or to deep clean their establishment.
- Next PPE meeting: Tuesday August 11th, 2020 @ 9:00am

Adjourned at 9:35am

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July 9, 2020

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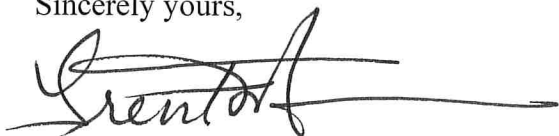
Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 82.10(4), you are hereby notified of a public hearing that is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020, commencing at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of the consideration of a resolution passed by the town board to discontinue a road described as follows:

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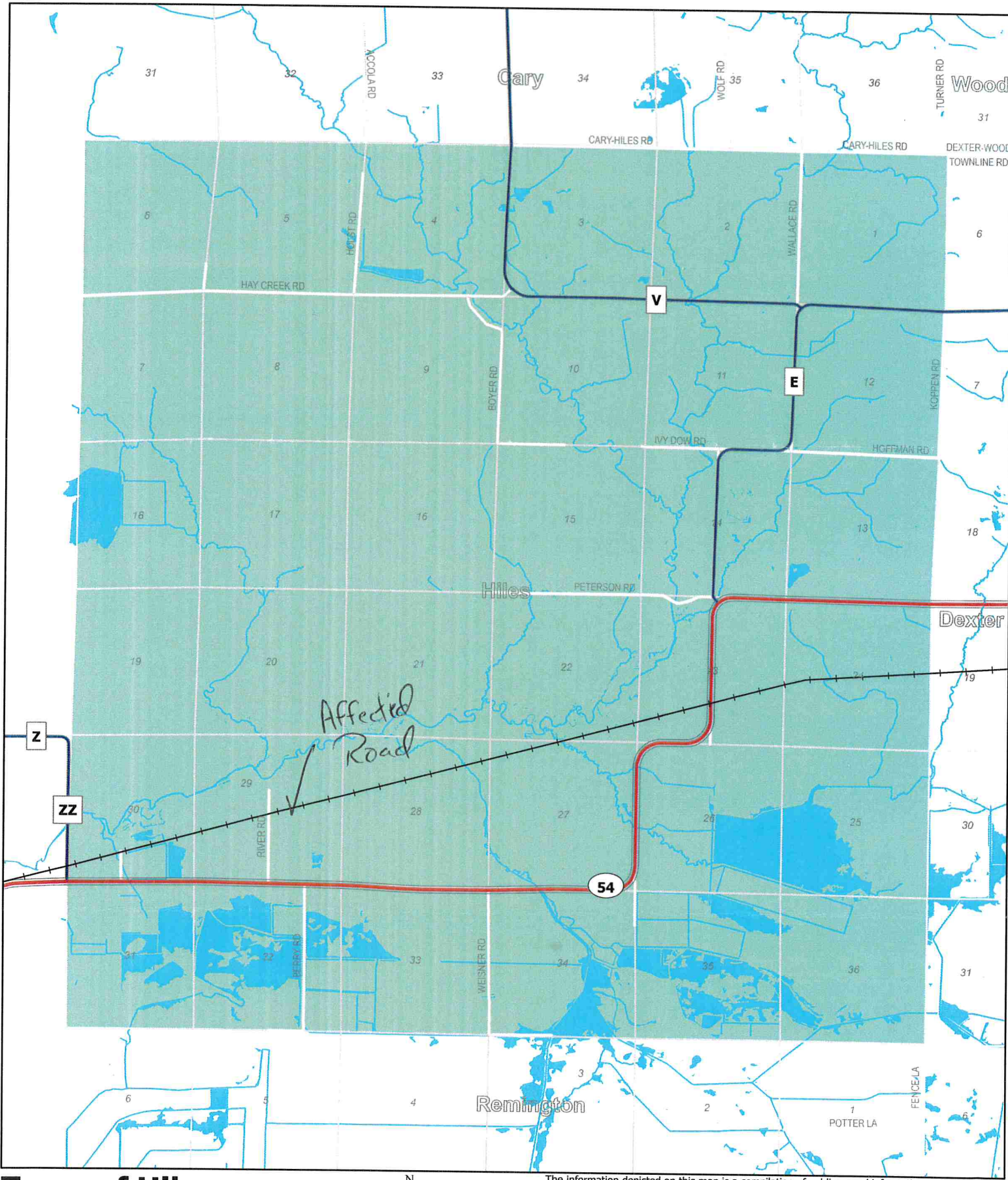
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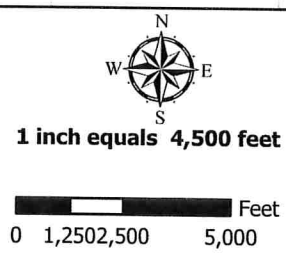
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trent Miner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Trent Miner
Chairman



Town of Hiles



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