

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA

DATE: January 8, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

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 TRM 319 Grant for Mill Creek.
 - b. Update on status of Conservation Specialist job posting.
 - c. Report on December 12th and 13th County Conservationist meeting.
 - d. 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. Review/Action on Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Map Amendment
12. Economic Development
 - a. Discuss next Economic Development meeting.
 - b. Update on the Regional Economic Development Innovation Initiative.
13. Extension
 - a. March County Board Presentation – UW-Madison Staff
 - b. Educational Presentation – Nancy Turyk
14. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
15. Agenda items for next meeting
16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
17. Adjourn

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Mark Holbrook, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam and Harvey Petersen.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, and Kim Keech.
 Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig.
 UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler and Laura Huber.
 Surveyor: Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Dist. #12 Supervisor Douglas Machon, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach and Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendening.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None
4. **Review Correspondence.** None
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the November 6, 2019 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Stevana Skinner, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpfennig, Adam Groshek, Rod Mayer, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Jackie Carattini, Janell Wehr, Laura Huber, Hannah Wendels and Rachel Whitehair.
 - A. Minutes of November 6, 2019. No additions or corrections needed.
 - B. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - C. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the November 6, 2019 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
7. **Land & Water Conservation Department.**
 - A. Take action on resolution on NR151 rule revisions to the state Robert Ashbeck is against the third "WHEREAS" in the resolution about local input and giving local stakeholders the opportunity to be part of the rule making process. Robert Ashbeck added that farmers have a nutrient management plan and vegetable growers do not. Bill Leichtnam shared that nutrient management plans protect the nutrients in the soil not the groundwater. Shane Wucherpfennig commented that the state will do what they want in the end. Local public input is similar to a public hearing. Mark Holbrook expressed that farmers will have a voice and are a local stakeholders too. Dave LaFontaine shared that all stakeholders will have citizen input.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to encourage the Wood County Board of Supervisors to support the proposed revisions to Ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code, which will set newer Targeted Performance Standards and Prohibitions to abate pollution of groundwater by nitrate in areas of the state with highly permeable soils that are susceptible to groundwater contamination. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried 5-1. Robert Ashbeck objects to how the third WHEREAS is worded in the resolution.

- B. Take action on per diem request for Bill Leichtnam to attend the Wis. Land & Water Conservation Conference in Stevens Point on December 12, 2019 Bill Leichtnam requested per diem, conference registration and mileage to attend the Wis. Land & Water Conservation Conference in Stevens Point on December 12, 2019.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve requested per diem, conference registration and mileage for Bill Leichtnam to attend the Wis Land & Water Conservation Conference in Stevens Point on December 12, 2019. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve bids for Luke Keuffer's fencing/crossing project Luke Keuffer requested cost sharing for a fencing and stream crossing project for 30-40 head of cattle 1-1/2 miles along the Yellow River Watershed Corridor. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that one bid was received for the fencing project and no bids for the stream crossing project. Real Fence LLC owned by Brandon Zimmerman was the low bid for the fencing project of \$18,656.98 with an estimate of \$226/feet. County staff estimated the fencing project to cost \$250/feet. There was no bids for the stream crossing project. Bids are not needed as county policy doesn't require bids on projects estimated lower than \$6,000. Mark Holbrook commented that there is a benefit to support the fencing and stream crossing project as the public has an interest in contributing to clean groundwater.

Motion by Harvey Petersen to accept the low bid of \$18,656.98 from Real Fence LLC for cost sharing purposes. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Discuss/suggestion for office or office hours in Marshfield for Land & Water Conservation Robert Ashbeck has made a request that the Land & Water Conservation Department has office hours in Marshfield one day a week as it is time consuming for farmers to come to the Wisconsin Rapids location. Chairman Curry recommended to educate the public as to the Wisconsin Rapids office location and office farm visits. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that office staff currently visit farmers on the farm. Office staff have mobile devices which are able to pull up maps and aerial photos. Shane Wucherpfennig will educate the public in their spring newsletter regarding Wisconsin Rapids office location and farm visits.

E. Committee Reports

- i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting Bill Leichtnam commented that the Citizen's Groundwater Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 18th. Notes from the meeting are in the CEED Committee packet.

Key items that came from the meeting:

- Hancock Scoping NR151 preliminary testimony.
- Possible legislation bills:
 - a. AB69/SB31 Permit Fees for CAFO
 - b. AB148/SB137 Nitrate Testing Pilot Program
 - c. AB511/SB451 Distributing & Labeling of Fertilizer and Soil or Plant Additives Produced by Manure
 - d. Another possible ten legislation bills

- Divided government:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Passed Legislation</u>
2003-2004	327
2005-2006	491

2008-2009 242
2018-2019 20

- Panel Discussion: Nitrates in Central Wisconsin: Science/Solutions
Monday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m. @ Nekoosa High School Auditorium
Sponsors: Clean Green and Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative
Panelists: Two legislatures, Health Department, Farmer and Two Scientists
- Wisconsin DATCP/DNR Hearings on "Livestock Siting" revisions and possible NR151 Extension to areas with sensitive soils. There is an interim DATCP Secretary. A decision may not be made until they have a new DATCP Secretary. Their official statement on the hearings that it was a "pause".
- Wood/Juneau County MOU w/AGC – Nothing to report. There has not been any meetings for the last two months.

All committee meetings are the third Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Wood County Riverblock Building, Room #206.

- i. Health Committee report Chairman Curry shared that Nancy Eggelston said there is nothing new to report regarding the Wood/Juneau County MOU w/AGC. A possible teleconference may be scheduled for week of December 9th. Bill Leichtnam commented that there was a third round of water tests done in early November. There were approximately 93 water samples and of those samples 27% had greater than 10 ppm for nitrates.
 - ii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report Nothing to report. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 1:30 p.m. at the Hancock Agricultural Research Station.
8. **Private Sewage.** Staff report in packet. There are approximately 600 property owners that have not paid the \$20.00 program fee. Second notices are scheduled to go out on Monday, December 9th.
9. **Land Records.** Staff report in packet. Everything is going well with the new employee Paul Bernard as the Land Records Coordinator.
10. **County Surveyor.**
- A. Presentation of County Surveyor annual report County Surveyor Kevin Boyer updated the CEED Committee on a brief history of the County Surveyor and 2019 past maintenance work. Wood County was 60% monumented in January 2009. It was noted that in March 2017 Wood County is 100% monumented. All corners are updated every 20 years. The Surveyor's annual report is attached to these minutes.
 - B. Consider renewal of contract for Public Land Survey System corner maintenance due to road construction maintenance projects Jason Grueneberg shared that Central Staking has the 2019 PLSS corner maintenance due to road construction contract. Corners are verified prior and after road construction. Central Staking is agreeable to the 2019 contract price for 2020. Cost prior to construction is \$92.50 per corner and after \$92.50 per corner. If there is damage to the corner the cost is \$280 per corner. Jason Grueneberg recommends extending the contract for Public Land Survey System corner maintenance due to road construction/maintenance projects for 2020 with Central Staking.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve renewal of Central Staking contract for Public Land Survey System corner maintenance due to road construction/maintenance projects. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Planning.

- A. Review/Action on Preliminary Plat of Rangeline Subdivision Adam DeKleyn explained the request for the Preliminary Plat of Rangeline Subdivision in the Town of Saratoga. The 14 acre parcel is owned by Quinn Properties LLC proposing 3 lots ranging from 4.06-5.35 acres in lot size. The Wood County Land Subdivision Ordinance is administered countywide within the unincorporated areas of the county. This ordinance regulates procedures and standards for dividing a parcel of land into smaller parcels. Preliminary plat was sent to the town of Saratoga for comment/review. Additional, copies of the preliminary plat were sent to the following review agencies for comment /review: WDOT, Tax Lister, County Surveyor, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department and applicable utilities. All agencies having the authority to review the preliminary plat. Planning & Zoning staff has reviewed the request and recommends to conditionally approve the preliminary plat of Rangeline Subdivision.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to conditionally approve the Preliminary Plat of Rangeline Subdivision in the Town of Saratoga. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Review 2020 goals for the Director of Planning & Zoning Jason Grueneberg shared 2020 goals with the CEED Committee.
- C. Discuss next Economic Development meeting There will not be a special CEED Committee (Economic Development) meeting in December. CEED Committee (Economic Development) meeting will be reestablished in January. A REDI Grant meeting will be on December 18th and December 19th at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. Bill Leichnam requested per diem for CEED Committee members to attend the REDI Grant meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bill Leichnam to approve requested per diem for CEED Committee members to attend the REDI Grant meeting on December 18th and December 19th. Second by Mark Holbrook. Motion carried unanimously.

12. UW Extension.

A. General Office Update

Jason Hausler shared the following office updates:

- Cranberry Specialist position closes on December 10th.
- Hannah Wendels is the new FoodWise Nutrition Educator and started November 11th. This position is 100% state funded.
- 2019 Annual Report will be completed.
- Staff annual reviews will occur in early spring 2020. Goals are evaluated following year after being established. Goals are benchmarked and evaluated. New goals are then established.

- B. County Board Presentation – Kevin Masarik Jason Hausler shared that Kevin Masarik Groundwater Education Specialist of the Center for Watershed Science and Education Department at UW-Stevens Point will be giving a 15 minute presentation on January 21, 2020 at the Wood County Board meeting with a question/answer period.

- C. Educational Presentation – Laura Huber Laura Huber gave a presentation on the Wisconsin Fall Forum held in Green Lake with over 400 attendees. The purpose of Fall Forum is to provide educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers, developing youth and adult partnerships, create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions, provide youth and adult volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluation of statewide programs, encourage diversity of thought and promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups. Wood County was represented by 36 participants and Wood County 4-H Llama Project. John Noltner of A Peace of My Mind visited Wisconsin Fall Forum and asked "How has 4-H impacted you or your community?" The link to view the YouTube video what was said: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KPif-D8cVg&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0P_C7QaF7fGKx08S1Yrk2H6dAkz3ms-oqG5wBuWFanNmZVFIQwae1f-w

Wood County has approximately 600 youth members and 130 adult members. Training youth is important for the future to help them strive for greatness.

Wood County received a \$5,000 grant from 4-H Tech Changemakers program. The National 4-H Council and Microsoft are working together to empower 4-H teens to lead digital skills trainings, teach the value of digital tools and find technology solutions to real world problems.

13. Schedule Next Regular Committee Meeting. The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #115.

14. Agenda items for next meeting.

A. Wood County Solar Project

Harvey Petersen announced that he is retiring after 27 years and will no longer be the Farm Service Agency representative. A new Farm Service Agency representative will attend the CEED Committee meetings starting in January 2020.

15. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None

16. Adjourn. Chairman Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: DECEMBER 2019

For the range of vouchers: 18190160 - 18190173

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18190160	US BANK	LWC - DISCOVERY FARMS CONF REG	11/07/2019	\$50.00	P
18190161	DOORWORKS INC	LWC - OVERHEAD DOOR/INSTALLATI	11/15/2019	\$2,661.00	P
18190162	PORTCO CORPORATION	LWCD	11/25/2019	\$1,445.00	P
18190163	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWC - OFFICE SUPPLIES	11/22/2019	\$52.49	P
18190164	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWC - OFFICE SUPPLIES	11/15/2019	\$39.52	P
18190165	WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION	LWC/CC - MEETING REGISTRATION	12/04/2019	\$165.00	P
18190166	WOLF MARTIN	LWRM - CS MANURE STORAGE CLOSU	11/20/2019	\$3,990.00	P
18190167	WOLF MARTIN	LWC - RETURN OF EARNEST MONEY	12/10/2019	\$400.00	P
18190168	PEASLEE ROBERT & BEVERLY	LWRM - CS COVER CROPS	10/24/2019	\$320.00	P
18190169	US BANK	NMM- AT&T -TRIMBLE HOTSPOT	12/16/2019	\$30.00	
18190170	HOFFMAN JACQUELINE MARY	SWRM - CS COVER CROPS & RESIDU	12/26/2019	\$1,608.05	
18190171	PHEASANTS FOREVER	LWC - POLLINATOR MIX - WILSON	12/13/2019	\$85.50	
18190172	PANKRATZ FARMS LLC	SWRM - CS WASTE STORAGE	12/10/2019	\$27,324.49	
18190173	PANKRATZ FARMS LLC	LWC - RETURN OF EARNEST MONEY	12/18/2019	\$1,000.00	
Grand Total:				\$39,171.05	

Signatures

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: December 2019

For the range of vouchers: 22190103 - 22190109 38190023 - 38190025

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22190103	WOOD TRUST BANK	Credit Card Charges	11/20/2019	\$23.71	P
22190104	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permits(Nov)	11/30/2019	\$400.00	P
22190105	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (Dec)	12/02/2019	\$299.00	P
22190106	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract (Dec)	12/03/2019	\$833.00	P
22190107	RUTZEN SURVEY SERVICES LLC	SU-PLSS Tiesheets (81@\$164.95)	11/12/2019	\$13,360.95	P
22190108	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	12/10/2019	\$81.71	P
22190109	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	PS-2nd Prog Fee Notice Process	12/12/2019	\$400.14	P
38190023	WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA CVB	ED-Wis Official Travel Guide	11/20/2019	\$1,500.00	P
38190024	OUTDOOR NEWS INC	ED-Wisconsin Outdoor News ATV	12/01/2019	\$1,500.00	P
38190025	NORTH CENTRAL WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	ED-County Membership	12/19/2019	\$30,500.00	P

Grand Total:

\$48,898.51

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: December 2019

For the range of vouchers: 30190213 - 30190239

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30190213	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office, Kitchen, Ed. Supplies	12/04/2019	\$214.03	P
30190214	WOODTRUST BANK	November Statement:MG Website	12/04/2019	\$18.00	P
30190215	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	12/11/2019	\$54.84	P
30190216	EO JOHNSON COMPANY INC	Quarterly Base Charge	12/11/2019	\$652.00	P
30190217	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	November Statement - Supplies	12/11/2019	\$186.81	P
30190218	WACAA	2019 Dues - Lippert	12/11/2019	\$150.00	P
30190219	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office, Ed & Comp Supplies	12/18/2019	\$514.15	P
30190220	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies - Easels	12/18/2019	\$14.99	P
30190221	BROWN & BIGELOW INC	Meeting Materials & Apparel	12/18/2019	\$297.56	P
30190222	UW-MADISON DIGITAL PUBLISHING & PRINTING	Branded Envelopes	12/18/2019	\$383.05	P
30190223	EO JOHNSON CO INC	Copier Lease	12/18/2019	\$229.49	P
30190224	ADAMS COUNTY UW EXTENSION	Real Colors Books	12/18/2019	\$527.50	P
30190225	MARATHON CO UW-EXTENSION	Agronomy Update Registration	12/18/2019	\$45.00	P
30190226	UW SOIL TESTING LAB	Soil Testing Charges	12/18/2019	\$105.00	P
30190227	US BANK	December Statement	12/18/2019	\$293.38	P
30190228	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	12/23/2019	\$29.60	P
30190229	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office, Computer & Ed Supplies	12/23/2019	\$325.09	P
30190230	UW MADISON ACCOUNTING SERVICES	4-H Online Annual Fee	12/23/2019	\$500.00	P
30190231	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	December Statement - FoodWIse	12/23/2019	\$14.32	P
30190232	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	CWAS Mailing Postage	12/23/2019	\$99.53	P
30190233	CARATTINI JACKIE	December Expenses	12/23/2019	\$331.98	P
30190234	HUBER LAURA	December Expenses	12/23/2019	\$29.00	P
30190235	LIPPERT MATTHEW	December Expenses	12/23/2019	\$298.12	P
30190236	TURYK NANCY	December Expenses	12/23/2019	\$537.02	P
30190237	WEHR JANELL	December Expenses	12/23/2019	\$43.38	P
30190238	WHITEHAIR RACHAEL	December Expenses	12/23/2019	\$55.00	P
30190239	QUALITY PLUS PRINTING INC	4-H Newsletter - Jan/Feb	12/30/2019	\$230.00	

Grand Total:

\$6,178.84

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Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig - December, 2019

- **December 3** – Attended exec. Mgt. In Marshfield.
- **December 4**– Attended CEED.
- **December 5** – Met with Rick Weiler on Nonmetallic mine site. Stakeout stream crossing at Luke Keuffer site.
- **December 6** – Attended Soil, Water & Nutrient Management Meeting in Marshfield.
- **December 9** – Attended CSGCC Meeting @ Ag Research Station, Hancock
- **December 10** – Attended Department Head Retreat.
- **December 11** – Attended Annual Discovery Farms Conference in Wisconsin Dells.
- **December 12&13** – Attended County Conservationist meeting in St. Point.
- **December 16**– Staff Meeting, met with Peter K on Nonmetallic mine issues, attended citizens groundwater meeting.
- **December 17** – Met with Human services staff to discuss vehicle purchase options.
- **December 18** – Worked on year end contracting.
- **December 19** – Worked on year end contracting.
- **December 21** – Worked on year end contracting.
- **December 23 -31 Holidays and vacation.** – Attended Department head meeting.
- **December 21** – Worked with County Lidar and produced maps. Attended Golden Sands RC&D Water & Counsel meetings.
- **December 22** – Worked on GIS Projects. Worked with Rodney on Non-metallic letters for 2020 fees.
- **December 25-29** – Vacation.

Activities Report for Adam Groshek – December 2019

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

- ~Martin Wolf manure structure abandonment asbuilt documentation.
- ~Pankratz Farms, LLC manure storage construction asbuilt documentation, overage calculations, and discussion.
- ~Wilson Wood Turtle incidental take permit application, conservation plan drafting, discussions with DNR, and planning for hire of turtle biologist to minimize take of the Threatened Wood Turtle for the project. Public comment period for incidental take permit is ongoing.
- ~Coenen grassed waterways discussions with landowner and contractor and decision to try to roll money over to a third year in hopes of drier weather.
- ~Tree sale orders and assistance to landowners with tree sale/wildflower questions.
- ~Work truck maintenance.
- ~BOND \$ office meeting to discuss difficulty in spending this year's money with farm economy and future projects spending.
- ~CREP grazing plan discussion and review of written plan for DATCP approval.
- ~Continuing to try to find the source of sediment discharges into the WI River at Jackson St. with Verso Paper, the City of WI Rapids, and the DNR.
- ~Continuation of Nitrate water test kit distribution and delivery to Health Department for testing.
- ~Farmers of Mill Creek conservation cover crop tour with Mill Creek farmers.
- ~Response to a very old complaint to DNR for manure ponding in field, proved complaint wasn't valid, it was ponded water.
- ~Surface water grant application for monitoring on Bear Creek as part of the Mill Creek watershed.
- ~Annual winter engineering technician training.
- ~Working through name change to Pep Acres, LLC and cancelation of some contracts that were not eligible to start into CREP for Glen Peplinski, etc.
- ~Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
- ~CREP meeting with FSA, NRCS, and NRCS/Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist staff.
- ~Assistance with earnest money return payments.
- ~Reber manure storage pit abandonment delayed until 2020. Contract rolled over.
- ~Bores grassed waterways/rock crossing project delayed until 2020. Contract rolled over.
- ~Approval to construct Wilson's streambank project with 2 month extension on contract money in Jan/Feb. 2020.
- ~Kueffer creek crossing portion of project delayed until 2020, contract rolled over.
- ~2 wells abandonments for Ruess project rolled over into 2020.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer

December 2019

- Completed all letters for 63 Non-metallic mine permitting and financial assurance – including: creating 2019 activity GIS maps for each mine, calculating permit fee based on active acres, calculating and checking financial assurance amounts based on active acres. Sent out 2020 fee letter, individual mine permit fee/financial assurance letter, and updated map to each mine.
- Revised spreadsheet to monitor Non-metallic mine fees and financial assurance amounts needed and due dates for 2020.
- Monitoring and contacting mines as monitoring expiring financial assurance (these all expire at different times – but many at the end of 2019 and beginning of 2020).
- Contacted venison processors and submitted report to the DNR for the number of deer donated as of December 3rd news release. (5 deer donated to J&S Processing in Marshfield, 2 deer donated to Pittsville Meats, and 1 deer donated to Strictly Wild in Wisconsin Rapids)
- Processed pond exemption permit – extension on a pond in which no work has begun.
- Assisted in fence stakeout for stream crossing project.
- Met with mine owner to discuss going forward with reclamation and re-permitting on mine that had closed.
- Contacted CARBO in regards to a mine site being sold.
- Worked with various mine owners with questions about their permitting letters.
- Completed Bohn Trucking – Church Mine final reclamation certification – including certification of final reclamation letter and certificate.
- Reviewed Draft 2 of the Brand mine reclamation plan – put revisions still needed in the plan together and sent to Pankratz trucking. Also contacted DNR in regards to where they were at with the Storm Water plan – nothing received - informed operator this needs to be completed prior to our final approval.
Completed Endangered Resources Preliminary Assessment on the site through DNR software – no further action was necessary for this.
- Informed mine owner what needed to exempt roadways on a specific mine
- Contacted County Corp. Counsel in regards to FAs without Wood County directly listed in documentation from the bank. Working with several to change their existing FA to include Wood County.
- Worked with County Real Property Lister on issues with a mine site – in which the parcel was transferred to another landowner in error. Mine owner is working to correct their deed.
- First inventory for Twin Lakes Fence Build
- Picked up poster from Grant school for contest

Activities Report for Lori Ruess – December 2019

- Answered telephone and front desk questions.
- Mail pickup/delivery - Courthouse.
- Deposit of incoming checks on Fridays.
- Reviewed general ledger.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Attended staff meeting and took minutes
- Completed November sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Completed the SWRM Extension request for \$37,558.87 in Bond and \$18,779.40 in SEG and submitted to DATCP.
- Assisted Rod with Nonmetallic Mining questions and mailing of annual inspection letters.
- Processing tree, shrub and wildflower orders as they come in.
- Tracking and depositing Nonmetallic Mining permit fees as they come in.
- Completed cost-share contracts, change orders and reimbursement request for Soil and Water Resource management grants.
- Approved time cards for January 3, 2020 payroll.
- Organized CEED packet and County Board packet and took to County Clerk's office.

**Activities Report for Emily Salvinski
December 2019**

- **Monday, December 2.** Familiarized myself with DNR's tracking system called BITS.
- **Tuesday, December 3.** Checked status of cover crop that is in a cost-share contract. Worked on letter for checklists to be sent out in soon.
- **Friday, December 6.** Attended the annual Soil, Water, & Nutrient Management Meeting in Marshfield for CCA credits and an education.
- **Thursday, December 12.** Downloaded latest snapplus program and looked for differences. Prepared for a class at MSTC. Mapped acres that are going to be cost-shared.
- **Friday, December 13.** Helped with an ag class at MSTC-demonstrated snapmaps and assisted individuals.

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
Stevana Hamus, Code Technician
Kim Keech, Admin Services 5
Victoria Wilson, Admin Services 4

RE: Staff Report for January 8, 2020

1. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)

- a. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – (3) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (3) CSMs were approved/recorded. (4) CSMs are pending approval.

Final plat for Rangeline Subdivision (Town of Saratoga) submitted for review/approval. Approved: 12/19/19
- b. Request for Zoning Map Amendment Approval-Town of Grand Rapids – Received a request for approval of a town zoning map amendment/rezone. Request was reviewed and a staff memorandum is included in this packet for CEED and CB review/action.
- c. Town of Lincoln Comprehensive Plan – Comprehensive Plan finalized. Attended Town Board meeting. Lincoln Town Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan on December 10th. Notices sent out to all entities as required by law. Plan has been published on the Wood County website: <https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/PZ/ComprehensivePlan.aspx>
- d. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Attended Plan Commission meeting. Presented an introductory overview of the comp planning law, process and procedures. Preparing community survey to gather resident input for plan.
- e. Town of Sigel Zoning Ordinance Update – The Town of Sigel is currently preparing an update to its independent town zoning ordinance. Draft ordinance is available for reference/review on the town website: <https://townofsigelwoodwi.com/ordinances-resolutions/>
- f. Training – Attended WEDA Webinar: Workforce Housing: Framing the Issues and Opportunities.
- g. Town Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance for several town officials.

2. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- a. Addressing – Deciphering old workflow and creating a new one for publishing.
- b. Parcel Mapping – Updating the parcel mapping with new splits and combines, preparing for the annual data submission to the state that will take place early next year.
- c. Custom Maps – Preparing custom maps for citizens and departments.
- d. Contracts – Preparing for next year's contracts, 2020 PLSS highway maintenance is ready to go, PLSS standard maintenance is being worked on, 2020 air photos is ready to go.
- e. Analyzing preliminary state standards – There is a published preliminary standard for address point and road centerline data. There will be quite a lot of work done in the months to come to reach this standard, while considering the needs of dispatching software.
- f. Dispatch Updates – Discovering that the CIS software has been very difficult to work with in the past, other counties that have used it also have not had great experiences. This will be an uphill battle but it is of upmost importance to have frequent and reliable updates of GIS data to the dispatching software.
- g. Automation – Latest former manual workflow that has been automated – Survey information processing. Tie Sheets and Plats of Survey can be put into an inbox and then an automated task rotates, resizes, compiles, organizes and moves them to the correct directory.

3. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker and Stevana Hamus)

11-27-19 – issued shoreland permit for new home with mitigation requirements at Nepco TN 18, conventional inspection TN 18, final mound inspection TN 07

12-2-19 – 3-Conventional systems reviewed and approved, 3-soil tests reviewed, 3-hydrographs reviewed, inspection report TN 07, shoreland permit for new house TN 18

12-3-19 – Shoreland/Floodplain permit application research, (2) sets of mound tanks TN 15, complaint investigation on-site TN 14

12-4-19 – Shoreland/Floodplain permit application research, assisted Village of Hewitt with finding proper WDNR contacts for municipal storm water system, worked on smart goals

12-5-19 – 1-Conventional system reviewed and approved, 1 soil test reviewed, 1 hydrograph reviewed, shoreland/floodplain permit formatting research, conventional inspection TN 07, holding tank inspection TN 10

12-6-19 – 1 holding tank review, 1 soil test review, 1 holding tank agreement and letter, staff meeting, A+0 soils and report review TN 15

12-9-19 – inspection conventional TN 13, issued permit for mound TN 07

12-10-19 – well delegation application completed and sent to Liesa Lehmann at WDNR via email, conventional plan, soils and permit review TN 18

12-11-19 – New Shoreland/Floodplain permit application 1st draft, reviewed non-metallic mine proposal for shoreland and wetland issues TN 16

12-12-19 – took reading from Kimball Ave. Well TN 13, issue floodplain permit for stream crossing and breakaway gates/fencing TN 22

12-13-19 – Stevana Hamus went on FMLA for 12 weeks, her baby was born on this day, holding tank inspection TN 17

12-16-19 – inspection conventional system TN 13

12-17-19 – pressurized mound plan review, mound sanitary permit TN 22 new construction

12-18-19 – mound tanks inspection TN 10

12-19-19 – conventional inspection TN 07

12-23-19 – soils, plan, and permit conventional system review TN 13

JB on vacation and holiday 12-24-19 to 01/02/20. Merry X-mas and Happy New Year

4. Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity – There were 4 sanitary permits issued in November 2019 (0 New, 4 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$2,700. There were 12 sanitary permits issued in November 2018 (4 New, 9 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$4,250.

There were 166 sanitary permits issued through November 2019. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the previous five years: 2018 – 164, 2017 – 186, 2016 – 150, 2015 – 175 and 2014 – 180.

- b. 2019 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – As of January 2nd, Wood County received an additional \$0.00 for a total of \$6,362.40 on nine outstanding cases for 2019.
- c. 2019 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 Monday, April 22nd with a due date of Friday, August 9th. There were 2,858 mailed between the four notices. Septic

maintenance 2nd reminders were mailed on Monday, September 23rd. Septic maintenance 3rd reminders (Corporation Counsel Letters) were mailed on November 11th. As of January 2nd, there are 45 systems remaining that have not been serviced.

- d. 2019 Program Fee Notices – The approximately 4,604 program fee notices were mailed on Thursday, October 24th with a due date of Monday, November 25th. The \$20 program fee can be paid online with an e-check, debit card or credit card. There will be a convenience fee if making payment by e-check, debit card or credit card. The \$20 program fee can also be paid by cash or check. Program fee 2nd reminder postcards were mailed on Monday, December 9th. Program Fee 3rd reminders (Corporation Counsel) are scheduled to be mailed on January 13th. As of January 2nd, there are 249 property owners who have not paid the program fee.
- e. Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims) – Vacancy checks by office staff for 2019 maintenance enforcement will be verified starting in early January 2020 as time permits.
- f. Wisconsin Fund Grant Program – The Joint Finance Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2017 on a 12-4 vote adopted ongoing funding for the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program through June 30, 2021. The new budget did not extend the Wisconsin Fund Grant program past its original sunset date, so the next application deadline of January 31, 2020 will be the last year to apply.
 - i. (5) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2021 – The deadline to apply is January 31, 2020.
- g. Sanitary Permit Database System Project – The next phase for the sanitary permit system database will consist of creating a service provider and comments interface. This phase will consist of service providers reporting pumping, inspections and maintenance service events on the Wood County Sanitary Permit system. Information Technology Department continues work on the design phase of the project.
- h. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:
 - i. CEED Meeting on December 4th
 - ii. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting on December 16th



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LAURA HUBER

Extension Wood County, 4-H Program Coordinator

- Consulted with Snyder 4-H Food Stand Committee regarding financials (2 Dec)
- Met with Youth Success Coalition members to plan the Teen Job Fair (3 Dec)
- Conducted Annual Leader Training for 4-H leaders at Pittsville Community Center (3 Dec)
- Presented to the Wood County CEED Committee (4 Dec)
- Met with Jason Hausler and Wood County Extension staff for monthly meeting (4 Dec)
- Met with Jason Hausler and Central Wisconsin State Fair Director, Dale Christiansen (4 Dec)
- Appeared on WFHR radio (5 Dec)
- Planning for new 4-H Tech Changemakers program
- Planning for Creative Arts Day and Project Discovery Day
- Planning for winter Fire & Ice Teen Leadership Camp
- Enjoyed time off to spend with my family in mid and late December.

Ongoing Responsibilities:

- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 857 followers.
 - Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 330 followers
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H Instagram page which currently has 17 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

- I attended the Discovery Farms conference in Wisconsin Dells. This year the program featured water quality and had presentations about the Southwestern Wisconsin well survey and the karst features of that area. The karst formation in SW Wisconsin is quite different from the North East Wisconsin karst formation. There was also a presentation on cover crops, planting diverse mixtures of species for best conservation and farm performance and water quality in the Central Sands Area.
- I attended the Soil and Nutrient Management program held in the county by state specialists. There were many presentations about optimizing nitrogen to reduce economic waste, to maintain optimum crop performance and to reduce ground water infiltration of nitrate.
- I attended an industry program on forage production, corn silage, alfalfa and summer annuals. There is currently no state specialist at the UW in forage production.
- I helped plan for the Management Assessment Center in a face to face program in Eau Claire County. MAC is a program for farm managers to learn more about their management inclinations and how they can improve as a manager.



- I attended a session by Mid-State Technical College by their ag program advisory committee. This program is slated for major revisions in the upcoming year.
- I wrote articles for the CWAS newsletter.
- I have been organizing a program with Clark and Marathon County to discuss robotic milking systems for dairy cows. The program will be in January in Abbotsford.
- I am participating as a resource on Agriculture as part of the REDI program the county is undertaking. REDI is an economic development exercise the county is undertaking.
- I met with the county Farm Bureau.

NANCY TURYK

Extension Wood County, Community Resource Development Educator

Economic Development

- Continued coordinating with USDA REDI facilitating team, County team, and UW-Stevens Point @ Marshfield about the upcoming webinar and workshop. Webinar took place on Dec. 13. The workshop is scheduled for Dec. 18 & 19 at UW-Stevens Point @ Marshfield.
- Met with Wisconsin Rapids UniverCity team in preparation for their kickoff, coincidentally also on Dec. 18 & 19.
- Discussions with UW Madison Extension about their involvement with the USDA REDI project and the UniverCity project with Wisconsin Rapids to ensure opportunities are maximized with both projects by minimizing overlap.
- Reviewed and initiated the organization of Marshfield EDB strategic planning survey results. Continue to work with Marshfield on the next steps.

Strategic Planning

- Facilitated meeting with Health Dept. to discuss strategic plan survey results and update goals and other plan content.
- Prepared and facilitated department head planning process for the County strategic plan. Met several times with Vice Chair Rozar about the planning process. Organized department head input for use in the development of the strategic plan in the upcoming month. Met with Kim McGrath to further organize Human Resource related recommendations for the plan

Energy

- Continued to work with the graduate student intern from the UW Madison Resource Energy Demand Analysis (REDA) on his baseline analysis of Wood County energy use. Prepared materials and content for the upcoming Renewable and Sustainable Committee meeting on Dec. 20.
- Monitored potential funding opportunities for energy related initiatives.

UW-Madison Division of Extension

- Listened to the monthly Dean's Coop Update and Community Development Zoom.
- Participated in Wood County Extension Team meeting.
- Met via Zoom with UW Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team.

Other

- Facilitated the Diversity and Inclusion program for the Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Program.



- Met via Zoom with Andy Barnett, McMillan Library and Jessica Beckendorf, Extension Waupaca County to learn more about the Local Voices Network.
- Met with Dan Fost, Local Government Center and Nathan Sandwick, Extension Community Development Educator in Portage County to discuss options for organizational structure for the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaboration (CSGCC).
- Facilitated CSGCC meeting at the Hancock Ag Research Station.
- Provided suggestions for panel speakers at the Jan. groundwater discussion hosted by Wood County Groundwater Group.
- Discussed upcoming census and Wisconsin Rapids' initiatives with Mayor Vruwink.

JACKIE CARATTINI

Extension Wood County, Family Living Educator

- Attended UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting.
- Attended the HCE Christmas event.
- Taught a diversity program in Nekoosa.
- Attended a Extension mentor/mentee meeting.
- Taught Rent Smart at the Hannah House in Marshfield.
- Attended the Department of Extension Administrative Committees zoom meeting.
- Taught "What to Keep What to Toss, How Long to Keep Important Papers" at SWEPS food pantry.
- Attended a 2020 program planning meeting for SWEPS food pantry.
- Taught 3 financial coaching sessions.
- Attended a planning meeting for the Financial and Investment and Challenge Bowl at MSTC in February.
- Attended a walk through at MSTC for planning.

HANNAH WENDELS

Extension Wood County, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

- Continued education and training for Hannah with shadowing nutrition education colleagues throughout the region on teaching events, recruitment events and lesson preparation.
- Team met with Mead elementary school Principal, Penny Antell to discuss and plan for teaching events in 2020.
- 12/5 Grocery Store Tour at WalMart in Wisconsin Rapids.
- Planning for 2020 SWEPS Wellness Series; will include monthly nutrition lessons.
- Work with FoodWise team to plan for a pilot online series for parents of young children. Curriculum Feeding for Healthy Eating is being adapted for an online pilot Yuck to Yum class, which will start at the end of January. First online FoodWise class series to be offered in the state.
- Team met with Grove elementary school principal, Tina Wallner, to discuss and plan for teaching events in 2020.
- 12/17 SWEPS Food Pantry lesson on choosing/creating healthier holiday meals.



JANELL WEHR

Extension Wood County, Horticulture Coordinator

- Appear on WFHR and WDLB promoting Master Gardener Level 1 Training
- Respond to a few horticultural inquiries from the community
- Update social media regularly. Include Level 1 training as well as interesting information to engage community
- Continue planning for Master Gardener Level 1 training- scheduled for Jan-April 2020 at the Town of Wood Community Hall. Secured alternate location for 2 unexpected conflicts due to elections
- Cohort 5- Web meeting discovering education technologies available to county educators
- Continue planning process for Continuing Education classes at UWSP @ Marshfield. Plan to teach 2 courses next spring- Right plant, Right place and Forecast 2020: What to expect in pest and disease management
- Contacted Oregon Food Bank to secure steps to use Seed to Supper curriculum at SWEPS
- Met with Helen Legare, new Wood County MG; Mini orientation teaching how to navigate the Online Reporting System (ORS) and WC Master Gardeners in general
- Plan of Work 2020 meeting with Jay Dampier, State Horticulture Program Manager
- Diagnostics spreadsheet: New project. Entering all information from paper documentation from all diagnostic inquiries going back to 2015 into a spreadsheet. Hope is to make historic data usable for myself and MG who answer diagnostic questions in Extension office. We'll be able to forecast when certain questions will start to come into the office. We'll also be able to search for previous answers to questions. Still in progress.
- SWEPS Wellness Series planning meeting. Collaboration with FoodWise coordinator, educator and Family Living educator to provide various classes to SWEPS clients and others in the community.

RACHAEL WHITEHAIR

Extension Wood County, Natural Resources Educator

- Assisted forestry certification focus group in Wausau with Kris Tiles (December 2)
- Assisted forestry certification focus group in Wausau with Kris Tiles (December 3)
- Attended Mill Creek Farmers Cover Crop Field Day at the Eron family farm to meet members and discuss opportunities to collaborate (December 4)
- Attended Wood County Staff Meeting (December 4)
- Collaborated with the Prairie Strips Project Team of Iowa State University and the Sand County Foundation to prepare articles for the Farmers of Mill Creek December Newsletter (December 2-6)
- Attended Soil, Water, Nutrient Management meeting at the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station (December 6)
- Attended CSGCC Meeting via Zoom (December 9)
- Attended the Discovery Farms Conference in Wisconsin Dells to hear research findings and meet with partners from Wood County Land & Water Conservation and DATCP (December 11)
- Participated in a DATCP Producer-Led Watershed Grant Training focusing on change behavior and targeting key audiences (December 12)
- Met with other natural resource educators and evaluation specialists from UW-Madison via Zoom to discuss opportunities for an outcomes evaluation of conservation programming (December 13)

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- Attended EPPIC (Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation) Advisory Panel Meeting to meet members and introduce myself and role in facilitation (December 16)
- Attended Wood County Citizens Groundwater Group Meeting (December 16)
- Spoke on WDLB Radio and pre-recorded with WFHR radio on the topic of ground water quality in Wood County, the upcoming panel discussion and resources for well water testing and information (December 17)
- Met with Don Genrich, former agricultural agent of Adams County to discuss history of lake and producer-led watershed groups as well as major farming trends in the area (December 17)
- Attended soil and water quality class given by Ray Archuleta and sponsored by Marathon County and EPPIC (Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation) (December 18)
- Met with other natural resource educators and DATCP representatives via Zoom to discuss partnership on an outcomes evaluation of conservation programming (December 18)
- Attended a field day in Marathon County on bale-grazing cattle for profitability, efficiency and forage quality improvement (December 19)
- Meeting with Wood County Conservationist to discuss Spring field day ideas (December 20)
- Meeting with Madison area natural resource educator and DATCP representative to discuss facilitator needs for the upcoming cover crop conference in Stevens Point in February (December 20)

CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

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DATE: Monday, December 16, 2019
 TIME: 2:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Wood County Riverblock Building, Conference Room 206

Present: Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, Nancy Eggleston, John Endrizzi, Gordon Gottbeheit, Shari Grass-Redfox, Adam Groshek, Mark Holbrook, Kim Keech, Gloria Kubisiak, Bill Leichtnam, Logan Manthe, Dan Matthews, Rick Potter, Robert Sorenson, Jay Townley, Rachael Whitehair, Shane Wucherpennig and Chris Zindorf.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made by those in attendance.
2. **Public Comment:** Chris Zindorf thanked Bill Leichtnam and Citizens Groundwater Group for inviting Juneau County to the meeting. Bill Clendenning encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election as several town board officers are up for election.
3. **Correspondence/Updates:** None
4. **Panel Discussion: "Groundwater Contamination in Central Wisconsin: Science/Solutions" (Sub-committee report)**
 Bill Leichtnam mentioned that the Panel Discussion evolved from the Citizens Groundwater Group to correlate with the recommendation for Senator Vos's Groundwater Task Force. The Panel Discussion is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at Nekoosa High School Auditorium from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bill Leichtnam introduced Gloria Kubisiak of the League of Women Voters. League of Women Voters will be hosting the Panel Discussion with Gloria Kubisiak as emcee of the event. The sponsoring organizations are the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative, Wisconsin Conservation Voters, Wood County Citizens Groundwater Group, League of Women Voters and Clean Green Action. Invited panelists are Mark Borchardt (USDA), Yi Wang (UW-Madison, Horticulturist), Nancy Eggleston (Environmental Health Officer), Andy Diercks (Coloma Farms), State Senator Patrick Testin, State Representative Katrina Shankland and State Representative Scott Krug. Shane Wucherpennig will invite John Eron as an added panelist. Sarah Yang, Toxicologist of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services was mentioned as a panelist substitute.

Jobs/Work List:

A. Planning

	<u>Responsibility</u>
• Reconnect with Sponsors	Bill Leichtnam
• Reconnect with Panelists	Bill Leichtnam
• Reconnect with Nekoosa High School	Bill Leichtnam
• Reconnect with League of Women Voters (No rent)	Bill Leichtnam
• Connect with IT person @ Nekoosa High School	Bill Leichtnam
• Police Presence (City of Nekoosa & Wood County)	Bill Leichtnam
• Emcee/Timer/Screeners/Greeters/Ushers	League of Women Voters
• Decision to Postpone (Cancel if news say don't travel)	Bill Leichtnam & Bruce Dimick
• Stage Crew – check microphones (Set-up: 5:30 p.m.)	Bill Leichtnam, Bill Clendenning, Rhonda Carrell & Rick Potter
• Videotaping/Live Streaming (River City Community Access)	Bill Clendenning
• Name Tents	Bruce Dimick

Bill Leichtnam shared the panel format: opening statement (by emcee, Gloria Kubisiak), free flowing statement by panelists, closing statements and written questions to panelists. Physical audience is the target for questions. Discussion of the panel format was discussed in length.

B. Promotion

	<u>Responsibility</u>
• Press Release (draft form, released week of 12/16/19)	Rhonda Carrell
• Mass Media (Print, Radio, TV, Electronic, etc.)	Rhonda Carrell
• Mass Media (Statewide)	Rhonda Carrell & Chris Zindorf
• Special Interest Groups/Environmental Groups	Bruce Dimick & All
• Reps from 6 County Collaborative	Bill Leichtnam
• Word-of-Mouth	All
• Posters (electronically, websites, Facebook, Instagram)	All
• Newsletters	All
• Written Invitations (state senators/state representatives)	Bruce Dimick/Chris Zindorf

C. Moderator Directions, Comments and Questions

i. Scientists/Researchers

- How extensive is the problem of rural well contamination?
- How bad is the problem?
- What happens if we do nothing?
- What happens if all pollution/contamination ends today? (How long would it take rural wells to clear? Is there clean water deeper or closer to the surface?)
- Are municipal wells in danger?
- How can the problem be fixed? How much will it cost?
- Nitrates
- Central Sands?
- How can soil type affect water contamination?
- Phosphorus

ii. Legislatures

- What is the short, medium and long-term solutions?
- Who has to act? When?
- Who are the players?
- If this is a question of "multiple causation/multiple solutions" how do we get the players to the table? What if they won't come?
- How do you deal with the procrastinators/violators?
- Do you see this as a "human health issue"?
- Governor Evers made "2019 the year of clean water" in Wisconsin; do you see this as a campaign issue in 2020?
- How can we use longitudinal and current data to find the solution today?
- Who owns the solution to the problem?
- What regulations are you going implement to prevent additional contamination?
- Will there be enforcement?

Bill Leichtnam thanked everyone for coming and giving feedback for the Panel Discussion on January 6th. Please spread the word about the event. If you want to help with promoting, please contact Rhonda Carrell or Bill Leichtnam.

5. **Speaker Vos's Task Force on Groundwater Quality-recommendations & legislation (release dates)**
Bill Leichtnam shared that legislation release is tentatively scheduled for mid-January.

6. **DATCP/DNR Hearings on "Livestock siting" revisions AND possible NR151 Extension to areas with sensitive soils (December statewide meetings-4 year review)**
Bill Leichtnam shared that Representative Katrina Shankland official statement from DATCP seemed like it was "a pause".

7. **CGG “Action Items”** Bill Leichtnam commented that he is proud of the group because of the January 6th Panel Discussion.
8. **Update on Wood/Juneau County MOU w/AGC**
Teleconference calls are scheduled quarterly. Nancy Eggelston shared that the third round of water testing has taken place in the Town of Armenia and Town of Port Edwards. There were 94 water samples and of those sampled 27% tested higher than the 10 ppm nitrates.
9. **“Outreach Activities” (Planning for Pittsville “Water” meeting in evening in the fall, possible water testing on site, coordination with UW-Extension “Natural Resources Educator” and Wood County Land & Water Conservation)-begin planning**
Natural Resources Educator Rachael Whitehair updated the group as to two possible outreach educational opportunities:
 - A. Field Day “Building Farm Resilience” in financial world and soil. Feeding your family. Supporting your business. Let’s solve your problems of financial fears. This event would replace Friends of Mill Creek “Healthy Soil Healthy Water” workshop.
Location: John Eron Farm
Date: Mid to late March
 - B. Pittsville “Water” meeting/water testing
10. **Future Speakers-Green Fire? N Wood County legislators? Others?**
New nitrogen in drinking water videos-Wisconsin’s Green Fire
<https://wigreenfire.org/nitrate-waters-and-health-videos/>
Bill Leichtnam encouraged everyone to think of future speakers.
11. **Roundtable**
 - A. Bill Clendenning – MOU and other concerns.
 - B. Rick Potter – Shared that the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association is running an ad during the Green Bay Packer games.
 - C. Rhonda Carrell – Encouraged Citizens Groundwater Group to sponsor a workshop to government entities on community water testing similar to what took place in the Town of Saratoga. Bruce Dimick volunteered to help with a workshop.
12. **Announcements of members / visitors (upcoming parallel events / meetings)**
Rick Potter mentioned that on January 30th there will be a Clean Water Lobby Day held at The Madison Concourse Hotel and the State Capital from 12:30-5:30 p.m. More information and to register can be found at the following link: <https://conservationvoters.org/events/clean-water-lobby-day>

Rick Potter shared that the Conservation Voters released a Water Quality checklist:
 - Draft legislation, or support rulemaking, to incorporate a water quality standard for nitrate pollution in targeted performance standards for manure.
 - Provide adequate and ongoing funding for county conservationists, water quality data collection, and staff at the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct water quality mapping.
 - Draft legislation to increase CAFO fees to cover the cost of staff necessary to oversee the CAFO permitting program.
 - Draft legislation to increase cost-share to farmers, with a priority in sensitive areas.
 - Adopt AB21 to modernize income requirements and make wells that human beings – not just farm animals – use eligible for replacement.
 - Adopt the CLEAR Act (SB302/AB321), which will require the DNR to establish standards for emerging toxins like PFAS in our drinking water, surface water, groundwater, soil and air.
 - Adopt SB371/AB399 which will provide \$40 million in bonding authority for communities to replace lead pipes.
 - Adopt the SCHOOLS bills to require testing for lead in schools SB423) and in daycares and summer camps (SB424) and remediate when necessary,

The film "Right to Harm" is tentatively scheduled in January at the Rogers Cinema for free.

13. **Next Meeting**
Monday, January 20, 2020. 2:00-4:00 p.m. @ Wood Co Riverblock Building, Room 206
Bill Leichtnam shared that an agenda item for January will be Citizens Groundwater Group Bylaws.
14. **Adjourn Groundwater Group Meeting** Bill Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned @ 4:14 p.m.

Notes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office



Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING
AND ZONING

DATE: January 8, 2020 Meeting
TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee
County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Adam DeKleyn, County Planner *AD*
RE: Request for Zoning Map Amendment Approval – Town of Grand Rapids

STAFF MEMORANDUM

Introduction:

On December 12, 2019 the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) received a request to approve a zoning map amendment to rezone a parcel of land located in the Town of Grand Rapids (S2, T22N, R6E). The Town of Grand Rapids adopted and administers their own town zoning ordinance.

Background:

Wood County adopted the *Wood County Zoning Ordinance #700* many years ago. This ordinance is still in effect in all (22) towns within its jurisdiction. In counties having a county zoning ordinance, no town zoning ordinance or amendment of a zoning ordinance may be adopted unless approved by the County Board of Supervisors *Wis. Stat. §60.62(3)(a)*. This rule also applies to town zoning map amendments, also known as a rezone.

Analysis:

Existing zoning on Lot 1 of newly created CSM: 10648, is Agricultural (Attachment 1). The request is to rezone Lot 1, a 1.25 acre parcel, from Agricultural to Residential (Attachment 2). The purpose of the amendment is to bring the newly created 1.25 acre parcel into conformance with the town's zoning ordinance. The town's current zoning ordinance does not allow parcels under 5 acres in size to be zoned Agricultural. There is no county floodplain or shoreland zoning on the parcel under discussion.

The Town of Grand Rapids Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezone on December 9, 2019. Subsequently, the Town Board held a public hearing and unanimously approved the rezone on December 10, 2019. The final step in the process is approval or disapproval by County Board.

Conclusions & Recommendations:

County review and decision concerning approval or disapproval of a town zoning amendment is limited to cases of abuse of discretion, excess of power, or error of law. Based on the information submitted to the DPZ, the Town of Grand Rapids adhered to the process for zoning amendments as outlined in the Wis. Stats. Additionally, I find no conflict with any county planning and zoning programs or ordinances.

DPZ staff have reviewed the request and recommend forwarding the attached resolution (Attachment 3) to the County Board of Supervisors approving the zoning amendment to the Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Map with a favorable recommendation.

Attachments:

1. Existing Zoning Map
2. Proposed Zoning Map
3. Resolution

(ZA-2019-006)

Attachment 1: Existing Zoning

Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, WI
(ZA-2019-006)

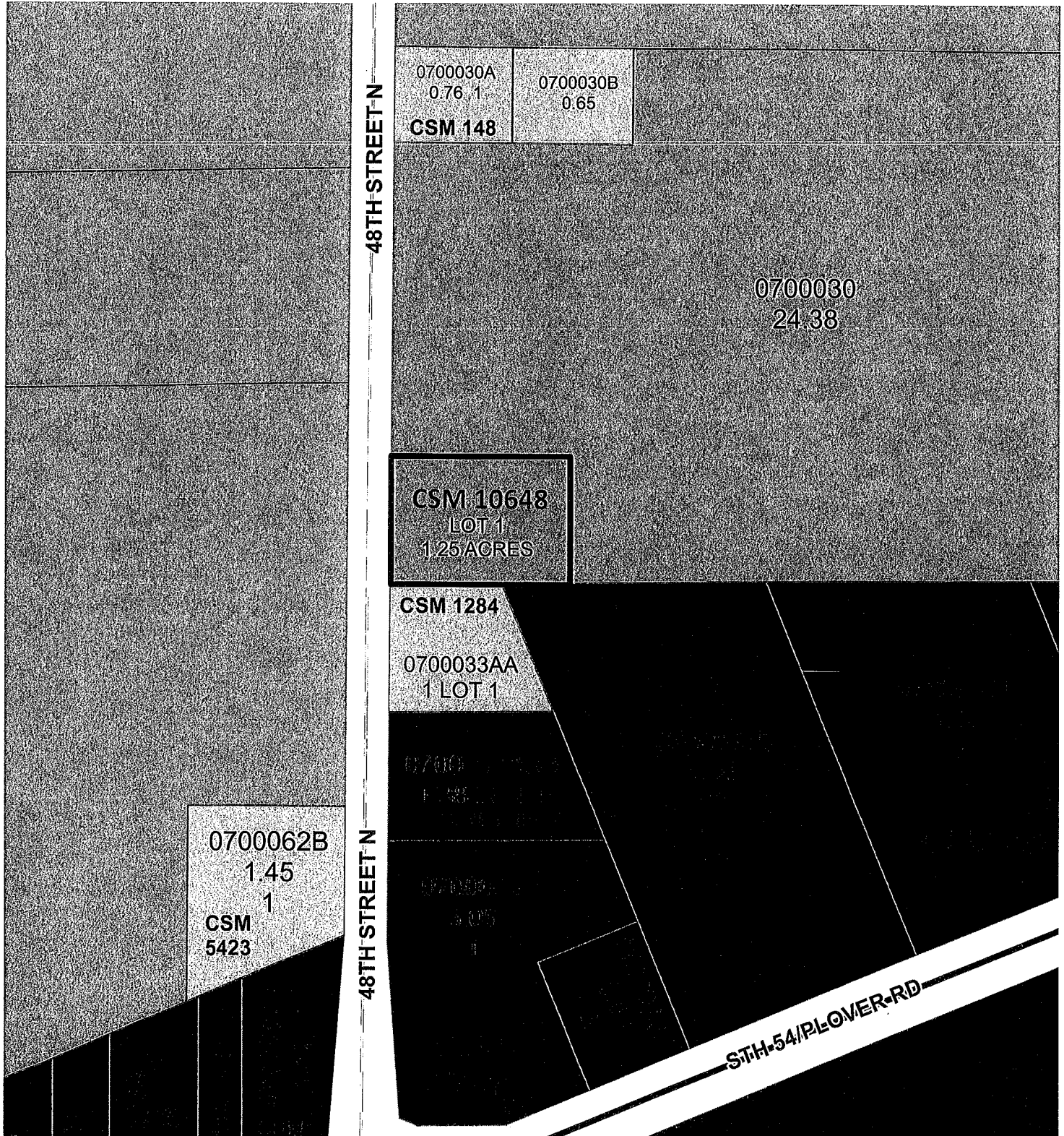
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|  Residential (R-2) |  Rezone Area |



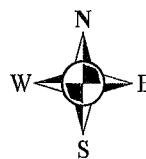
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Attachment 2: Proposed Zoning

Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, WI
(ZA-2019-006)

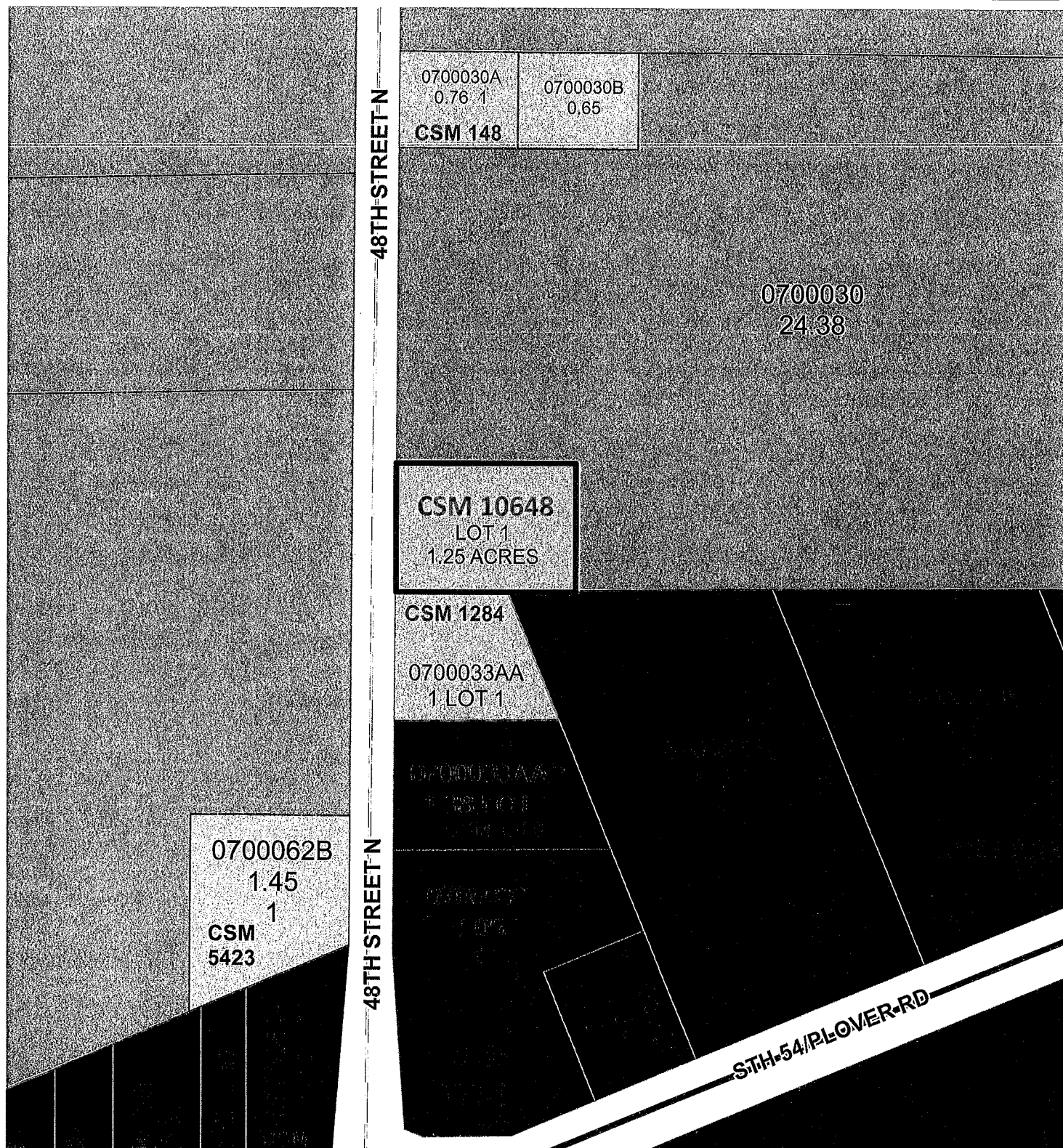


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Legend

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| Agricultural (A) | Commercial (B-1) |
| Residential (R-2) | Rezone Area |

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RESOLUTION#

Introduced by CEED Committee
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Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 st	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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: _____, Finance Dir.		

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approve a zoning amendment to the Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Map.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The Town of Grand Rapids is responsible for any costs associated with administering their town zoning ordinance.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Urban, D			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Holbrook, M			
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			

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Rapids adopted and administers a zoning ordinance to promote the health, safety, aesthetics, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare of the town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 60.62(3)(a) Wis. Stats., in counties having a county zoning ordinance, no town zoning ordinance or amendment of a zoning ordinance may be adopted unless approved by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019 the Town of Grand Rapids submitted a zoning map amendment to the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning for review and approval pursuant to the Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, county review and decision concerning approval or disapproval of a town zoning amendment is limited to cases of abuse of discretion, excess of power, or error of law; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning reviewed the information submitted by the Town of Grand Rapids and finds the town adhered to the process for zoning amendments as outlined in the Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning finds no conflict with any county planning and zoning programs and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2020 the Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee (CEED) viewed the request and recommended approval; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to § 60.62(3)(a) Wis. Stats., hereby approves the following Town of Grand Rapids zoning map amendment:

(1) Lot 1 of CSM: 10648 (S2, T22N, R6E) from Agricultural (A) to Residential (R-2)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Department of Planning and Zoning forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Town of Grand Rapids for inclusion in their records.

Hosted by: City of Wisconsin Rapids at Pearl Engineering

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

In Attendance: Zach Vruwink-Mayor-Wisconsin Rapids; Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Jodi Friday-Community Impact Director-United Way; Karen Olson-Business Development Director-MACCI; Jim Webster-General Manager-Ho Chunk Gaming; Jeremey Sickler-Airport Manager-Alexander Field; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Updates from attendees:

Zach Vruwink-Mayor-Wisconsin Rapids:

- Adam Tegen has left employment with the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
- Veterans Park is in the final stages of re-work. This park will feature a river view balcony. This was a challenging project as it is in a floodway so obtaining DNR permitting was difficult. The park will also have an amphitheater seating area with a stage for community events. Many of the big trees were lost during the July 20th storm. A great deal of the design of the park was around those trees so those will have to be added back, hopefully in the spring. Mead Rapids View Park will get new river front railing installed in the spring. Phase 1 of the East River Bank Conservancy Area project has been wrapped up with an addition of riverfront trail and riverbank stabilization. \$1.3 million in DNR stewardship grant funding supported these projects. The city bonded for close the \$2 million dollars for these projects. The parks are the community's greatest assets. In October, the city celebrated the re-opening of Henry Demitz Park by Riverview Hospital. There is a unique architectural shade structure and fitness stations as well as accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists underneath the Riverview Expressway Bridge. In the past, the expressway bridge caused a divide in the city parks. The revision of this park now adds an element of continuity that brings all of these spaces together.
- Several new business have opened downtown over the last couple of years.
- The city has other projects that are longer term. An example is The Triangle Project. There has been a challenge with the developer acquiring the property. We are talking with another developer on this project.
- The City acquired the East Town Plaza building about 5 or 6 years ago. It had been vacant for over ten years prior to that. The motivation behind that acquisition was to stabilize the property. Had the city not purchased it, there would not have been any market activity, which could have led to the property remaining vacant or becoming blighted.
- The Boys and Girls Club/YMCA and Senior & Veteran Housing projects are still underway on the west riverbank of the Wisconsin River. This will help add density to the downtown area. Adding housing units and density to the downtown area is a critical element in turning the corner on downtown activity. These projects will be completed in the spring.
- Metalco continues their construction in the Rapids East Commerce Park. Construction will continue through the end of next year. Metalco will connect with and utilize Mid-State Technical College as a resource through apprenticeships. Because of the nature of Metalco's business, there is potential for other similar industries to locate nearby.
- Renaissance Learning continues to grow and continue to recruit more engineers in this market.
- Work continues on the wayfinding signage for recreational trails in the area. A kick off meeting will be held in December.

- Will be kicking off an engagement with UW Madison. "UniverCity Year is a three-year partnership between UW-Madison and Wisconsin communities. The community partner identifies projects that would benefit from UW-Madison expertise. Faculty from across the university incorporate these projects into their courses, and UniverCity Year staff provide administrative support to ensure a successful collaboration. The results are powerful. Partners receive big ideas and feasible recommendations that spark momentum towards a more sustainable, livable, and resilient future." (<https://univercity.wisc.edu/ucy/>)
- The aquatic center was ahead of schedule but due to recent inclement weather, the pool decks weren't poured as hoped.

Josh Miller-City of Marshfield:

- Recent discussion regarding the "decline of bricks and mortar retail" at UW Stevens Point-Marshfield with Bill Ryan from UW Extension in Madison, the mayor, Scott Larson of MACCI and a local commercial realtor from Century 21. It was a good discussion about what is going on in Marshfield. It was realized that we do not celebrate our victories enough. Many of the negative things happening in the community are brought up rather than the good things that are happening. At a recent job fair held, there were 1000 job openings to be filled. Recently a couple of buildings left vacant when Figi's closed, have been filled.
- Population in Wood County has been declining. Marshfield's population however, has increased by about 280 people since 2017.
- New construction in Marshfield has increased from \$16 million in 2017, \$34.6 million in 2018 and \$41.5 million in 2019.
- Increase of \$25,800,000 increase in value of the TIF Districts from 2018-2019.
- Hoping to close TID #2 in either 2019 or 2020 to use the increment for Affordable Housing.
- Construction on new multi-family units: 36 units off Heritage Drive have been completed and are now open. 108 new units are currently under construction off of Hume Avenue near the high school. 36 units are expected to be available later this year. 28 new units are currently under construction behind Wal-Mart with 56 more units to be under construction later this year. Total buildout through 2021 would potentially add 160 new multifamily units.
- Working on a program to open up more single and two family residential lots. Have about 30 ideal single family subdivision lots available.
- Single family and two family development has kept up with last year.
- Finished the McMillan-Wildwood trail. 2.5 mile long asphalt trail that is both on road and off road. It can be found between 17th Street and McMillan.
- Wildwood Zoo cougar exhibit has been expanded.
- High school athletic complex has been completed. It's a state of the art facility.
- Pet shelter broke ground in August and should open up in the spring.
- The city has an accepted offer to buy the Baltus property at 110 S. Chestnut Ave. This will provide additional storage space for police equipment.
- Innovative Machine completed construction on a 20,000 square foot addition on Nikolai Avenue in the Norwood Industrial Park (TID 7).
- Custom Fab constructing 20,000 square foot manufacturing building.
- Aquatics center starting in 2020.
- Pizza Ranch coming to Marshfield.
- Hampton Inn schedule to start demo later this year/early next year.
- EDB is looking at strategic planning.
- With grant money from Wood County, will be focusing on redeveloping blighted areas along South Central Avenue.

Jodi Friday-Community Impact Director for United Way of South Wood and Adams County:

- The Early Years Coalition is working to help children be ready to learn by the start of school. One piece of that is the importance of early childhood education. Research shows 0-3 years is where great learning and brain development happens with children. Often times families have trouble accessing quality child care to do that. There is a crisis in the childcare industry itself. It has not sustained livable wages. There are fewer childcare slots because of this. What does this have to do with economic development? Are employment candidates choosing not to come to this area because of the lack of childcare? It was shared by Karen Olson and Scott Larson that there was a committee in Marshfield that was looking at the childcare crisis for about a year and a half. This included businesses, United Way, Child Caring and others from the community. They were looking at solutions to the crisis. At this time, the committee is no longer meeting; businesses involved will work individually with their employees and also child care providers to address at this time. MACCI will provide updates/education along with Child Caring to provide a quarterly report through their newsletter.

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- The county budget is being presented on Tuesday November 12th, 2019 at the county board meeting. All are welcome to attend. The economic development budget looks solid. There are eleven grant projects from nine applicants being funded for a total of \$138,500. The original requests totaled \$226,000. The Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee took each application and reviewed it individually in order to determine which projects to fund. Some projects were approved as requested, some were approved with modifications and some were denied.
- We are working on the REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative). A CORE team has been established, including Jason Grueneberg, Nancy Turyk, Doug Machon and Ken Curry, who will in turn create a steering committee. The steering committee will be a larger group of about 15 to 16 people. The REDI process should clarify the county's role/strategy in economic development. The first meeting will be December 18th and 19th in Marshfield. This will be a kick off for that committee to get this project moving forward. The process will take about nine months to get a plan in place and from there get that plan implemented.
- North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission membership of \$43,000 was included in the budget for 2020. This will make us eligible for member services. We can then establish work programs for 2020 and include projects happening in Wood County, such as Marshfield Sewer Service Plan update and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update for the county. Becoming a member in NCWRPC will make us eligible for federal funding as well. There is a big question on return on investment with the NCWRPC membership. Jason will track that and hopefully report to the county that we are getting some ROI and potentially get bigger projects funded in the future.
- The City of Wisconsin Rapids is SolSmart gold designated. Wood County is almost to the point of being SolSmart gold. We should know in a week or two. To celebrate that gold designation and the installation of solar panels at Nepco Lake Shelter, there will be a ribbon cutting event on November 21st, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. The SolSmart gold designation puts the county on the map as a solar friendly county and will make it easier, faster and more affordable for people to go solar on their properties.
- Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund has a lot of money to lend out. There is about \$6 million dollars in gap financing for businesses that are looking to start up or expand. If you know of any businesses in need of this type of financing please let Jason know.
- There are many housing programs out there that provide assistance with housing repairs. These programs are layered, meaning they start with the local funding. If that funding is depleted, the county may have funding. If the county funding is depleted, there may be regional funding available. Keep this in mind when looking at housing stock. There is new funding pushed into the regional program every year.

- ATV ribbon cutting was held on September 19th in Pittsville. We are hoping that will help generate some tourism in the area. We are looking at getting better mapping for the trails soon. ATV traffic has increased so it is gaining traction in Wood County.

Angel Whitehead-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce:

- We are in the initial stages of strategic planning. We are really looking at what are mission, vision and purpose is right now. Our goal is to be more business focused going forward. As we move forward, we are going to look at more economic development, business engagement, education, and work force.
- Our first student bus tour for IT is coming up on December 3rd. We will take K-12 students from the Nekoosa, Wisconsin Rapids and Port Edwards area to Renaissance Learning, Mid-State Technical College, Sentry, and Skyward. The students and teachers were polled to find out what trades they wanted to see and these were some of the businesses that were mentioned. There will be an agriculture tour and a medical tour coming up in 2020.
- The Chamber is also shifting into a role where they are working with Mid-State Technical College to take over the Education-Business Alliance that Mid-State used to head. They brought the educators from K-12 and business leaders to the same table to talk about what resources were available. Mid-State has put this alliance on the back burner due to other priorities. The chamber is looking to help re-ignite this alliance and in turn help the workforce. These meetings will take place on a quarterly basis.
- We are working on our housing survey. Workforce candidates are being lost due to lack of adequate housing.
- Over the last two months, I have sat down with 12 different entrepreneurs with great ideas that want to start businesses in Wisconsin Rapids.
- The 2019 Central Wisconsin Hatch Event is coming up on Wednesday November 13th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. I will be there representing Wisconsin Rapids.
- Small business Saturday is coming up on Saturday November 30th. Small Business Saturday, otherwise known as Shop Small, is about more than shopping at small businesses. It's a cause that helps support local economies and promote vibrant, diverse communities. This is a nationwide movement fueled by shoppers, business owners, and organizers who come together and celebrate the community because they know it matters.
- Working with WHEDA to put a video together to leverage support to help push legislation through and help keep the local dollars in our community for opportunity zones.
- Wood County Solar projects are officially stationed in our area now.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- The September 19th ATV ribbon cutting in Pittsville was well attended.
- There was a Heavy Metal Bus Tour held in early October. Three tech school districts were involved, Northcentral Technical College, Nicolet Technical College and Mid-State Technical College. It encompasses about thirty K-12 school districts, over five thousand 8th grade students participated, and over eighty businesses that were tour sites. In Marshfield alone, there were eleven business sites and four hundred 8th grade students participating. These tours are accomplishing the goal of showing them the types of jobs available to them in our area particularly in a manufacturing setting.
- Centergy group, our regional economic development organization, is working in conjunction with the efforts of Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation through Think Make Happen Wisconsin, which works to recruit talent to central Wisconsin. We are taking this to the next level. More information to come.
- MACCI, HOW and Wood County continue to work with Pittsville on getting more economic development in their community. Their focus is on housing and tourism.

Karen Olson-Marshfield Area Chamber Foundation:

- We are still working on the Makerspace which will start-up in a room at the UW. Those currently involved include: a local business owner, the UW and Mid-state, plus a community representative. An application has been submitted to WEDC (at the state) for a grant for equipment. Our goal is to have students grades 6-12 from 8 area schools utilizing the space and learning about the types of good careers available in our area. We plan to involve entrepreneurs and various clubs/organizations to mentor students and share ideas.
- Went to an entrepreneurial conference in Madison. Lots a great ideas and resources out there.

Jeremy Sickler-Alexander Field:

- The anticipated annexation of the property the new hangar building was to be built on was voted down by the city council. This impedes the ability to provide the water and sewer system to the hangar.
- It has been another big year at the airport. There have been notable increases in traffic, activity and revenue. Aircraft size got larger and distant traveled got longer. As Sand Valley expands and sees more activity, our activity increases as well.
- After four years, the airport commission and I were able to attract an out of town convention to Wisconsin Rapids that was typically held in Stevens Point.

Jim Webster-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa:

- Planning to renovate the bar at the casino into a sports bar.
- Putting together recruitment programs at the casino. We are working with the school system for their school work program to get students into the hospitality industry. Also talking with Mid-State about giving college credits for their hospitality program and encouraging high school students towards the hospitality and food and beverage industry.
- Nekoosa is doing a housing study. They are in the survey and data collection phase.
- ATV trails and bike trails will need to be managed. We need to think about who can take on this task.
- Have the frame for the trailhead up at the casino. No roof is on yet.
- Looking at a project to put in a wash station at the casino but at this time we are just running a hose from the C-Station for water.
- Putting together a repository of historical Ho-Chunk Nation information and education to be provided on the ATV trails.

Meredith Klekker-Wisconsin Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau:

(Update provided via email)

Visitor Groups since August Meeting

- High volume of visitor traffic interested in Cranberry Highway
 - o Assisted Travel Wisconsin with lodging and restaurant and things to do recommendations for International (German) travel writer
 - o Plan to research audio Cranberry Highway tour accessible by link on smartphone to enhance visitor experience while maintaining integrity of marshes
 - o Looking into "selfie" station co-located with WI Historical Marker Cranberry Country
- Park Institute Taekwondo Tournament – October
- WI DOT Bureau of Aeronautics Airport Operations & Land Use Meeting – October –
- 107 th Annual WIAA State Cross Country Meet – November
 - o 10,063 fan attendance (organizers believe it is a record)
 - o Preliminary economic impact of over \$644,000. still working on final numbers (including athletes)

Events since August Meeting

- Rushing Rapids Rafters Craft Beer Festival
- HOW Downtown Grand Affair
- Pittsville Splash of Red Cranberry Tours (many sold out)
- Nekoosa Giant Pumpkin Fest (noted in state department of tourism promotions in USA Today)

- HOW Hometown Halloween
- Downtown on Tap
- Biron Cranberry Breakfast
- Historic Point Basse - 4 Fall Events
- Work in Progress....
- Customer Relations Management (CRM) a.k.a. Content Resource Management software system
 - o Specialized for destination management organizations
 - Integrated system to streamline and manage data, speed up communication, and maximize productivity
- Destination Assessment process with Travel Wisconsin (state Dept. of Tourism)
 - o 1 st step is survey; will be online 5-7 questions; please take a few moments to complete and pass along as desired
- Continued partnerships with Central Wisconsin Tourism Association (CWTA), Destinations Wisconsin, and municipalities to promote area as destination

We are absent to attend the Fall Conference on Tourism in Manitowoc. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted: Meredith Kleker, Executive Director Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Next meeting: Location and host TBD.

Adjourn 1:35 p.m.