

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM 114

CEED Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Kenneth Curry, Peter Hendler, Bill Leichtnam, Harvey Petersen,
HHS Members Present: Donna Rozar, Marion Hokamp, Dennis Polach, Peter Hendler, Tom Buttke, Jessica Vicente, Lori Slattery-Smith, R.N. Jeff Koszczuk, D.O.
Member Excused: Bill Clendenning
Staff Present: Land & Water Conservation Department Staff – Shane Wucherpfennig, Lori Ruess, Wednesday Jordan
 Planning & Zoning Staff – Jason, Grueneberg
 UWEX – Matt Lippert
Others Present District #16 Supervisor Lance Pliml, District #4 Supervisor Ed Wagner, Peter Kastenholz, Corporation Counsel, Sue Kunferman, Health Department Director, Nancy Eggleston, Health Department, Dennis Bangart, MACCI – Ag Com.

Others Present:

1. **Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. **Review/Discuss Resolution/Ordinance Referred by County Board to CEED Committee Related to Surface/Groundwater Degradation.** Chairperson Henkel explained the reason for this meeting between the CEED & HHS is to discuss and review the resolution/ordinance related to surface/groundwater degradation (introduced by Supervisors Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh and William Clendenning) that was referred to the CEED Committee at the July County Board meeting.

Ed Wagner explained the object is not the ordinance; it's the process and procedures that need to be followed before the ordinance can be presented and voted on at county board.

- Must go to Conservation Committee per §92.11 and presented to the county board with a report on the need for the ordinance and its expected economic and environmental impact.
- Within two weeks after its receipt, the county board shall publish the proposed ordinance as a class 2 notice, and make the report available for public inspection.
- Ordinance could apply to entire county or specific area/areas of the county.
- Public Hearing must take place before taking final action.
- Referendum required – in spring or general election occurring not less than 70 days after the adoption of the ordinance.

Peter Kastenholz gave a brief legal explanation of §92.11 - Regulation of local soil and water resource management practices.

Bill Leichtnam explained the intent of the ordinance.

- To protect water resources in Wood County.
 - To protect the public health, safety, environment and general welfare of the citizens and visitors to Wood County.
 - Specifically to protect against contaminated water and provide protection to private wells.
- And to provide the maximum level of legal protection possible to protect against the excessive contamination of ground and surface water in the county while providing information to users of the water.

- Ordinance would be an “enhanced” 101.01 with enforcement and penalties changed.

Discussion followed regarding enforcement and penalties. Donna Rozar and Sue Kunferman stated that the Health Department has authority to go on a property under Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 254 if there are human health concerns.

Shane Wucherpennig added that ATP 50 gives the LWCD the authority to go on property if there is a complaint or a violation can be traced to a specific landowner. Currently, if the LWCD receives a complaint, the landowner is notified and a spot check is completed.

It was stated that clean water is important to everyone, but we must look at the proposed ordinance and determine:

- If what is in the proposed ordinance makes sense.
- How much duplication of 101.01 is in proposed ordinance?
- How much authority do departments have to enforce?

Peter Kastenholz gave a brief explanation of penalty limitations and how current violations are handled.

At 10:45, Chairperson Henkel opened the floor for comments.

Tom Buttke - very familiar with the difference between point and nonpoint and is well aware of regulations as he worked with wastewater in the past. He added that groundwater protection should include the entire county.

Jeff Koszczuk - confused as to the reason for the proposed ordinance other than penalties. Agrees that ordinance should include the entire county.

Donna Rozar - need to look at Wood County as a whole to protect ground and surface water.

Ed Wagner - expressed concern to be prepared for the future.

Bill Leichtnam - would like Wood County to be proactive and be a leader in water quality.

Shane Wucherpennig – in general there is nothing in the ordinance that we don’t already have the ability to do, other than the penalty increase.

Bob Ashbeck – What are we looking for that we don’t already have? We have qualified staff, let’s use them.

Lance Pliml – Fully aware of the need for ground and surface water protection; progress is being made at the forefront of the State. Don’t rush, take your time and do it right.

Peter Hendler – Include the entire county; don’t rush.

Ken Curry – Should continue to look at the issues whether CEED or Sub Committee.

Harvey Petersen – Clean water is important, but farmers currently are dealing with too much regulation.

Sue Kunferman – Be proactive, educate people to protect surface and groundwater.

Chairperson Hilde Henkel – Will report back to County Board in August that a meeting between the CEED and HHS took place. The ordinance will not be presented as there are many restrictions and steps to take if §92.11 is going to be included.

Chairperson Henkel asked if the HHS is comfortable with being excluded from future meetings and receiving updates through their health officer. The HHS agreed to receiving updates through their health officer.

4. Adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land and Water Conservation Department
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (August 22, 2016)