

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 2018
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

1. Call meeting to order
2. Public Comments (*brief comments/statements regarding committee business*)
3. Review Correspondence
4. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - B. Approve bills
 - C. Receive staff activity reports
5. Risk and Injury Report
6. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - A. Presentation on Groundwater Concerns in Wood County. Mark Borchardt
 - B. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation update.
 - C. Discuss Nonmetallic Mining inactive mines policy & take action.
 - D. Discuss purchase of no-till drill by LWCD, funding & setting up a capital projects account & take action.
 - E. Update on Friends of Mill Creek annual meeting.
 - F. Update on Mill Creek Watershed 9-Key Element Plan.
 - G. Discuss last three items of Bill Leichtnam's discussion items.
7. UW Extension
 - A. Interim facilitation of Central Sands Groundwater Group
 - B. Staffing Update Jason Hausler
 - C. MOU Discussion Jason Hausler
 - D. FoodWise Programming Update/Presentation Jodi Friday & Jill Hicks
8. Economic Development
 - A. Activity update from Regional Economic Growth Initiative (Rick Bakovka)
9. County Surveyor
10. Private Sewage
 - A. Recap of 2017 Maintenance Program and Triennial Private Onsite Waste Treatment System Fee collection.
11. Planning
 - A. Report on Mining 101 Educational Seminar and consider possible action pertaining to mining activities in Wood County.
 - B. Update on pending legislative proposals pertaining to land use and code enforcement activities.
12. Schedule next regular committee meeting – 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2018.
13. Agenda items for next meeting
14. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.
15. Adjourn

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam, Adam Fischer (via teleconference) and Harvey Petersen.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg and Adam Dekleyn

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig

UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley, Jason Hausler, Katie Tomsyck, Jackie Carattini

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Lance Pliml, Sue Kunferman (Wood Co. Health Dept.), Logan Manthe (Wood Co. Health Dept., Nancy Eggleston (Wood Co. Health Dept.), Kevin Masarik (UW-Extension), Sam Warp Jr. (City of Marshfield) Dale Christiansen (Central WI State Fair), and Jeffry Hartman (Central WI State Fair).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Henkel called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comments.** None.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
 - A. Jason Hausler introduced the new UW-Extension Family Living Educator, Jackie Carattini.
 - B. Bill Leichtnam shared a letter from the DNR that is asking for public input. He asked committee members to individually consider providing input by the January 25th deadline.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the December 6, 2017 CEED meeting, November 29th Special CEED Meeting, December 19th Special CEED Meeting 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Justin Conner, Jeff Brewbaker, Stevana Skinner, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily Salvinski, Lori Ruess, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert, Jodi Friday, Chris Viau, Laura Huber and Jeremy Erickson.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve and accept the minutes of the December 6, 2017, November 29th, 2017, and December 19th, 2017 meetings, the bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation, and UW-Extension, and the staff activity reports as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.

6. Land & Water Conservation Department

- A. Presentation on how Wood County soils vary from north to south in susceptibility to groundwater contamination from Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist, UW-Extension. Kevin Masarik gave an overview of groundwater pollution and groundwater contamination susceptibility. Southeastern Wood County is more susceptible than the northwestern part of the county. He also stated that farmers are doing a good job of keeping nutrients in the root system during the growing season, but leeching is occurring during the fall and spring. Cover crops can help during those times. For Wood County, 6% of wells tested exceed the 10mg/L nitrate standard. The Center for Watershed Science has detailed

information available about nitrates on sandy soil. Bill Leichtnam would like to add a discussion about this presentation on the next agenda.

- B. Report on December County Conservationist meeting. Shane Wucherpennig shared that Jim VandenBrook will be retiring; he has been an outstanding leader for the WI Land & Water Organization. He learned that Wisconsin is losing over 20k acres of cropland annually to residential land, and that Wisconsin has lost over half of its wetland capabilities. DNR gave updates on NR151. There was a presentation on what the County's role in Groundwater Quality Protection will be. Shane also shared that the L&WC Department received a notice for a request for a review of the Reclamation for Badger Sandstone, which will tie up staff for much of February.
- C. Discuss Golden Sands RC&D presentation to Wood County. Joel Kuehnhold from Golden Sands RC&D has requested to present to County Boards throughout the Central Sands region. Ken Curry commented that the CEED Committee has historical questions about what value that RC&D brings to Wood County, and suggests that Joel presents to the CEED Committee first. This will be scheduled for the March CEED Meeting.

7. UW Extension

- A. Report from Dale Christiansen, Central WI State Fair Executive Director- Dale Christiansen shared that the 2017 fair was a success. The fair needed to address the declining income with amusements, so they found a new amusement company and moved the fair dates to a week earlier. There has been a positive response to moving the fair dates. Dale shared a report on the Junior Fair financials. The total expense was \$ 40,235. With moving the fair dates, there will be a conflict with the draft horse show, which will now potentially be a stand-alone event. The county provides the Junior Fair with \$32,000 annually. There was a consensus by the committee to release half of amount at this time. The committee will discuss releasing the remaining amount at the February CEED Meeting.
- B. Staffing Update- Jason Hausler shared that the final interviews for 4-H Coordinator position will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, with an expected start date of February 1. Peter Manley is retiring; a reception for Peter will be held on January 15th from 1:00-2:30pm in room 114. Jason will be looking at internal UW-Extension applicants to fill Peter's position. He would like to have a discussion at the next CEED committee meeting about prioritization for Peter's position, about potentially filling the third support staff position, and look at how we recruit that position and move it forward.

8. Economic Development

- A. Consider resolution amending the 2017 CDBG-ED Budget (56780). This will not affect the general fund.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to amend the 2017 budget for the Community Development Block Grant function (56780) for additional expenditures not anticipated during the original budget process. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

9. County Surveyor. No update.

10. Planning

- A. Bill Leichtnam asked Jason Grueneberg if the program fee notices on page 24 of the packet is higher or lower than it was historically. He responded that it was typical and that overall, Wood County has a high percentage of compliance.

11. Review 2018 goals for County Conservationist and Planning & Zoning Director.

- A. Jason shared his three 2018 goals with the committee and gave a brief overview.
Goal #1 (15 points): Propose new fee structure for Planning & Zoning Office.
Goal #2 (10 points): Develop approach to scan and index floodplain mapping document and initiate the process in 2018.
Goal #3 (5 points): Conduct teambuilding training and personality type training for all department staff

Motion by Ken Curry to approve Jason Grueneberg's 2018 goals. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Shane Wucherpennig shared his three 2018 goals with the committee via email and gave a brief overview.
Goal #1 (5 points): Prepare a presentation for the full County Board for the February meeting, highlighting the L&WC Department's work to aid in groundwater quality.
Goal #2 (5 points): to work with a regional team to plan Healthy Soils, Healthy waters conference.
Goal #3 (20 points): to plan, develop, and write the 9-key element plan for the Mill Creek Watershed.

Bill Leichtnam commented that the Central Sand Groundwater Group would like the Healthy Soils, Healthy Water Conference to be larger and include a water summit. Shane spoke to the event's planning committee members about this possibility and they feel that this addition would pull away from the important 1-on-1 farmer interactions. However, some of the core group would be willing to assist with planning a separate water summit. There is potential to partner with Portage County for a water summit. Bill Leichtnam would like to see the groundwater summit added to one of Shane's goals. Shane said he would like to be involved with the summit, but cannot take the lead due to time constraints.

Ken Curry was excused at 11:08am.

Motion by Adam Fischer to accept Shane Wucherpennig's 2018 goals. Second by Harvey Peterson.

Ayes: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Adam Fischer, Harvey Peterson.

Nays: Bill Leichtnam; Bill believes Shane's goals should include emphasis on groundwater.

Motion carried.

- 12. Discuss hiring in the future without a recruiter.** Lance Pliml explained that HR will still perform the HR function of recruiting, but will lose the ability to go outside of that building to recruit. Discussion followed.

13. Schedule next regular committee meeting

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 9:00am at the Wood County Courthouse, Room 115.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

- A. Discuss today's groundwater presentation meeting.
B. MOU discussion (UW- Extension)

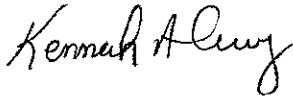
- C. Discuss CNRED position priorities (UW-Extension).
- D. #7, #8, and #9 of Supervisor Leichtnam's 9 recommendations for clean water in Wood County.

15. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None.

16. Adjourn

Motion by Harvey Peterson to adjourn at 11:26 am. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth Curry".

Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Katie Tomsyck, UW-Extension
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on January 09, 2018)

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: DECEMBER 2017

For the range of vouchers: 18170198 - 18170204

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18170198	ALTMANN KYLE	SWRM - CS - NUTRIENT MANAGEMEN	12/27/2017	\$15,408.40	P
18170199	TRIPLE P DAIRY LLC	SWRM - CS NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	12/28/2017	\$8,364.28	P
18170200	WI FARM TECH DAYS - WOOD COUNTY	LWC - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	12/27/2017	\$50.00	P
18170201	WOODTRUST BANK	LC - ENVIRONMENTAL ED SUPPLIES	12/09/2017	\$30.31	P
18170202	TURNING POINT SYSTEMS GROUP	SWRM - BATTERY PACK	11/15/2017	\$100.10	P
18170203	A & B BUTCHERING	WD - VENISON PROCESSING REIMB	11/25/2017	\$325.00	P
18170204	PITTSVILLE MEATS	WD - VENISON PROCESSING REIMB	12/29/2017	\$130.00	
Grand Total:				\$24,408.09	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: JANUARY 2018

For the range of vouchers: 18180001 - 18180011

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18180001	WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION	LWC - 2018 DUES	01/02/2018	\$1,619.00	P
18180002	TURNING POINT SYSTEMS GROUP	LWC - BATTERY PACK	01/01/2018	\$100.10	P
18180003	B & R EXCAVATING	NMM - RETURN FINANCIAL ASSURAN	01/03/2018	\$2,901.50	P
18180004	ESRI INC	NMM - ArcGIS Renewal	01/03/2018	\$700.00	P
18180005	US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	WD - BEAR ABATEMENT FEE	01/11/2018	\$500.00	P
18180006	NORTH CENTRAL LAND & WATER CONSERVATION	LWC - 2018 DUES	01/02/2018	\$200.00	P
18180007	DLT SOLUTIONS LLC	LWC - SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	01/15/2018	\$2,045.18	P
18180008	GROSHEK ADAM	LWC - DATA PLAN REIMBURSEMENT	01/24/2018	\$30.00	P
18180009	WUCHERPFENNIG SHANE A	LWC-MILEAGE/MEALS/DATA PLAN	01/24/2018	\$79.07	P
18180010	CLARK COUNTY UW EXTENSION	LWC-CAFO UPDATE REGISTRATION	01/24/2018	\$35.00	P
18180011	MCKORMICK MATERIALS LLC	NMM - RETURN FINANCIAL ASSURA	01/25/2018	\$8,000.00	P
Grand Total:				\$16,209.85	

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County of Wood

Report of claims for: UWEX

For the period of: DEC/JANUARY

For the range of vouchers: 30170182 - 30180013

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30170182	ERICKSON JEREMY	Erickson Dec Expenses	01/11/2018	\$37.45	P
30170183	MANLEY PETER	Manley Dec Exp	01/11/2018	\$91.15	P
30170184	EO JOHNSON COMPANY INC	COPIES	01/11/2018	\$329.03	P
30170185	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CNTR	4H Newsletter	01/11/2018	\$154.01	P
30170186	WOODTRUST BANK	Visioning, STEM	01/11/2018	\$106.93	P
30170187	LIPPERT MATTHEW	Lippert Dec Expenses	01/30/2018	\$29.43	P
30170188	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/RFCSLLC	5th Grade PA Challenge-Foodwis	01/30/2018	\$49.61	P
30170189	UW SOIL TESTING LAB	UW SOIL TESTING CHARGES	01/30/2018	\$47.00	P
30180001	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	CWAS newsletter	01/09/2018	\$92.42	P
30180002	EO JOHNSON CO INC		01/25/2018	\$229.49	P
30180003	ERICKSON JEREMY		01/30/2018	\$38.15	P
30180004	CARATTINI JACKIE	CARATTINI JAN EXPENSES	01/30/2018	\$182.03	P
30180005	HUBER LAURA	HUBER JAN EXPENSES	01/30/2018	\$175.22	P
30180006	LIPPERT MATTHEW	LIPPERT JAN EXPENSES	01/30/2018	\$349.89	P
30180007	MANLEY PETER	MANLEY JAN EXPENSES	01/30/2018	\$82.01	P
30180008	TOMSYCK KATIE	TOMSYCK JAN EXPENSES	01/30/2018	\$79.57	P
30180009	VIAU CHRISTOPHER	VIA JAN EXPENSES	01/30/2018	\$152.88	P
30180010	WOOD COUNTY FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS	Remaining Farm Tech Days funds	01/30/2018	\$43,000.00	P
30180011	CENTRAL WI STATE JUNIOR FAIR BOARD	2018 Fair Support	01/30/2018	\$16,000.00	P
30180012	US BANK	Daily Dairy Report subscription	01/30/2018	\$115.00	P
30180013	UW EXTENSION	4-H online support 2018	01/30/2018	\$400.00	P

Grand Total:

\$61,741.27

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: December 2017 & January 2018

For the range of vouchers: 22170166 - 22170171 22180001 - 22180013 38180001 - 38180001

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22170166	WOODTRUST BANK NA	LR-Credit Card Charges	12/20/2017	\$41.60	P
22170167	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CNTR	PS-Sanitary Prog Fee (2nd Rem)	12/29/2017	\$167.52	P
22170168	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit (Dec)	12/31/2017	\$600.00	P
22170169	WI DEPT OF SAFETY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	PS-POWTS Soil License(Stevana)	12/21/2017	\$262.50	P
22170170	EAGLE REPROGRAPHICS	LR-Office Supplies	12/28/2017	\$319.80	P
22170171	QUEST CIVIL ENGINEERS LLC	SU-Remonumentation	12/14/2017	\$17,850.00	P
22180001	WCCA (COUNTY CODE ADMIN)	PS-2018 WCCA Membership	01/03/2018	\$100.00	P
22180002	CARMODY DATA SYSTEMS INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (Jan)	01/02/2018	\$299.00	P
22180003	ON Q SOLUTIONS	LR-Suvery Plats Imaging (Half)	01/08/2018	\$4,532.50	P
22180004	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract (Jan)	01/16/2018	\$833.00	P
22180005	SKINNER STEVANA	PS-Expenses (Jan)	01/16/2018	\$45.78	P
22180006	WOWRA	PS-2018 WOWRA Membership	01/12/2018	\$75.00	P
22180007	GRUENEBERG JASON	PL-Expenses (Jan)	01/18/2018	\$75.78	P
22180008	CONNER JUSTIN	LR-Expenses (Jan)	01/18/2018	\$55.60	P
22180009	MAPLOGIC CORP	LR-2018 Annual Software Mntce	01/08/2018	\$250.00	P
22180010	ACCUSOFT	PS-Priority Support/Upgrade	01/24/2018	\$2,988.00	P
22180011	DEKLEYN ADAM	PL-Expenses (Jan)	01/30/2018	\$29.43	P
22180012	BREWBAKER JEFF	PS-Expenses (Jan)	01/30/2018	\$61.04	P
22180013	WOOD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	PS-Small Claims Filing (3)	01/29/2018	\$298.50	P
38180001	GRUENEBERG JASON	ED-Expenses (Jan)	01/18/2018	\$76.30	P

Grand Total:

\$28,961.35

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Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig January 2018

- **January 3** – Attended CEED meeting.
- **January 3** – Attended Mill Creek Farmer Counsel Meeting.
- **January 4** – Worked on Construction plans for 2018 projects.
- **January 5** – Attended Judicial & Legislative Meeting.
- **January 5** – Attended Department Head Meeting.
- **January 8** – Staff Meeting.
- **January 9** – WDLB Radio Spot for LWCD in Marshfield.
- **January 10** – Met with Greg Ginter on Non-metallic mining.
- **January 11**– WFHR Radio Spot for LWCD in Wisconsin Rapids.
- **January 12**– Health Soil Health Water (HSHW) committee Phone Conference
- **January 15**– Worked on Construction plans for 2018 projects.
- **January 16**– Attended Wood County Board.
- **January 17**– Worked on Construction plans for 2018 projects.
- **January 18**– Attended RC&D council meeting & Water Quality Group meeting.
- **January 15**– Attended 1st Active Shooter Training meeting at River Block.
- **January 22**– Staff Meeting.
- **January 22**– Health Soil Health Water (HSHW) committee Web Conference.
- **January 22**– Attended Central Sands Groundwater Protection Group Meeting.
- **January 23** – Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key Element Plan.
- **January 24** – Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key Element Plan.
- **January 24** – Met with McCormick Minerals to discuss Non-Metallic mining
- **January 25** – Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key Element Plan.
- **January 26** – Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key Element Plan.
- **January 29** – Health Soil Health Water (HSHW) committee Web Conference.
- **January 29**– Conducted Summer Intern interviews at UW Stevens Point Campus for 2018 Internship.
- **January 30** – Attended 14 Mile Watershed 9 Key element planning meeting in Wautoma (Waushara County).
- **January 30** – Attended Friends of Mill Creek Annual meeting & gave presentation on TMDL's & 9 Key plans.
- **January 31**– Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key Element Plan.
- **January 31**– Worked on 14 Mile Watershed 9 Key Element Plan.

Activities Report for Tracy Arnold 01-2018

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

- Maintaining DNR database with current Wood County information
- Submitted Ken Rezin Cranberry fence contract to Deeds office
- 1 fences failed inspections for the year, working on getting back into compliance
- Met with 1 additional landowners interested in permanent fences
- Facilitating the WDACP Venison Donation program for Wood County
- Entering all 2017 field appraisals into DNR database for damage claims
- Met with WI DNR to see which damage claims are approved based on quotas met by landowners
- Re-enrolling Wood County landowners for the 2018 crop year
- Designed 3 WDACP permanent fences for 2018. Working with landowners for final approval and will submit them to DNR for funding approval

Non-metallic mining reclamation program

- Forfeiture payment in full from B & R Excavating (since June 12, 2013)
- Updating NMM databases
- Following up on the status of financial assurance on those expiring soon
- Tracking permit fees and checking financial assurance as they are submitted
- Sent out email and phone call reminders of permit fees and financial assurance being due Jan 31st
- Answering questions/complaints about permit fee and financial assurance amounts
- Start the process of seizing financial assurance from a company
- Compiling evidence for the Joan Arnold hearing
- Seized financial assurance successfully
- Meeting with Peter K to figure out next steps to reclaim sites with seized financial assurance
- Drafting department policy for transferring permit to present to CEED per Shane's request

Land and Water Conservation

- Entering stream flow data into the SWIMS database for 16 sites (authorized by state to enter data)
- Completed stream flow on Two Mile, Blood Run and Five Mile
- Completed a Firmware update for the OTT flow meter with Lisa Keller's help
- Chair of the Youth Education Committee for the WI Land+Water
- Secretary of the North Central Land and Water Conservation Area Association
- Coordinating the North Central Land and Water Conservation Area Association February meeting in Wisconsin Rapids with Lori and Emily.
- Attended meeting regarding 8 County Regional Pollinator Partnership with Lori and Emily
- Met with City of Wisconsin Rapids and Bird City about a potential pollinator project
- Answer questions from general public about trees as they come in
- Processing tree order numbers as they come in
- Submitted final order number to nurseries
- Requested new tree sale program from IT, current one is from 1995
- Facilitated the 2018 Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest, will advance the local winners onto the Area Contest Feb 9th.

Activities Report for Adam Groshek – January 2018

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

- ~Discussion with Tom Hamus and his future voluntary no-till/cover crop fields for 2018.
- ~Final asbuilt work and cost-share payment for Ryan Wayerski's new manure storage pit associated with his new barn add-on.
- ~Continued inspection of the (slow) manure storage facility closure of Lee Accola's pre-ordinance pit and landspreading of manure contaminated soils on approved winter spreading field according to Lee's nutrient management plan.
- ~Working on manure storage abandonment plan for pre-ordinance pit on land that Daryl Sternweis bought.
- ~Attendance of multiple webinars discussing WI, IA, and MN trials, tips, and tricks to cover crops and no-tilling to promote the environment and the farmer's bottom line.
- ~Assistance with NE area tech cost estimating spreadsheet of typical contractor prices for bid items of different BMPs.
- ~Discussed possible manure storage pit expansion with Steve Seidel near Auburndale.
- ~CREP site visit to Gary Hilgart's to check on the trees planted as wooded buffers switched over from grassland.
- ~Discussion with Hoffman Farms on planned future expansion and need for manure storage and manure transfer permits. Cost sharing to be provided by NRCS if they qualify.
- ~Discussion with Todd Bores on his future barn rebuild and manure storage facility and need for permits and inspection by County staff during construction.
- ~Planning for another potential manure storage abandonment, nutrient management plan and potential future manure storage pit for farm near Nasonville, and a streambank improvement project.
- ~Cost /share contract 2018 money for practices has been earmarked, now to design and install the practices. Any other requested large cost-shared practices may have to wait until 2019 to be built.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski January 2018

- **Tuesday, January 2.** Gathered info requested by Ken Shroeder. Gathered available numbers on POWTS in part of Mill Creek Watershed.
- **Wednesday, January 3.** Multiple trips to highway department for truck oil change. Reviewed new list of Mill Creek cost share recipients from Shroeder. Answered grant commitment questions.
- **Thursday, January 4.** Worked with IT to get ArcMap back on computer. Looked up POWTS info for 9-Key plan.
- **Friday, January 5.** Vacation Day
- **Monday, January 8.** Staff Meeting. Office meeting to plan for area poster & speaking contest. Processed checklist.
- **Tuesday, January 9.** Wrapped up Mill Creek data with new information added. Attended phone call pollinator meeting
- **Wednesday, January 10.** YEC-poster & speaking meeting. Worked on registration form for area contest. Created registration spreadsheet.
- **Thursday, January 11.** Sick Day
- **Friday, January 12.** Planning meeting for area poster & speaking contest. Further categorized pasture land for STEPL input. Added registrations to excel file.
- **Monday, January 15.** Further categorized barnyards for STEPL input. Info session on arcmap with Justin.
- **Tuesday, January 16.** Further categorized animal numbers for STEPL input. Sent edits to webpage. Visited visitor's bureau for future raffle prize and handouts.
- **Wednesday, January 17.** Played with new SnapPlus Software. Prepped info for Wood County people taking the NMFE class in Spencer. Began writing letter of support for pollinator grant. Added registration to excel file.
- **Thursday, January 18.** Helped with NMFE class at the Spencer NTC
- **Friday, January 19.** Attempted to make each sub-watershed into a field in snapplus. Helped judge winners for poster contest. Helped organize participation certificates.
- **Monday, January 22.** Attended staff meeting and groundwater meeting. Edited vegetation shapefile for website visual.
- **Tuesday, January 23.** Attended silent auction committee meeting conference call. Finalized and sent pollinator support letter. Worked on converting shapefiles to geodatabases.
- **Wednesday, January 24.** Worked on subwatershed "nmfs" to get practice P reductions
- **Thursday, January 25.** Helped with NMFE class at the Spencer NTC.
- **Friday, January 26.** Sent NMM website edits to IT. Processed checklists from Spencer NMFE. Added data to GIS NM database.
- **Monday, January 29.** Updated NMFE shapefile. Saved rotational settings in snap for mill creek calculations.
- **Tuesday, January 30.** Attended 14-Mile Creek planning meeting. Processed incoming NMP (arcmap, spreadsheets)

Activities Report for Lori Ruess – January 2018

- Answered telephone and front desk questions.
- Mail pickup/delivery - Courthouse.
- Deposit of incoming checks on Wednesdays & Fridays.
- Reviewed general ledger and payroll registers and completed journal entries to correct payrolls.
- Completed December sales tax report and submitted report to Finance.
- Attended Pollinator meeting with Tracy Arnold and Penny VanTassel at City Hall
- Attended January 8th and January 22nd staff meeting and typed minutes.
- Assisted with local poster judging.
- Assisted Tracy and Emily in planning of February 9th North Central Land & Water Conservation Association meeting.
- Attended January 24th Employee Feedback meeting.
- Completed reimbursement requests for:
 - Thomas & Sherri Hamus
 - Kyle & Laureen Altmann
 - Ryan & Tonya Wayerski
 - DATCP grant Staff & Support reimbursement in the amount of \$120,642.
- Received CREP practice cost-share check and mailed to the following landowner:
 - Gerald Hilgart
- Organized County Board and CEED packet information and took to County Clerk's office.
- Entered tree and shrub orders as they came in. Deadline for orders was January 12th.
- Logging of non-metallic mine permit fees as they come in.
- Attended wellness lunch & learn.

CEED Committee Report for the month of January 2018

MATT LIPPERT

Wood County UW-Extension, Agriculture Agent

- I met with the all-committee group for the Farm Technology Days Event
- I met with the Wood County Holstein Breeders for their annual meeting. I provided an interactive learning activity with clickers and PowerPoint for the group. I also researched DHIA data to provide their production awards.
- I provided PAT certification for about 180 individuals both at a training offered at the Wisconsin Cranberry School held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point and also at a special session organized by growers.
- Also at the Wisconsin Cranberry School, a two day event with about 400 attendees and a trade show, I organized a clicker session along with UW-Madison based specialists that anonymously allows growers to see trends in practices on the states marshes. The session also allows the specialists to share their interpretation and observation about what these responses mean.
- The MACCI Agri-Business Committee met and made plans for scholarship programs, tours and other activities including the Farm Show to be held at the Marshfield Mall in February.
- Further work was done in preparation for a workshop that will be a component of our upcoming Heart of the Farm program to be held with Clark, Marathon, and Taylor Counties
- I interviewed with WDLB and WFHR radio.
- The Central Wisconsin Agriculture Specialization newsletter was distributed to about 350 area farm families. This is a joint effort with 6 other area counties.
- I met with the Wood County Farm Bureau Board.
- I officiated in Jeopardy and Dairy Bowl contests at the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention hosted by our own local Wood County Junior Holstein Club. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center and had about 500 state youth and youth leaders attend.
- I was part of a workgroup that has prepared position descriptions for the development of a position to support Wisconsin Farm Technology Days at the state UW-Extension level. We also drafted a document that detailed what responsibilities come to a county based educator and the Extension office when Farm Technology Days are hosted in their local county.

JODI FRIDAY

Wood County UW-Extension, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

- Taught in 16 classrooms to over 280+ 3rd (1/19, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30). This begins a series of five lessons focusing on making healthier food choices within each food group.
- Participated in the FoodWise Golden Apple Employee Recognition Committee Hangout (1/5). The group is working to create evaluation criteria for each award.
- Attended the Wood County 4-H Program Assistant Presentations. (1/9)
- Participated in the State FoodWise Wisline on diversity titled "What If I Say the Wrong Thing." (1/10)

- Taught "Healthy Cents at the Pantry" at the South Wood County Emerging Pantry. The topic was Community Resources. Seven learners attended. (1/16)
- Began a new Eating Smart, Being Active series with Nekoosa's Bizzy Bee's Day Care (1/17 & 1/31).
- Taught a lesson on "Bring New Life to Leftovers" at the Howe Elementary Chili Feed Family Night (1/18).
- Participated in various activities for Peter Manley's Retirement: 1/15 Reception, 1/16 Recognition by County Board, 1/19 Reception
- Meet with Family Living Educator Jackie Carattini and FoodWise Coordinator Jill Hicks to discuss Wood County Family Living Programming as a whole. (1/25)
- Attended the Healthy People Wood County Summit (1/30)
- Participated in weekly Wood County Staff meetings (1/8, 15, 22 & 29)
- Comment from a parent at the Howe Elementary Parent Night:
"This was interesting. You're really good at what you do."

CHRIS VIAU

Wood County UW-Extension, 4-H Youth Development Educator

The following is a summary of Youth Development activities:

4-H Club and Program Management:

- Leadership Washington Focus Trip Planning and Logistics
 - 2018 program start-up. Answer questions, Reservations
- 4-H Club and Volunteer Management concerns
 - Annual Enrollment
 - Volunteer Background Check support (new process implementation)
 - 4-H Club transitions
 - Leadership changes and club dissolution
 - 4-H Club annual Charter Review and File Uploads

Central WI State Fair

- January Board of Directors Meeting
- New Schedule Discussion
- Fair Book updates and changes

Other

- WLDB Radio-"Get Pre-Teens started with Managing Their Money"
- 4-H Program Coordinator Final Interview

Administrative

- State and Regional Phone Conferences and Meetings
- UW-Extension All-Colleague Meeting
- 4-H Program Coordinator Hiring process
- 4-H Youth Development Liaison Responsibilities- 25% FTE

Laura Huber

Wood County UW-Extension, 4-H Program Assistant

- Completed end-of-year reporting for UW-Extension (Recording Results) – due 12 January
- Coordinated and attended meeting of the Wood County 4-H Leaders Association Executive Committee on 15 January
- Attended northeastern WI 4-H professionals meeting in Merrill on 17 January
- Attended Junior Fair Board meeting on 17 January
- Participated in “Colleague Connect” webinar on 18 January – topic was Risk Management
- Participated in Summer Camp Professional Development at Upham Woods Camp on 24 January
- Attended Farm Tech Days Youth Tent planning meeting on 24 January
- Listened to webinar on 26 January – topic was creating inclusive spaces
- Led Wood County PALS meeting on 29 January
- Participated in Wood County 4-H Leaders Association meeting on 29 January
- Toured Camp Alexander to evaluate it for Wood County junior camp program on 30 January
- I am participating in an online course entitled “Achieving the Extension Mission Through Volunteers” which began on 23 January and will run through 2 March.
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 713 followers.
- Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 254 followers
- Responded to communications to the office including general questions, 4-H enrollment, planning meetings, etc.
- Ongoing coordination of Bowling Tournament (2 Feb), Project Discovery Day (10 Feb), and Creative Arts Day (14 Apr)
- Ongoing assistance for new leaders and the volunteer background checks

Jackie Carattini

Wood County UW-Extension, Family Living Educator

- Finalized my 2017 end of the year reporting for UW-Extension.
- Attended a planning Wisline for upcoming Area 7 all-staff meeting in February.
- Taught “MyPlate” nutrition education program to entire 6th grade class at Assumption Middle School in Wisconsin Rapids.
- Met with Heidi from Nekoosa/Ho-Chunk Headstart about upcoming programming and needs.
- Attended the old North Central Region FL meeting in Stevens Point on January 12th -Taught a program on credit for Headstart families.
- Attended the United Way of Inner WI’s Financial Stability Coalition meeting on January 17th.
- Talked on the radio (WDLB and WFHR) on January 18th and 23rd about the 2/2, 6/6, 10/10 Check Your Credit Campaign.
- Taught “Family Time activities” at the Nekoosa/Ho-Chunk Head Start Parents Meeting on January 18th.
- Facilitated a Wisline meeting for the UW-Extension state JCEP board. I am currently the chair.
- Listened to the Webinar: The Role of Substance Use and Opioid Misuse in Child Welfare Caseload Increases.

- Listened to state Family Living 4th Thursday webinar.
- Met with FoodWise about programming partnerships.
- Met with colleague to plan Heart of Farm program for February.
- Scheduled and met with a variety of community partners about programming needs.

Jeremy Erickson

Wood County UW-Extension, Horticulture Educator

- Facilitate Master Gardener Project Approval Meeting
- Attend 3 Master Gardener Committee meetings
- Attend Marshfield Garden Committee meeting
- Farm Tech Days planning with Master Gardeners and Marshfield Clinic
- Meeting with The Family Center to plan and coordinate Hmong Gardening Event
- Attend the Recreate Health-Healthy People Wood County Summit
- Assist with horticultural inquiries
- Finalize Master Gardener Criminal Background Check requirements
- Schedule upcoming meetings, programs, and workshops
- Prepare for CEED Committee Presentation in March

4C

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Adam DeKleyn, County Planner
Justin Conner, GIS Specialist
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
Stevana Skinner, Code Technician
Kim Keech, Admin Services 5
Victoria Wilson, Admin Services 4

RE: Staff Report for February 7, 2018

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Marshfield Economic Development Board – On January 4th, I attended the Marshfield Economic Development Board meeting. Agenda items included update on the progress of Wenzel Plaza, discussion of 2nd Street Redevelopment phase III, and discussion of the future of the downtown façade program. Worth mention is that Josh Miller has been promoted to the Director of Development Services for the City of Marshfield to replace Jason Angell who resigned for an opportunity in Arizona.
- b. Regional Economic Growth Initiative – On January 9th, I attended REGI board of Directors meeting. Some of the items discussed included the President's report, capacity building with private sector entities in the region, and grant application opportunities in 2018.
- c. Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) – On January 9th, I chaired the CWED Finance Committee meeting. Items covered in the meeting included reviewing the final draft of the Cash Management and Investment Policy and making a recommendation to the CWED board to move funds at People's State Bank to a higher interest bearing account.
- d. WE Energies Project Meeting – On January 11th, I met with Ken Brekke to discuss WE Energies proposed improvements to the east of the County-owned Baker Street Parking Lot on city-owned park land. The improvement would include a structure to house equipment that is currently located below-grade in Veteran's park. Building a structure to house the new equipment would improve continuity of gas service in much of the downtown, and remove these utilities from the Veteran's Park. This project will be forwarded to a County Committee if it moves beyond the conceptual phase.
- e. Ad Hoc Space Needs Committee – On January 16th, I attended the Ad Hoc Space Needs Committee meeting. I am currently working on

positioning the County-owned 17th Avenue property for sale, and arranging a commercial appraisal for the 12th Avenue Human Services building.

- f. 12th Street Human Services Building – On January 18th, I showed the 12th Street Human Services building to a prospective buyer, however, no offer for a purchase has been made. I am in the process of arranging a commercial appraisal of the building. When the appraisal is complete it will be presented to the Ad Hoc Space Needs Committee for consideration.
- g. Wisconsin Rapids Health Opportunity Assessment – On January 31st, I participated in a discussion regarding projects in the downtown of Wisconsin Rapids that could be eligible for a Health Opportunity Assessment.
- h. Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Session on Government Services – On February 1st, I chaired a Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Session on local government with a focus on county government. Many County staff, County Supervisors and local elected officials participated and contributed. This is a great opportunity to educate the class on government and becoming community leaders. Thanks to all that made this session a success!!!

2. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)

- a. City of Nekoosa Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) – Draft Nekoosa CORP has been completed. Draft plan will be presented to the oversight committee in February. Final plan will go before the Common Council in March for adoption.
- b. Plat Review Officer – (2) CSM's were submitted for review/approval. (3) CSM's were approved/recorded. (3) CSM's are pending approval.
- c. Wood County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan – Project is in the public participation stage of the planning process. Online community survey went live. 500 community survey postcards were sent out.
- d. Nekoosa Strategic Planning – Community survey summary has been completed for incorporation into the strategic plan.
- e. Heart of Wisconsin (HOW) Leadership Training Program – Attended the HOW leadership session at Mid-State Technical College. Purpose of the session was to understand how education shapes Wood County and how local leader's work shapes that role.

- f. Mining 101 Educational Seminar – Attended an educational seminar held by WCA and WTA regarding recent law changes (2017 WI Act 134) surrounding the regulation of nonferrous metallic mining.
- g. Healthy People Wood County – Represented the P & Z Department at the Healthy People Wood County Annual Summit. Coalition coordinators provided updates. Discussion on how Wood County can put health equality into practice was facilitated by the UW Population Health Institute.

3. Land Records (Justin Conner)

- a. Sign Inventory Database and App – Highway Dept. is currently using an outdated and unsupported program to manage highway signs. I am creating a new GIS based inventory that will be accessible on any device anywhere they need it.
- b. Parcel Mapping – Parcel editing as new deeds and CSMs arrive.
- c. PLSS Remonumentation – Quest completed the 2017 Remonumentation project. Tie sheets are online and GIS data updated.
- d. WLIP – 2018 WLIP grant funding was approved.

4. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker and Stevana Skinner)

- a. Private Sewage Program, Permitting, Maintenance and Violations
 - i. (29) on-site investigations/inspections/compliances
 - ii. (1) septic system verification letters & failing system investigations
 - iii. (0) failing septic system orders, (0) holding tank maintenance violations & settlements
 - iv. (6) soil tests reviewed, (0) soil on-sites, (0) hydrograph reports reviewed, (0) interpretive soils report reviewed
 - v. (0) holding tank plan reviews, (5) conventional plan reviews, (1) mound plan review
 - vi. (7) sanitary permits reviewed
 - vii. (0) court cases for malfunctioning septic system and overfull holding tanks (0) referrals invoices
 - viii. (0) sanitary system easements
 - ix. (0) camper complaints
 - x. (4) court referrals for failure to comply with septic tank maintenance program
 - xi. JB applied for and obtained a WI Notary from the Dept. of Financial Institutions
 - xii. Answered phone calls, emails and met in office regarding permitting and inspection questions.
- b. Floodplain Ordinance Investigations and Permitting

- i. (4) site inspections, meetings or enforcement
- ii. (4) permit issued, screening sites or Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)
- iii. (0) DNR Approved flood studies reviewed
- iv. (0) Cranberry farm certification (currently reviewing one)
- v. Working with the buyers of some property in the dam failure flood shadow of Lake Wazeecha. They are intending to build a new home in this vicinity
- vi. Answered questions from citizens regarding building in floodplain and shoreland areas.

c. Shoreland Ordinance Investigations and Permitting

- i. (0) general shoreland permits reviewed & issued
- ii. (0) mitigation plans reviewed, (0) exempt structure affidavit
- iii. (3) onsite pre-construction inspections, meetings & enforcement, compliances
- iv. (0) navigability determinations
- v. (1) wetland evaluation/site visit
- vi. Answered phone calls and met with various people at the counter regarding shoreland zoning requirements.

5. Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity. There were 6 sanitary permits issued in December 2017 (3 New, 3 Replacements, 0 Reconnect and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$2,725. There were 8 sanitary permits issued in December 2016 (2 New, 4 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 2 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$2,600.

There were 192 sanitary permits issued through December 2017. For comparison purposes, following are totals through the same period for the previous five years: 2016 – 158, 2015 – 186, 2014 – 187, 2013 – 202 and 2012 – 185.

- b. 2018 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – To date, Wood County has received \$0 on no outstanding cases.
- c. 2017 Maintenance Notices

A possible small claims action for 11 property owners for failure to service is being reviewed. Following vacancy checks, these are being referred for failure to service system.

- d. 2017 Program Fee Notices

- i. A new exciting feature this year is that the \$20 program fee can be paid online with an electronic check, debit card or credit card. There will be a convenience fee if making payment this way. Cash or check is available for those property owners

who want to avoid paying the convenience fee. As of January 30th, there have been 648 property owners who have paid the program fee since November 1, 2017 on the Point & Pay online system.

- ii. Program fee postcard invoices were mailed on Friday, November 3rd with a due date of Wednesday, December 6th. There were 4,551 postcard invoices mailed.
- iii. On December 18th, 756 2nd program fee invoices were mailed to those owners who did not meet the December 6th deadline.
- iv. On January 22nd, 223 Wood Co Corp Counsel letters were mailed to property owners for failure to pay Triennial Program fee.

e. Enforcement Activities Update.

i. Small Claims

On January 16th four (4) cases were forwarded to Wood Co Corp Counsel to initiate Small Claims action for 2017 failure to service. These are not yet scheduled.

f. Wisconsin Fund Grant Program – The Joint Finance Committee on Thursday, May 11th on a 12-4 vote adopted ongoing funding for the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program through June 30, 2021.

- i. (7) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2019 – Wisconsin Fund Grant Applications was 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 2018.

February 1, 2018
Government Services

Seminar Chair:
Jason Grueneberg, Wood County Planning & Zoning

Agenda

Learning Objective:

Compare and contrast how government systems operate in towns, cities, counties, states, federal, international, and tribal governance.

Outcomes:

- Increase understanding of how the public influences government.
- Increase understanding of the legislative process.
- Increase understanding of how to work in the government system.
- Increase understanding of the different levels in government operations.

Government Systems Wood County Court House - Conference Room 114		
7:45am	Arrival – Please be on time and ready for program to start promptly at 8 am.	Day Sponsored by: Wood County
8:00am	Introduction to the Day – Habits of Highly Effective People	Paul Liebherr
8:45-9:30am	Court System – Presentation on the Wood County Circuit Court, Wood County Courthouse	Judge Potter & Judge Brazeau
9:30-10:15am	Behind Bars – Tour Wood County Jail to observe daily operations and what it is like to be locked up.	Melissa Simcakowski, Wood County Jail
10:15-10:30am	Break	
10:30-11:30am	Panel Discussion - Moderated by Jason Grueneberg Local elected leaders share their perspectives on local issues and thoughts on serving in an elected position.	Patrick Testin – Senate District 24 Zach Vruwink – Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Hilde Henkel – County Board Supervisor Arne Nystrom - Town of Grand Rapids
11:30-12:45pm	Lunch – Project time over lunch. Have your project worksheet ready and ready to give your team's report	Lunch Sponsored by: Wood County
12:45-1:30pm	An overview of County Government – Learn about how County Government functions and the roles of some of the larger County departments.	Cindy Cephress, County Clerk Brandon Vruwink, Human Services Department Sean Becker, Sheriff's Department
1:30-2:15pm	Finding out about Government agencies – Visit County offices to learn about some of the services they provide	Facilitated by Justin Conner
2:15pm	Break	
2:30-4:00pm	Central Wisconsin Issues facilitated by Jason Grueneberg 2:30 – Identify South Wood County Issues – Assign select issues to groups of 3 2:45 - Determine message you would like to present to County Board Chair on your issue. 3:00-4:00 – Presenting issue and possible solutions or approaches to County Board Chair followed by discussion.	Lance Pliml Wood County Board Chair Will join us at 3:00 for the presentations of Issues and discussion
4:00-4:30pm	Wrap-up	

WISCONSIN FUND PROGRAM TRENDS
WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN
FY86 - FY18

FISCAL YEAR	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	TOTAL RECEIVED	AVERAGE GRANT RECEIVED	APPLICATION FEES	AVERAGE GRANT AFTER FEES
1986	57	\$79,400	\$1,393	\$0	\$1,393
1987	59	\$106,196	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800
1988	56	\$95,915	\$1,713	\$0	\$1,765
1989	48	\$78,067	\$1,626	\$0	\$1,626
1990	49	\$86,675	\$1,769	\$0	\$1,769
1991	85	\$163,741	\$1,926	\$10,899	\$1,798
1992	99	\$224,425	\$2,267	\$14,518	\$2,120
1993	84	\$152,563	\$1,816	\$10,227	\$1,694
1994	65	\$114,678	\$1,764	\$8,560	\$1,633
1995	45	\$97,964	\$2,177	\$6,489	\$2,033
1996	71	\$135,265	\$1,905	\$9,675	\$1,769
1997	44	\$92,096	\$2,093	\$7,831	\$1,915
1998	57	\$115,209	\$2,021	\$5,947	\$1,917
1999	29	\$85,174	\$2,937	\$4,382	\$2,786
2000	41	\$106,311	\$2,593	\$5,859	\$2,450
2001	30	\$88,387	\$2,946	\$4,446	\$2,798
2002	30	\$109,964	\$3,665	\$4,459	\$3,517
2003	26	\$72,474	\$2,787	\$3,831	\$2,640
2004	20	\$72,465	\$3,623	\$3,000	\$3,473
2005	34	\$117,117	\$3,445	\$5,060	\$3,296
2006	18	\$49,885	\$2,771	\$2,621	\$2,626
2007	25	\$82,237	\$3,289	\$3,750	\$3,139
2008	21	\$72,852	\$3,469	\$3,117	\$3,321
2009	24	\$81,643	\$3,402	\$3,370	\$3,261
2010	32	\$122,353	\$3,824	\$4,800	\$3,674
2011	23	\$72,428	\$3,149	\$3,239	\$3,008
2012	27	\$73,921	\$2,738	\$3,989	\$2,590
2013	28	\$69,738	\$2,491	\$3,871	\$2,352
2014	17	\$63,821	\$3,754	\$2,400	\$3,613
2015	15	\$68,965	\$4,598	\$2,141	\$4,455
2016	11	\$45,371	\$4,125	\$1,650	\$3,975
2017	12	\$19,119	\$1,593	\$1,350	\$1,481
2018	4	\$15,799	\$3,950	\$600	\$3,800
2019					
TOTALS	1,286	\$3,032,218	\$89,420	\$142,081	\$85,487
AVG/YR	41	\$101,074	\$2,981	\$4,736	\$2,850

Note: Wood Co entered into the Wis Fund Grant Program, effective 1/15/85, with passage of Co Board Resolution #11.

Note: 1994 was a 'short year' due to a change of the deadline date of submitting applications from May 31st to January 31st.

SOURCE: WOOD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

(AGENDA 7-A)

Peter Manley

Subject: FW: facilitation of Central Sands Groundwater Group during vacancy of Peter Manley position

From: Peter Manley

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 2:05 PM

To: Jason Hausler; Hilde Henkel

Subject: FW: facilitation of Central Sands Groundwater Group during vacancy of Peter Manley position

Hello;

I am writing with a proposal to consider for facilitating the Central Sands Groundwater (CS GW) Group during the vacancy in my position after I retire on January 31, 2018.

Members of the CS GW Group have suggested that Gus Mancuso from Incourage Community Foundation would have good skills for this task.

I have discussed this task with Gus at some length and he may be amenable to taking on this role. To do so, we would need to contract with Incourage Community Foundation for Consulting/Facilitator Services. The fee for these services is \$25/hour for the first five hours and \$50/hour for additional hours. I believe you could reasonably expect that 5 hours would be spent preparing for and being at the first meeting for a total of \$125. At subsequent meetings you can reasonably expect 2 hours preparing for the meeting and 2 hours at the meeting for a total of 4 hours or \$200 per monthly meeting.

My expectation is that the CRD position will not be filled for about 4 months. It would also be beneficial to have Gus handle at least one meeting with the new person in this role, adding another month of consultation. So for 5 months of consulting/facilitator services you could expect costs of about \$925 (more or less).

There are several expected benefits by having Gus take on the consulting/facilitator services role for an interim period. Gus would lend a new face and fresh perspective to facilitator role. I believe Gus would help the CS GW Group to reconsider and clarify their long term goals and expectations for themselves. This would be helpful for the CS GW Group at this point. Gus would also be helpful in helping the new person in this position take on the role of facilitating this group.

Katie Tomsyck, Extension Support Staff, would continue take on communication duties such as minutes and meeting notices. Gus has also expressed interest in working with Katie in facilitating the meetings.

At this point, I am seeking direction regarding whether and how to "make this happen."

- Is this is a CEED Committee decision? We can add it to the February agenda.
- The consulting funds would certainly be covered by unused funds when my position is open. Note that these funds are from the "Other Professional Service" line item. Can we just invoice the consulting/facilitator services fee and use the funds from this line item? Also, are there state funds available for this fee (Jason)?
- Does this action need a resolution?

I would appreciate input from Peter K., Warren, Kim, Marla and Jason on these questions.

Lastly, note that if we do not utilize the Incourage Community Foundation Consulting/Facilitator Services; my next step would be to ask Matt Lippert and Nathan Sandwick to jointly take on this interim role. Matt is the Wood County Ag Agent and Nathan is the Portage County CRD Agent.

Thanks everybody!

Peter Manley

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Peter Manley

From: Peter Kastenholz
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Peter Manley; Marla Cummings
Cc: Lacey Bell; Jason Hausler; Hilde Henkel; Kimberly McGrath
Subject: RE: resolution needed?

Hi Peter. If there would not be a need to move funds because the use being made of them is consistent with the purpose for which they were budgeted, then there would not need to be county board action to authorize the expenditure of the funds.

In so far as Hilde's inquiry about possibly hiring you to fill the moderator role, assuming you were interested and available, I am not aware of any legal impediments. My understanding is that you can not be hired as an employee of an entity with WRS benefits for 90 days without messing up your retirement but that there is no a problem with you being hired as an independent contractor. HR probably would have a definitive opinion on that, though.

Let me know if there are any follow-up questions or concerns.

Thanks. Peter

From: Peter Manley
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Marla Cummings; Peter Kastenholz
Cc: Lacey Bell; Jason Hausler; Hilde Henkel
Subject: resolution needed?

Peter and Marla;

I have a question on whether a resolution is needed or not.

Situation: I am retiring on January 31. One of my projects is facilitating the Central Sands Groundwater Group (CSGWG). Members of CSGWG have proposed hiring an employee of Incourage Foundation (Gus Mancuso) to facilitate the group until my position is refilled (likely about 4 months). This would be through a contract for services with Incourage Foundation at a cost of approximately \$1,200.

The "county portion" of my salary currently comes out of the "Other Professional Services" line item. If the CEED Committee were approve contracting with Incourage Foundation, the funds would also come out of the "Other Professional Services" line item and would more than be covered by my "unused salary."

The decision on whether to go forward with this proposal will be taken up at the February 7 CEED Committee meeting. I am unsure if they would approve this or not.

QUESTION: If CEED does approve going forward with this proposal, does it require a County Board resolution or is this just a Committee decision?

THANKS!

Peter Manley

Wood County University of Wisconsin Extension
Community Resource Development Agent
PO Box 8095, 400 Market Street

CENTRAL SANDS GROUNDWATER GROUP

MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2018 2pm

Saratoga Town Hall

Present: Bill Clendenning, Nancy Eggleston, Logan Manthe, Peter Manley, Rick Bakovka, John Endrezzi, Rock Potter, Joe Ancel, Bruce Dimick, Bill Leichtnam, Emily Salvinski, Shane Wucherpennig.

Excused: Tamas Houlihan, Andy Wallendal, Matthew Lippert, Patty Lumby.

1. **Call to order.** Manley call the meeting to order at 2pm.
2. **Introductions.** Members introduced themselves.
3. **Future facilitation/organization of the group.** Manley introduced the concept of contracting with Incourage Foundation for the services of Gus Mancuso to facilitate about four meetings. The cost would be \$200 per meeting. This must be approved by the CEED Committee. Dimick: Mancuso would be a reasonable choice. Leichtnam: Mancuso has lots of experience. Lippert will have a great deal of Farm Progress Days duties. He does not favor having two facilitators. Clendenning: Is not in favor of Lippert as a facilitator. Bakovka: Mancuso is a wonderful facilitator. Eggleston: prefers Mancuso or Nathan Sandwick. Endrezzi: Feels continuity for the group is important. Mancuso would orient the next person. Leichtnam: Brought several other possible names.
4. **Potential Projects.** Manley reviewed that the organizers of Healthy Waters Healthy Soils are not interested in expanding the event into a broad summit as they feel this will discourage the attendance of farmers. Clendenning: It is unfortunate that farmers and environmental groups cannot get together to plan solutions. Potter: The PACRS group has worked with Healthy Waters Healthy Soils, but does not attend the Healthy Soils Health Waters workshop as it leads to the feeling of "piling on" on farmers. He feels the farmer led initiative is very useful and there may be other opportunities for farmers and environmentalists to interact. Leichtnam: There is a need for a forum for the two groups to sit together. The group has worked well. Jennifer McNally from Portage County is interested in some type of groundwater summit. Dimick: This group has had good farmer participation and we need to seek their guidance in selecting a project. Endrezzi: Has met John Eron and feels he is independent but also environmentally conscious. It is time to bring up issues with farm groups. Eggleston: We need to develop information that farmers can use in the future. Wucherpennig: We got environmental and farmer groups together two years ago and want to move beyond that. Healthy Soils Healthy Waters has moved on to farmer-to-farmer education, and have made a lot of progress. It would be helpful to have a separate summit. Leichtnam: Asked about NR 151 funding and how fast this groundwater study will actually happen. Wucherpennig: Sees a need to focus on changing activities voluntarily, as legislated regulation takes much longer. Leichtnam: Admitted he is ready to move on to other projects. He presented a rough draft of groundwater summit including topics on environmental concerns and agricultural developments. He feels Portage County is interested in participating in this. Clendenning: Commented that in the past, Waushara County and Wysocki's were able to cooperate on zoning planning. Endrezzi: A

groundwater summit is a viable option. Wucherpennig: PACRS would support a groundwater summit. The concept has been done and we would need to get input from other groups in central Wisconsin. Endrezzi: Asked about timing for the summit. Farmer participation is best in winter/spring. Wucherpennig: Tamas has brought up residential pesticide use as an educational project and there are several possibilities in that area. Salvinski: Suggested multiple field days on related topics. Field days that work best are about 2 hours with a lunch. Examples include grazing, buffers, no-till, cover crops and a rain garden. Dimick: The topic of drip irrigation would be a good field day topic. Clendenning: Asked if the County Board could dissolve this groundwater group. Leichtnam: Admitted he is impatient. The CAFO spurred this group over a year ago. Looking for immediacy on projects. Wucherpennig: Act 10 legislation – the study on groundwater pumping and irrigation may result in legislation. Eggleston: Previous groundwater studies have not led to significant changes. Endrezzi: Asked how the pumping study is proceeding. Clendenning: Would like more city/village participation. Need a broader audience.

5. **Next Speakers.** Leichtnam: Feels it is time for action, not additional speakers. Potter: Education is great, but also feels it is time to start a project. Bakovka: The crux of changed is legislated regulation, so we should be addressing that by presenting positions to legislators. Potter: The group could focus on existing laws and how and whether they work. Wucherpennig: We have legislation now that is not being enforced as DNR is weak at enforcing. Clendenning: John Eron is laudable for his efforts and his work at educating.
6. **Roundtable.** Bokovka: There is a new \$400 million rural economic development fund proposal. Rome has approved a residential development near Sand Valley. The Rome business park has sold six lots and a hotel study was recently completed. Endrezzi: The 14 Mile Watershed Committee is having an educational day at the Rome Town Hall. Potter: Pontoons for Politics is ongoing with a different focus each year. Slavinski: They are receiving many nutrient management questions at their office. Wucherpennig: With the warm spells there are many manure runoff questions at their office. Ancel: Clean Green Action Committee meets the 1st Wednesday at the library. They have ongoing projects. A new project is promoting pollinator gardens. Dimick: The Saratoga Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Code are extremely well written. Leichtnam: A primary concern is that this group keeps making progress. Clendenning: There are 8 contested elections on the 19 member County Board; elections are in April.
7. **Next meeting date.** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2:00pm at the Saratoga Town Hall.
8. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Submitted by Peter Manley, acting secretary.

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Thank you for taking the time to learn more about REGI (Regional Economic Growth Initiative) of Central Wisconsin and how your investment would be utilized within our community. We hope that you have already heard great things about the impact of REGI but if you are not familiar with us, REGI is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public/private funded organization targeting the economic development needs of Central Wisconsin. Our economic development emphasis is to provide a variety of informational, educational, and financial assistance to businesses, investors and site selectors while collaborating with municipalities and other regional partners.

Since recruiting our executive director in 2016, we have already been successful on a variety of fronts. The following are examples of some of our significant successes:

- Facilitated the location of and TID (Tax Increment District) financing for Cyber One Data Center in Port Edwards
- Advanced and supported the development of a State Budget request for the South Wood County Airport capital improvement plan, initial reports have identified up to \$4.4 million to address critical infrastructure needs
- Guided a study to investigate the viability of a hotel in Nekoosa
- Launched the Municipal Forum- a key gathering of leaders designed to encourage municipal collaboration on economic development projects
- Organized and led a study trip to Bandon Dunes to fully understand the potential of Sand Valley and how to leverage relationships for the maximum benefit of our local businesses
- Assisted in the funding and development of a feasibility plan to expand YMCA services into neighboring Adams County.
- Supported the expansion of key transportation connectors between municipalities, including aiding negotiations on the bike path extension between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and Village of Biron.
- Facilitated an Economic Development Summit for local leaders and legislators held at Sand Valley Resort in November. Plans are to hold a larger summit this spring.
- **2018 Projects include;**
- New business opportunities for Rapids, Port Edwards, Nekoosa, Saratoga and Rome. At least three of these are manufacturing inquiries. REGI aids in locating sites and financing for these applications.
- REGI is seeking out and negotiating with developers for housing and hotel investments to take advantage of the studies done last year. Rome Business Park has sold four lots, with offers on two more in the last three weeks.
- Continues integration of the Sand Valley Resort into the central Wisconsin economy. This includes the new hospitality program at MSTC led by their new Dean of Workforce and Economic Development Dr. Bobbi Damrow and Department manager Craig Bernstein.
- Continue Strategic Planning initiatives as requested by Saratoga, Pittsville and Vesper.
- REGI will also be applying for a Federal Fannie Mae Communities Challenge Award. This \$10million dollar grant will be awarded in 500k blocks to innovative communities intersecting workforce and housing. Incourage and MSTC are our application partners.

Other ongoing efforts to build upon our successes include completion of strategic planning in Nekoosa and leveraging technical assistance from UW-Extension, furthering our technical assistance regarding TID's in the Town of Rome and Village of Port Edwards, and continuing to provide key economic development information at multiple meetings in Central Wisconsin. We strive to strengthen trust and awareness of opportunities for working with municipalities on strategic land use projects.

REGI is growing partnerships locally and in the region including engagement with the Ho-Chunk Nation, hosting of delegations such as the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and hosting hotel developers interested in the region. Our staff sought out leadership opportunities on the CENTERGY board, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Rome Town Board, and Adams County Economic Development Commission to deepen our reach and further promote regional development.

Investments in REGI do more than simply help maintain the services REGI currently provides. The organization is able to further its impact by leveraging investments to realize important infrastructure and business development projects, to facilitate the relocation of current businesses, and to repurpose available spaces in the region. Your investment and support of REGI is a key catalyst to successful collaboration and community growth within Central Wisconsin.

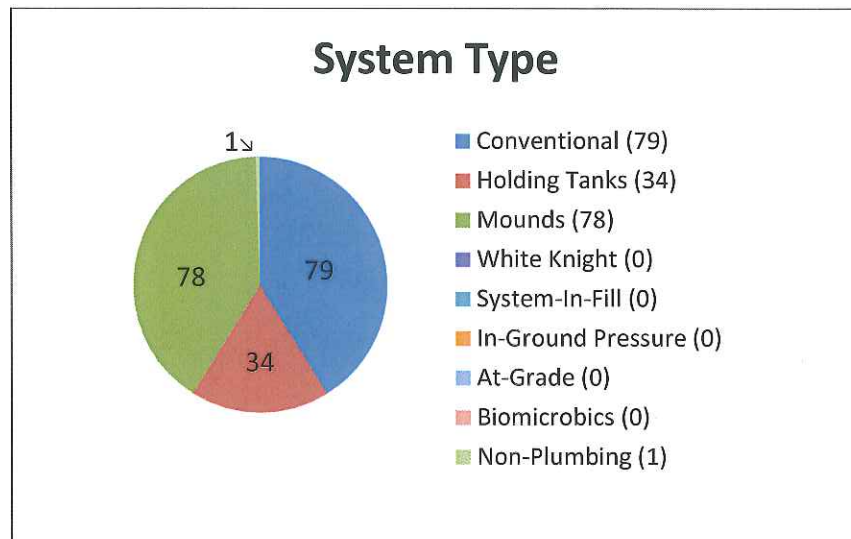
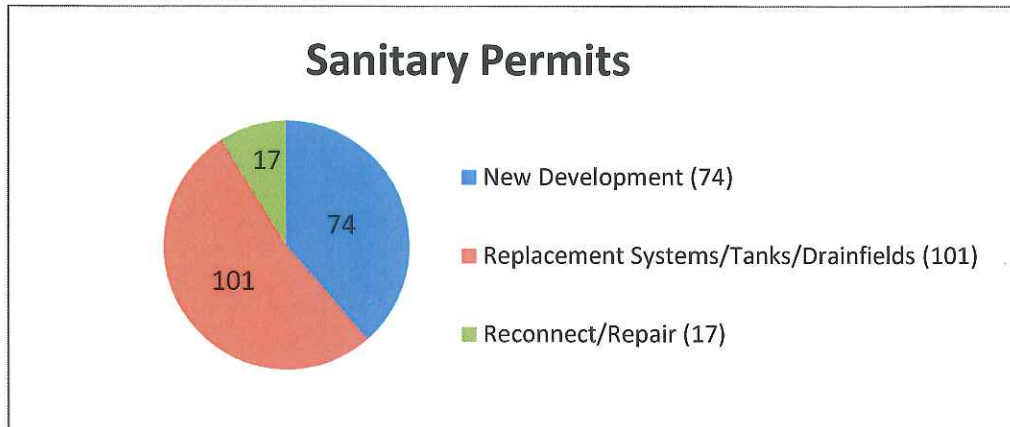
REGI would like to acknowledge and thank Wood County for their past and continued support for economic development in Central Wisconsin. Wood County funding has allowed REGI to become a valuable and vital component of that process.

Thank you for your 2018 allocation.

Rick Bakovka
REGI, Regional Economic Growth Initiative

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2017 WOOD COUNTY Sanitary Permit Totals (192 Permits Issued)



NEW

Conventional – 36
Holding Tanks – 7
Mounds – 30
White Knight – 0
System-In-Fill – 0
In-Ground Pressure – 0
Non-Plumbing – 1
Biomicrobics – 0

REPLACEMENT

Conventional – 37
Holding Tanks – 22
Mounds – 42
White Knight – 0
System-In-Fill – 0
In-Ground Pressure – 0
At-Grade – 0

RECONNECTIONS

Conventional – 6
Holding Tanks – 5
Mounds – 6
White Knight – 0
System-In-Fill – 0
In-Ground Pressure – 0



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DATE: February 1, 2018
TO: CEED Committee
FROM: Adam DeKleyn, County Planner *AD*
RE: Mining 101 Educational Seminar

MEMORANDUM

Background:

Recent law changes (2017 Wisconsin Act 134) makes a number of changes surrounding the regulation of nonferrous metallic prospecting and mining in Wisconsin. On January 24, 2018 the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in partnership with the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) held an educational seminar with the intent to inform local government officials on this new regulatory environment. Detailed below is a summary of what was presented at the seminar.

Seminar Summary:

Topic: Understanding the Geology and Resources of Northern WI

Speaker: Robert Lodge, Assistant Professor, UW – Eau Claire

Highlights:

- Sulfide Minerals: metal bonded with sulfur (Example: Chalcopyrite, where we get copper). Majority of sulfide mineral deposits in WI are north of State Hwy. 29 (Crandon deposit – Forest County, largest in state, 67 million tons; Lynne deposit – Oneida County; Bend deposit – Taylor County; Reef deposit – Marathon County).
- Mining sulfide minerals: Most likely open pit mines with refinement operations onsite (crushing/grinding, flotation, dewatering, tailings ponds, etc.).
- Potential impacts: Acid mine drainage- potential rust/acid. Tailing pond issues.
- Modern mining: Numerous technological advancements and innovations to reduce risks, extensive community engagement, reclamation, etc.

Topic: Overview of Recent Mining Legislation Q & A

Speakers: Larry Konopacki, Principal Attorney, Wisconsin Legislative Council

Andrew T. Phillips, Attorney, von Briesen & Roper, s.c. and Carol Nawrocki

Highlights:

- Effective date: July 1, 2018 (Act 134)
- Elimination of mining moratorium (1998)
- Counties and towns need to decide if/why/how, they want to regulate nonferrous metallic mining.
- Regulation tools: Zoning (county/town). Zoning ordinances that are not preemptive stand up to challenges. Licensing Ordinances are another tool, however they may be challenged. Overwhelming environmental restrictions may be challenged/invalidated. Stick to state minimum requirements.
- WCA will be producing a Best Practice Manual within the next month.



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Topic: Overview of the Flambeau Mine

Speaker: Al Christianson, Ladysmith City Administrator

Highlights:

- Only nonferrous metallic mining operation in WI (1993-97)
- Overall success story: Approximately \$10 million in economic development for area. Company was very invested in the community. Reclamation was completed. Not aware of any negative environmental impacts to date.

2017 Wisconsin Act 134 Analysis:

Attached is a document prepared by the Wisconsin Legislative Council (nonpartisan) summarizing Act 134.

Conclusions:

The overall intent of this educational seminar was to provide information on Act 134 and nonferrous metallic mining so that communities can make knowledgeable decisions on the matter.

Based on discussions at the seminar, there are potential positive and negative community impacts in regards to nonferrous metallic mining. Wood County and its towns will need to decide whether there is a need to address/regulate nonferrous metallic mining and by what means. Every community is unique and different, there is not a "one size fits all"/"model ordinance fits all" solution. Wood County's sulfide mineral deposits are substantially different than a 67 million ton deposit in Forest County.

The Wisconsin Legislative Council clearly stated the most effective tool for regulating certain land uses is zoning (county or town). Does that work for Wood County and its towns? Is it even feasible? Are the resources available for administration? Or are there different approaches we should be considering?

I would recommend the CEED Committee collaborate with the Land and Water Conservation Department prior to any action/decision making.

Attachments:

1. Wisconsin Legislative Council Act Memo – 2017 Wisconsin Act 134



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 134
[2017 Assembly Bill 499]

Nonferrous Metallic Mining

2017 Wisconsin Act 134 makes a number of changes to laws relating to nonferrous metallic mineral prospecting and mining, as summarized below.

SULFIDE ORE PERMITTING CONDITIONS

The Act repeals a requirement under which applicants for a nonferrous mining approval must provide, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must verify, information showing that a sulfide mining operation in the United States or Canada has operated for at least 10 years without polluting surface water or groundwater and that a sulfide mining operation in the United States or Canada has been closed for at least 10 years without polluting surface water or groundwater.

APPLICABILITY OF GROUNDWATER STANDARDS

In the context of nonferrous metallic mining or prospecting, the Act provides that groundwater contamination enforcement standards do not apply below the depth in the Precambrian bedrock below which the groundwater is not reasonably capable of being used for human consumption and is not hydrologically connected to other sources of groundwater that are suitable for human consumption. Under current law, groundwater standards generally apply from the land surface down through all saturated geological formations.

WETLANDS

The Act eliminates special administrative code provisions applicable to impacts to wetlands caused by a nonferrous mining operation. Under the Act, generally applicable wetlands requirements apply to a mining site.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

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BULK SAMPLING

Under current law, a person may apply to the DNR for an approval to engage in exploration for, prospecting for, or mining of nonferrous metallic minerals. The Act creates a separate approval process for "bulk sampling" of nonferrous metallic minerals, defined to include excavating in a potential mining site by removing less than 10,000 tons of total material, including overburden, to assess the nonferrous metallic minerals present or gather data to support a mining application.

Under the Act, a person who intends to conduct bulk sampling must file a bulk sampling plan with the DNR, which triggers a streamlined process for obtaining any approvals necessary for the activity. Specified information is required to be included with the plan, and the person who intends to conduct bulk sampling must file a bond in an amount determined by the DNR (but not less than \$5,000) to cover costs of conducting a revegetation plan.

The Act also provides that the DNR is not required to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) related to a bulk sampling application.

MINING PERMIT APPLICATION TIMELINE

The Act makes various changes to the process for approval of nonferrous metallic mineral prospecting and mining permits, including changes related to pre-application data collection and the timeline under which consideration of a mining application must be conducted. The Act also requires the DNR to seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the applicant, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other relevant federal agencies, which may include an agreement between the DNR and the applicant regarding alternative timelines for the permitting process.

Unless an alternative timeline is provided for under a MOU, the timeline for review of an application for a nonferrous prospecting or mining permit is as follows:

1. The DNR has 180 days after application submittal to provide comments and request additional information. If no additional information is requested, the DNR has 180 days to prepare a draft EIS, a draft prospecting or mining permit, and any other related draft approvals.
2. If the DNR requests additional information under step 1, it has 90 days after the applicant submits additional information to again provide comments and request additional information.¹ If no additional information is requested, the DNR has 180 days to prepare a draft EIS, a draft prospecting or mining permit, and any other related draft approvals.

¹ If the applicant makes a substantial modification to the mining or prospecting plan during this phase of the process that significantly changes the information necessary to prepare the EIS or adequately review an application, the DNR may re-start the review process (this may only be done one time).

3. If the DNR requests additional information under step 2, it has 180 days after the applicant submits additional information to prepare a draft EIS, a draft prospecting or mining permit, and any other related draft approvals.

HIGH CAPACITY WELL APPROVAL

Under current law, a nonferrous prospecting or mining permit applicant must obtain a high capacity well approval if the applicant will withdraw groundwater or dewater mines at a rate and capacity of more than 100,000 gallons each day. The DNR is prohibited from issuing this approval if the withdrawal or dewatering will result in the unreasonable detriment of public or private water supplies or the unreasonable detriment of public rights in the waters of the state. [s. 293.65 (3), Stats.] Under the Act, the DNR is authorized to impose conditions on such an approval to avoid these outcomes, including requiring that the applicant replace, increase, or temporarily augment waters of the state.

HEARING AND REVIEW PROCESS

Under current law, a "master hearing" is held after the DNR issues a final EIS, draft mining or prospecting permits, and any other draft approvals that are required for the prospecting or mining project. This master hearing includes both a contested case hearing, with testimony under oath and the opportunity for cross-examination, and a public informational hearing. After the master hearing, the DNR issues its decision on the application and related approvals. [ss. 293.43, 293.45, and 293.49, Stats.]

Under the Act, the DNR will conduct a public informational hearing (not a contested case hearing) on the draft prospecting or mining permit, the draft EIS, and other necessary approvals. Following the DNR's decision on whether to approve these permits and approvals, a person may petition for a contested case hearing if the person believes that he or she is aggrieved by the DNR's decision and the petition is filed within 30 days of that decision. If a contested case hearing is requested and held, the Act requires the hearing examiner to issue a decision within 270 days after the DNR approves or denies the mining or prospecting permit.

Under the Act, judicial review is available to a person aggrieved by a DNR decision relating to nonferrous metallic mineral exploration, bulk sampling, prospecting, and mining, in the court for the county in which the majority of the proposed activity would occur. A petition for judicial review of a hearing examiner's decision following a contested case hearing must be brought within 30 days of the decision.

The Act does not authorize a person to request a contested case hearing on a DNR decision relating to exploration or bulk sampling.

FEES

The Act exempts a nonferrous metallic mining operation from specified solid waste disposal fees that would be required under current law.

PREDICTIVE MODELING

Under the Act, if the DNR requires an applicant for a nonferrous mining permit to conduct engineering and hydrologic modeling to evaluate whether a waste site in the proposed mining operation will violate groundwater or surface water quality standards, the period of time to be examined may not extend longer than 250 years after closure of the mining waste site.

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Under current law contained in administrative code, an applicant for a nonferrous metallic mining permit must create and maintain an irrevocable trust, and maintain this trust in perpetuity, to ensure the availability of funds for preventative and remedial activities. [s. NR 132.085, Wis. Adm. Code.] The Act eliminates this requirement and, instead, creates two new statutory financial assurance requirements.

First, the Act requires a nonferrous metallic mining operator to provide one of several specified forms of financial assurance, prior to beginning mining operations, to cover unforeseen remedial contingencies not otherwise covered by the reclamation bond and waste site long-term care bond, including for the provision of a replacement water supply if required under the Act. The amount of this financial assurance is equal to 10% of these other two bonds through the life of the mining operation. For the 40 years following the end of extraction activities at the mining site, the operator must maintain this bond in an amount equal to 10% of the amount of these two bonds at the time that the operator ceased extraction. The bond must be released no later than 40 years after the end of extraction activities.

Second, the Act requires a nonferrous metallic mining operator to provide proof of financial responsibility for the reasonably anticipated costs to be incurred during the period between 40 and 250 years after closure of the mining waste site to repair or replace any engineered cover systems or tailings water management control systems used at the mining site or mining waste site. This proof of financial responsibility must be provided at the time of closure of the mining waste site, in an amount to be calculated at the time that the nonferrous mining permit is approved. The DNR must base this amount on the net present value discounted at a rate of at least 5% per year. The Act requires that the proof of financial responsibility be created in one of a listed number of forms, all of which are interest-bearing. The funds available may be used by the operator or the DNR to conduct the anticipated repairs or replacements and any remaining funds are to be returned to the operator.

The Act does not modify other forms of financial assurance required under current law, such as requirements for insurance and financial requirements related to completion of the reclamation plan and long-term care of a waste facility. The Act does specify that the DNR may not impose a financial assurance requirement that is not provided for in statute.

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