

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel (via conference call), Robert Ashbeck, William Winch, Ken Curry and Ruth Moody.

Member Absent: Harvey Petersen

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff – Gary Popelka, Julie Akey and Jason Grueneberg

UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley and Teri Lessig

Land Conservation Dept. Staff – Jerry Storke

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 William Clendenning and Jason Angell (City of Marshfield)

1. **Call to Order.** Vice-Chairman Robert Ashbeck called the CEED meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
3. **Review Correspondence.**
 - a. Robert Ashbeck distributed a series of 2011 maps/charts showing Groundwater Total Withdrawals by Water Use, Groundwater Annual Withdrawals, Surface Water Annual Withdrawals and Total Surface Water Withdrawals by Water Use.
 - b. William Winch requested an update on his request from last month for a summary on a recent Supreme Court decision limiting the state's ability to regulate lands above the ordinary high water mark, saying the state's Public Trust Doctrine cannot be used to justify or mandate regulatory prescriptions in shoreland areas. An article on this issue was published in The Lakeland Times on July 19, 2013, which was briefly discussed at last month's meeting.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the September 4, 2013 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, UW Extension and Land Conservation and 3) staff activity reports. No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Ken Curry to approve and accept the September 4, 2013 CEED minutes as presented. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of Chairperson Henkel, Gary Popelka gave a brief explanation on the history of the Port Edwards Multi-Use Trail and the subsequent billing issues with WI DOT on this project. Briefly, a mix-up occurred when DOT charged the Port Edwards in-kind costs to another project instead of the trail project. Through a series of reimbursements from DOT to Port Edwards to Wood County, the payments have been straightened out. Wood County will now pay DOT the balance of the contract (\$12,694.05) from the reimbursement from Port Edwards, closing the contract. All parties involved (Wood County, Village of Port Edward and WI DOT) are in agreement on the final resolve.

Motion by Ruth Moody to accept the bills as presented from Planning & Zoning, UW Extension and Land Conservation. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by William Winch to accept the staff activity reports as presented from Planning & Zoning, UW Extension and Land Conservation. Second by Hilde Henkel. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** Nothing new to report this month.

6. Planning & Zoning

- a. Complaint Form. The Committee continued their discussion from last month on the possible implementation of a complaint form. Popelka distributed a draft of a complaint form which is similar to that utilized by the Sheriff's Dept. Staff reported currently complaints are handled on a one-on-one personal basis as they arise and doesn't appear to be a problem; however, the complainant always has the option of appearing before the CEED committee for resolution. Brief discussion was held.

Motion by Ken Curry to continue to handle complaints as they may arise one-on-one personally. Second by Ruth Moody.

Voting Aye: Robert Ashbeck, Ken Curry, Ruth Moody and Hilde Henkel.

Voting Nay: William Winch (change is necessary)

Motion passed 4-1.

- b. Discuss Possible Changes to Maintenance Notices. Committee members reviewed the language on the current maintenance notices. Staff reported minor changes are routinely made every year to clean up existing language; however, other questions always seem to come up. Following a brief discussion, staff suggested the committee review this notice again prior to the Spring 2014 mailings.

7. Economic Development

- a. Consider Resolution to support the Marshfield Economic Development Board The Marshfield Economic Board (EDB) was established by the City of Marshfield for the purpose of directing, overseeing and coordinating all economic development activities within the City. Brief discussion was held on the use of boundary agreements.

Motion by Ruth Moody to submit a County Board Resolution to support the efforts of the Marshfield Economic Development Board. Second by Ken Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Land Records. Nothing to report.

9. County Surveyor

- a. Select Contractor for 2nd PLSS Maintenance Contract for 2013 Jason Grueneberg informed the Committee five companies submitted bids for the PLSS Perpetuation and Maintenance Contract. Costs per corner ranged from \$165 to \$773.08. A recommendation was made to award the contract to the lowest bidder, which was Badger Land Surveying.

Motion by William Winch to award the contract for the 2nd PLSS Maintenance Contract for 2013 to Badger Land Surveyor, at a cost of \$4,810 (\$165/corner for 26 corners) Second by Hilde Henkel. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Land Conservation

- a. Conservation Practices Tour Jerry Storke reported on the September 24th conservation tour. The tour stops included a nonmetallic mining reclamation project, a stream bank rip-rap project and a barnyard runoff control/waste transfer project. He reported the three stops were informative; however, attendance was low. Peter Manley suggested future tours could be expanded to include other county department's projects as well as the County's conservation projects similar to Waupaca and Waushara County's annual tours.
- b. Golden Sands RC&D Council Meeting. Jerry Storke informed the Committee RC&D received a WEEB grant to produce/print a book entitled 'One Family's Forest', written by two retired professors from UWSP. A limited quantity of this book is available for distribution. Storke reported copies have been distributed to area libraries and high schools. Copies were also distributed to those in attendance at today's meeting who requested a copy.

Ruth Moody also reported on activities at a recent Golden Sands RC&D Council meeting.

11. University Extension

- a. Budget Update. Nothing new to report.
- b. Clean Sweep Report. Peter Manley gave a presentation on the Clean Sweep that was held on September 28th at the Expo Building at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. As reported earlier, Wood County partnered with Marathon County this year; however, it appears the partnership is unlikely to occur in the future. Manley also reported funding for Clean Sweep projects has diminished over the years. Ruth Moody suggested Golden Sands RC&D be contacted for possible funding opportunities for future Clean Sweep projects.
- c. Community Gardens Teri Lessig, UW Extension Horticulture Educator, updated the Committee on the Community Gardens in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield.
 - i. Wisconsin Rapids - 2013 was the 1st year for a Community Garden. There is a five-year land use contract in place with Riverview Hospital for the current site. Totals are as follows: 1) 75# of produce were donated, 2) 20 gardeners using the raised beds, 5 gardeners using the table top gardens and 12 gardeners using the large (20' x 20') beds. She also reported there was one educational seminar early in the season on the different types of trellising.
 - ii. Marshfield - - These Community Gardens have been established for five years. There are three locations in Marshfield with two gardens in each location designated as student beds. Totals are as follows: 1) 700# of produce were donated, 2) 80 garden plots in use.

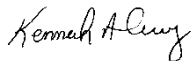
12. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion by William Winch to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary
 Minutes by Julie Akey, Planning & Zoning Office
 Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved October 8, 2013)