

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, July 1, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 114

1. Call meeting to order.
 2. Declaration of Quorum.
 3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
 4. Review Correspondence.
 5. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Approve bills
 - c. Receive staff activity reports
 6. Risk and Injury Report
 7. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. 2021 Budget
 - b. Review Livestock Facility Siting Article in Wisconsin County Association Magazine (page 27 June 2020 Addition)
 - c. Committee reports
 - i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
 - ii. Health Committee report.
 - iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.
 8. Private Sewage
 9. Land Records
 10. County Surveyor
 11. Planning
 12. Economic Development
 - a. Update from the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MACCI) and consider release of 2020 economic development grant funds.
 - b. Discuss 2021 Economic Development Budget and the 2021 grant program for economic development projects and organizations.
 - c. Update on the Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative.
 - d. General Economic Development update.
 - e. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update.
 13. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
 - b. 2019 Annual Report
 - c. Extension's Work Related to Renewables
 - d. Educational Presentation – Hannah Wendels
 14. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
 15. Agenda items for next meeting
 16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
 17. Adjourn
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MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Kenneth Curry, Bill Leichtnam, Robert Ashbeck, Dave LaFontaine, Jake Hahn and Carmen Good.

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn and Kim Keech.

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpfennig.

UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler, Laura Huber (via WebEx) and Karli Tomsyck (via WebEx).

Others Present: Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning and Dist. #16 Supervisor Lance Pliml (via WebEx), Nancy Eggleston, Wood County Health Department (via WebEx) and Kim McGrath, Wood County Human Resources (via WebEx).

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None
4. **Review Correspondence.** Shane Wucherpfennig shared that David Christensen started in their office as an intern 2-3 weeks ago. David Christensen attends college at UW-Stevens Point. He will be introduced at the next CEED Committee meeting.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the May 6, 2020 CEED meetings, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW-Madison Division of Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Shane Wucherpfennig, Adam Groshek, Rod Mayer, Emily Salvinski, Caleb Armstrong, Lori Ruess, David Christensen, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Jackie Carattini, Laura Huber, Hannah Wendels, Kelly Hammond, Rachael Whitehair and Allison Jonjak.
 - A. Minutes of May 6, 2020. No additions or corrections needed.
 - B. Department Bills. No additions or corrections needed.
 - C. Staff Activity Reports. No additions or corrections needed

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the May 6, 2020 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW-Madison Division of Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Risk and Injury Report.** None

7. **Land & Water Conservation Department.**

- A. Sales of 12'x12' overhead door. A 16'x12' overhead door was purchased to accommodate the No-till Drill that was 6" too big for the 12'x12' overhead door. Shane Wucherpfennig shared that he would like to sell the 12'x12' overhead door because it is taking up space and have had a few inquiries to sell the door. Shane Wucherpfennig would like guidance from the committee on selling the overhead door and then applying to CIP for the Roller Crimper or back to contingency.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to allow the Department Head to attempt to sell the 12'x12' overhead door checking with Steve Kreuser as to the sale appropriated by the CEED Committee to delegate the proceeds once sold. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Update of Department Status. Shane Wucherpennig shared that the office is fully staffed as of 3 weeks ago. All technology equipment has been returned. Appointments are either in the office with limited onsite visits. River Block is still closed to the general public.
- C. Update of River Block re-opening. Shane Wucherpennig commented that River Block is expected to open in 2-3 weeks. A date has not been determined. The re-opening of River Block will be the consensus of the Department Heads.

Shane Wucherpennig shared that the No-till Drill has been booked solid since spring with over 500 acres tilled. Two landowners have purchased a No-till Drill after renting it from Land & Water Conservation Department.

Land & Water Conservation had a liability of \$20,000 for the tree sale that was cancelled. The Department was able to reduce the liability to approximately \$6,100.

D. Committee Reports

- i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting Bill Leichtnam commented that the Citizen's Groundwater Committee meeting has not met since February due to COVID-19. A possible meeting at River Block or a virtual meeting is being discussed for the June meeting.
- ii. Health Committee report A conference call took place with the Armenia Growers Coalition (AGC) with an update on the MOU on Wednesday, May 20th. The next teleconference is scheduled for August.

Water testing was completed on 15 homes with reverse osmosis systems installed in the Armenia/Port Edwards area. The purpose of the sampling was to verify that RO systems are providing a safe water source for these homes. All kitchen faucet samples tested at safe levels for nitrate in drinking water. One home requested two tests, one installed by AGC at the kitchen sink, and another system that was on an icemaker. The icemaker sample exceeded the nitrate standard. Thirteen homes in this area are seasonal and another round of post RO sampling will be done during the summer months.

AGC Reports:

- 3 water deliveries per week over the past two months, a downturn in deliveries primarily due to the amount of homeowners who had RO systems installed and no longer need bottled water.
- 63 installations of free water filtration systems which included two years' worth of filters.
- 7 installations of free special water filtration systems and booster pumps for >30 (this total is included in the 63 installs).
- Provided reimbursements to the equivalent cost of AGC installed RO systems for 6 residents who have proven they have installed their own system and official county post RO results are below 10 ppm.
- 14 residents who have requested a system still need installation. Most residents in this category need to return an Access Agreement or have requested more information.

The AGC provided a draft plan of the farmer led initiative that was slated to begin in 2019 per the MOU. The stated purpose was to determine the movement of nitrate in soil and groundwater in the land application agricultural fields surrounding the Central Sands Dairy. It involved monitoring wells, and determination of groundwater flow in the area. The DNR responded to this draft with extensive comments, beginning with the purpose of the proposed study differing from that laid out in the MOU, and the study area does not encompass the entire agricultural corridor. The farmer led initiative plan will be distributed

when it is finalized. UW Researchers are working with the DNR on the groundwater study that was referenced in the MOU. This study is funded by the DNR and the AGC. The project was delayed by the University going online due to COVID-19. They are beginning field work now.

- iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) Committee Report. A virtual meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 29th with 6 counties participating with 22 in attendance virtually.

The speaker was Wisconsin Representative Katrina Shankland. The Wisconsin Assembly passed 160 bills in early February. The Wisconsin Senate was to meet on March 24th to vote on the 160 bills which included the 13 Water bills. COVID-19 prevented the Wisconsin Senate from meeting.

Bill Leichtnam commented that there is a resolution going before the Judicial & Legislative Committee on Friday to ask the Wisconsin Senate to hold an extraordinary session to vote on the 160 bills that included the 13 water bills which should have been voted on in March.

Motion by Jake Hahn to sign on to the resolution to request that the Wisconsin Senate hold an extraordinary session to vote on the 13 water bills. Second by Bill Leichtnam.

Chairman Curry shared that the motion is premature because the resolution doesn't exist. A meeting with the Judicial & Legislature Committee needs to be set before County Board to sign on to the resolution. A meeting will be scheduled with Judicial & Legislature Committee on June 16th at 9:00 a.m. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion at 9:55 a.m. to go into closed session by Kenneth Curry. Second by Dave LaFontaine.

Roll Call Vote: Dave LaFontaine - Aye, Robert Ashbeck - Aye, Kenneth Curry - Aye, Bill Leichtnam - Aye and Jake Hahn - Aye.

8. **Private Sewage.** Action by the CEED Committee during closed session has been filed in the Wood County Clerk's Office.

Motion at 10:30 a.m. to go into open session by Kenneth Curry. Second by Dave LaFontaine.

Roll Call Vote: Dave LaFontaine - Aye, Robert Ashbeck - Aye, Kenneth Curry - Aye, Bill Leichtnam - Aye and Jake Hahn - Aye.

Jason Grueneberg shared that Private Sewage sanitary permits are up and it has been a very busy construction year for contractors.

9. **Land Records.** Staff report in the packet.

10. **County Surveyor.** None.

11. Planning.

- A. Review/Action on The Grand Pines – First Addition Subdivision Plat. Adam DeKleyn explained the request for the preliminary plat for The Grand Pines – First Addition Subdivision in the Town of Grand Rapids. The parcel is owned by Ruesch Land Development LLC proposing 12 lots ranging from 0.5-1.3 acres in lot size. The Wood County Land Subdivision Ordinance is administered countywide within the unincorporated areas of the county. This ordinance regulates procedures and standards for dividing a parcel of land into smaller parcels. Preliminary plat was sent to the Town of Grand Rapids for comment/review. Additional, copies of the subdivision were sent to the following review agencies for comment /review: County Treasurer's Office, County

Surveyor, Highway Department, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department and applicable utilities. Planning & Zoning staff has reviewed the request and recommends to conditionally approve the preliminary plat of The Grand Pines – First Addition Subdivision.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to conditionally approve the preliminary plat of The Grand Pines – First Addition Subdivision in the Town of Grand Rapids. Second by Kenneth Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discuss creating a Broadband Forward Community Ordinance. Jason Grueneberg shared that he will contact counties who have a Broadband Forward Community Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to expedite the review process for Broadband by having a point of contact in the county.
- C. Discuss Planning & Zoning COVID-19 response and strategy to reopen office in future. Jason Grueneberg shared that the office is now open to the public. Most communication continues through telephone, internet, mail and email. Plexiglas is temporary installed on the front counter. Staff will stagger times in the office and as confidence level increases staff will be utilizing the office more. Signage will be created to allow one person in the office at a time.

12. Economic Development

- A. Update on the Rural Economic Development Innovation Initiative. Jason Gruenberg shared that the REDI Grant has been put on hold due to COVID-19. The goal is to have the REDI document completed by the end of 2020. The USDA has extended the completion of the REDI Grant to 1 year. Purdue University teleconference once per month with the coordinators. Next meeting, may be a virtual platform.
- B. General Economic Development update. Jason Grueneberg shared that the Economic Development Roundtable used to meet quarterly but has been meeting weekly via WebEx every Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. due to COVID-19. COVID-19 has put a whole new spin changing Economic Development to Economic Recovery. Unemployment is ranging from 16%-18%. Loss in sales tax for governments. Revenue is down for businesses. Some Economic Development projects may not be completed. The roundtable is made up of a variety of partners such as Heart of Wisconsin, Ho Chunk Gaming, Visit Marshfield, UWSP, City of Wisconsin Rapids, City of Marshfield, Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, MSTC, UW – Madison Division of Extension, United Way, Incentive and UWSP. Meeting notes are in the packet.

Economic Development (Personal Protection Equipment) has been meeting once per week on Tuesday's by WebEx. Meetings are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. Meeting notes are in the packet.

- C. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission update. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is in weekly conversation at the Economic Development Roundtable and has adjusted priorities due to COVID-19. Appointments have been approved from the State of Wisconsin. The following appointments: Dave LaFontaine (State appointee) and Jerry Nelson (Wood County appointee). The Wood County and State joint approval of Doug Machon has not yet been acted on yet.

13. UW-Madison Division of Extension.

- A. General Office Update
Jason Hausler shared the following office updates:
 - State contracted employees are working remotely from home till the end of June.
 - Plexiglas temporary installed on the counter.
 - Due to social distancing constraints work space will be staggered to accommodate 6' social distancing.
 - Working on Human Resources employee matters.

- State Staff will be furloughed between May 15th – October 31st. Furlough days are based on current salary. County share will be returned.
 - A decision to hold the Central Wisconsin State Fair will be made in early July. Extension programming is separate from fair programming due to insurance and liability.
 - 2020 Budget – Savings in staff furlough days, travel and open position. Department is being cautious on spending.
 - 2021 Budget – \$10,000 Educator Discount will remain. 2% increase to co-funded full-time positions in the amount of approximately \$1,700.
- B. County Board Presentation. Jason Hausler explained that a presentation at the monthly County Board meeting has taken place the last 2 years and asked the committee for feedback. Public who utilizes the UW-Madison Division of Extension understand what they do better than the general public. Consensus is to have a slide show presentation highlighting staff, sharing an update on the reorganization that took place 3 years ago and project programming.
- C. Educational Presentation-Laura Huber. Laura Huber gave a presentation on her role in Extension and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Extension Staff has been doing programming virtually while working from home.

Educational Programming:

- 4-H Creative Arts Day – Creative Arts Day was cancelled due to COVID-19. A YouTube video was created to show case Wood County 4-H talent. YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ar-XDKZQmE&t=68s>
 - “Flat Stanley” 4-H pen pal project – Partnered with five other counties. Youth participants mailed a paper doll to another youth to journal for a week.
 - Provided educational curriculum based activity packets to the Boys and Girls Club for distribution with dinner in April and May.
 - Lego Club & Art Club – Held virtually every Sunday afternoon along with eight other counties. Open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H).
 - Virtual “Summer Camp...In A Box 2020” programming with seven other counties. The focus of summer camp is to share lifelong memories as a family. Summer camp is open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H) ages 5K and older. The cost is \$10 for the first camper and \$3 for each additional camper. Register at: <https://bit.ly/lumberjackcamper>
- 14. Schedule Next Regular Committee Meeting.** The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #114.
- 15. Agenda items for next meeting.** Agenda items are due by Wednesday, June 24th.
- 16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.** A special joint CEED Committee and Judicial & Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th @ 9:00 a.m. Location to be determined.
- 17. Adjourn.** Chairman Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: June 16, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Courthouse, County Board Room

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

Other present: Trent Miner, County Clerk, other county board supervisors in the room

Chairman Curry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

There was no public comment.

The resolution requesting the state senate meet in extraordinary session to address the assembly passed “water bills” was presented. This resolution is co-sponsored by the Judicial & Legislative Committee and they have already acted on it. Discussion ensued.

Motion by LaFontaine/Hahn to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Chairman Curry adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: June 2020

For the range of vouchers: 30200057 - 30200067

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30200057	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Family Living Books	06/01/2020	\$21.66	P
30200058	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BGC Activity Supplies	06/01/2020	\$26.44	P
30200059	EO JOHNSON COMPANY INC	Contract Base Charge June-Sept	06/01/2020	\$652.00	P
30200060	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	4-H Newsletter Mailing	06/01/2020	\$226.87	P
30200061	EO JOHNSON CO INC	Copier Lease	06/17/2020	\$229.49	P
30200062	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	4-H Camp in a Box Materials	06/23/2020	\$564.34	
30200063	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	06/23/2020	\$18.61	
30200064	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	06/23/2020	\$14.38	
30200065	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	06/23/2020	\$4.74	
30200066	HUBER LAURA	June Expenses	06/23/2020	\$99.15	
30200067	JONJAK ALLISON	June Expenses	06/23/2020	\$12.00	
Grand Total:				\$1,869.68	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

Committee Member: _____

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Land & Water Conservation Dept

For the period of: June 2020

For the range of vouchers: 18200242 - 18200246

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18200242	MENARDS-MARSHFIELD	LWCD - LATH	05/19/2020	\$41.93	P
18200243	ACE HARDWARE	LWC - ENV ED SUPPLIES	05/11/2020	\$4.99	P
18200244	PHEASANTS FOREVER	LWC -WILDFLOWER SEEDS	05/11/2020	\$698.40	P
18200245	US BANK	LWC - WATER TESTING, ENV ED,	06/16/2020	\$57.51	P
18200246	PARKER MCCRORY MFG CO	WLD - 4 - 6 VOLT BATTERIES	06/23/2020	\$129.25	P
Grand Total:				\$932.08	

Signatures

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: June 2020

For the range of vouchers: 22200052 - 22200056

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22200052	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit (May)	05/31/2020	\$1,300.00	P
22200053	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (June)	06/01/2020	\$299.00	P
22200054	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract(June)	06/02/2020	\$833.00	P
22200055	WOOD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPT	Petty Cash Reimbursement	06/09/2020	\$91.55	P
22200056	US BANK	Credit Card Charges	06/17/2020	\$22.12	P
Grand Total:				\$2,545.67	

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Committee Chair:

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CEED Committee Report

June 2020

LAURA HUBER

Extension Wood County, 4-H Program Coordinator

- Supervised Art Club virtual meetings (7, 21 June)
- Supervised Lego Club virtual meetings (7, 14, 21, 28 June)
- Participated in WI 4-H Policy Advisory Standing Committee (7, 21 June)
- Met with Wood County Extension colleagues via Zoom or Teams (1, 8, 22, 29 June)
- Met with colleagues to plan "Camp in a Box 2020" family summer camping program (2, 4, 10, 15, 22 June)
- Met with Northern Region WI 4-H Colleagues via Zoom (9, 23 June)
- Met with state Virtual Educational Programming Team (5, 25 June)
- Met with WI 4-H Shooting Sports Management Committee (2, 10 June)
- Participated in state Positive Youth Development professional development: "Reclaiming Community: Race and the Uncertain Future of Youth Work" (16, 22, 30 June)
- Met with the Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program Board to discuss summer tournaments and program (1 June)
- Participated in the statewide Extension "Talking & Reflection Circle" related to race and current events (3 June)
- Met with the Wood County Youth Success Coalition (8 June)
- Joined the Rozellville Rockets 4-H virtual meeting (8 June)
- Appeared on WDLB radio to discuss summer opportunities through 4-H (9 June)
- Joined the Wittenberg Workers 4-H Club virtual meeting (11 June)
- Led virtual game night for Wood County 4-H Teen Leadership Group (11 June)
- Attended and presented the Upham Woods 4-H Remote Camp Resource Sharing meeting - presented Camp in a Box (12 June)
- Met with colleagues from Area 10 to share Camp in a Box program ideas (12 June)
- Attended nationwide webinar on White Fragility with Dr. Robin Diangelo (12 June)
- Joined Wisconsin Leadership Council's team working to plan an alternative Fall Forum program (15 June)
- Listened to state "Fair & 4-H Livestock Q&A meeting" (22 June)
- Attended "Charter Chat" with colleagues statewide to prep for the upcoming charter renewal (23 June)
- Attended statewide 4-H program Zoom (24 June)
- Presented Camp in a Box in statewide 4-H Zoom meeting (26 June)
- Traveled to Merrill to pack camp in a box packs for families (29 June)
- I took vacation most of the week of 15 June.

Special COVID-19 Educational Programs:

- Lego Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader. The club met every Sunday of May, including Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend

- Art Club, a teen-led virtual club. I attend to ensure safety of participants and to support the teen leader. The club met every Sunday of May.
- "Camp in a Box" - an alternative to summer camp.

Ongoing Responsibilities:

- Working cooperatively with state programs and club leaders and volunteers to address insurance and other logistical questions
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 941 followers
- Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 352 followers
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H Instagram page with currently has 29 followers
- Responded to communications to the office including general questions, 4-H enrollment, planning meetings, etc.
 - Ongoing assistance for new leaders and the volunteer background checks

MATT LIPPERT

Extension Wood & Clark Counties, Agriculture Agent

- In my area of expertise, we are working on reducing milk production in herds due to processor demands, how to do this most economically. This is part of a team effort, we have produced videos, fact sheets and a webinar. I have been working on reductions through diet. Others have worked on milk for other uses such as feeding it to calves or back to the cows. There also has been work on reducing milking frequency and drying cows off early.
- The Wisconsin Farm Assistance Program, offering aid to farmers due to pandemic losses was opened and closed during the final two weeks of the month. Producers are not familiar with support programs from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and their online enrollment. I offered information on how to participate in this program that offers between \$1,000 and \$3,500 of assistance to farmers that have farming as their primary source of income and that operate primarily in Wisconsin.
- After Memorial Day, but not concluding until August 28 is the USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) This program offers support to many different types of farms and offers the most significant payments seen in many years. Since the USDA-FSA offices remain closed I have been offering assistance to help producers calculate affected inventories and their eligibility for the program.
- Last month, I reported on education on best ways to limit milk production. Production declined sharply in May and since then milk prices have resurged to the highest levels in five years. There are many questions about managing through these highly volatile prices.
- I interviewed on the Extension hour on WDLB and WFHR radio.
- I met by webinar with the Wood County Farm Bureau, as they plan a small summer gathering.
- Area crops are not perfect, but they are the best we have seen in several years, farmers were able to plant row crops and harvest forages in a timely manner. Whenever there is a fast pace of work, there are more questions that come in to be addressed.
- I have been developing material for identifying which animals in the herd should be selected for making dairy replacement heifers while using other animals for dairy-beef crosses. This is a collaborative effort with three other educators done via zoom to create PowerPoint presentations and facts sheets.

- I have been training on using distance learning technologies.
- I have been corresponding with reporters to explain milk shortages in the grocery store while milk being dumped on the farms and how does this make sense.
- Our office worked with MACCI to recognize the outstanding agriculture graduating seniors in 12 area school districts, with MACCI sponsors they will each receive a small scholarship.
- I interviewed college age students for a national Holstein Scholarship program. We conducted several area organizations- Pittsville and Auburndale FFA Alumni are still offering dairy breakfasts with a drive through format. I have been assisting them with organizing this events.

NANCY TURYK

Extension Wood County, Community Development Educator

Economic Development

- Met weekly with the Wood County task force headed up by Jason Grueneberg to collaboratively address economic development / pandemic-related needs and opportunities.
- Met weekly with the Wood County economic development task force headed up by Jason Grueneberg to collaboratively address economic development recovery, pandemic-related needs and opportunities, and Verso closure.
- WEDC We Are ALL In grants for small businesses: Posted and sent information to Wood County economic development listservs and clerks in the county to spread the word about the upcoming grant opportunity. Listed as the Extension contact for Wood County on Small Business Development Corp. (SBDC) website.
- Participated in economic recovery and pandemic-related webinars hosted by WEDC, WCA, WMC, WDHS, Marshfield Clinic, Aspirus, and others to evaluate opportunities for Wood County businesses, municipalities, and nonprofits.
- Shared information about pandemic-related business support opportunities by emails, Facebook posts, telephone, and web conferencing conversations primarily with Wood County towns/villages/cities, chambers of commerce, visitor and convention bureaus, Mid-State Technical College, UW-Stevens Point @ Marshfield, Ho-Chunk Nation, Wood County health and planning and zoning departments.
- Helped to develop a network of networks to enable the dissemination of grant/loan/program related information to agricultural producers in the county. Contacted Farmshed, Farm Fresh Atlas, and local farmer markets to expand the reach to include some of the smaller farms.
- Connected with UW-Madison Extension colleagues about the closure of Verso. They are currently analyzing potential impacts to foresters in Wood County and across the state.
- Continued coordination with the USDA Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) facilitating team and the Wood County REDI and plan writing teams about the economic development initiatives for the County and its partners. We plan to reinvigorate this initiative and have scheduled the next meeting of the Wood County REDI Team for July 22nd at 2 pm.
- Participated in planning for Wisconsin Rapid's UniverCity initiative.

Strategic Planning

- Continued to provide assistance to the Wisconsin Forest History Association's board to refine their strategic plan.

Energy and Resiliency

- Reviewed materials and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Local Community Initiatives

- Forwarded Wood County Health Dept. and other relevant COVID outreach to town/village/city clerks and REDI team listservs.
- Stayed informed about the County by reading county email updates, county committee packets, local newspapers, listening to the County Board meeting, and discussions with Wood County employees and supervisors.
- Co-wrangled the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC) meeting and breakout sessions.

UW-Madison Division of Extension

- Participated in virtual meetings primarily related to the pandemic with UW-Madison Extension Dean, Community Development Institute, and Wood County staff.
- Assisted with the development of the UW-Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team's survey of Extension educators to discuss the development of train-the trainer curriculum.
- Participated in a Zoom on carbon credits and their benefits to forest property owners.
- Participated in discussions about community inclusion and justice. Continued reading "Waking up White".
- Learned about the Community Development Institute's Thriving Communities framework.
- Learned about Madison's Market Ready program.

ALLISON JONJAK*Extension Wood County, Cranberry Outreach Specialist*

- Visited cranberry marsh to assess damage and collect samples for identification in a leafhopper feeding site
- Visited cranberry marsh to troubleshoot causes of new growth death
- Published Cranberry Crop Management Journal Volume 33 Issue 4
- Hosted video interview with Christelle Guedot on Asian Giant Hornet interaction with honeybees
- Advised grower on which spreader-sticker to use with planned insecticide application
- Advised grower on timing of fertilizer applications
- Advised crop consultant on restrictions of insecticide use in areas of Karner Blue Butterfly
- Advised crop consultant on stem gall variety differences
- Advised crop consultant on fungicide impact on stolon production
- Worked with USDA plant pathologist to set up time lapse photography cranberry phenology project
- Assisted grower with obtaining copies of Pesticide Applicator permits
- Continued reaching out to growers to get to know them so they will come to me with questions
- Continued establishing relationships with researchers and industry experts so I have resources with questions

JACKIE CARATTINI*Extension Wood County, Human Development and Family Relationships Educator*

- Hosted 4 weeks of "Catch Your Breath" for community partners and taught mini Taking Care of You
- Taught a program on "Food safety and Preservation" on WDLB radio

UW-Madison Division of Extension Wood County CEED Report

- Taught 3 "Extension Wellness Moments"
- Attended a Department of Extension Administrative committee meetings
- Attended the Family Development section meeting
- Attended 2 Rent Smart team meetings on launching a virtual Rent Smart curriculum.
- Attended virtual meeting with men-tee
- Attended virtual meetings with United Way of South Wood and Adams County
- Attended a virtual "Stuff the Bus" planning meeting
- Attended virtual meetings on planning programming for the Financial Stability Coalition
- Attended virtual planning meetings on "Heart of the Farm- Coffee chats
- Taught two sessions the Heart of the Farm virtual series for women in farming
- Attended 2 Forward Fridays planning meetings
- Hosted and led 3 Forward Friday professional development sessions
- Authored a module for the new virtual Rent Smart training
- Authored a module on Advanced Directives for a new preparing for end of life curriculum.

Attended multiple zooms on:

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

HANNAH WENDELS & KELLY HAMMOND

Extension Wood County, FoodWise Nutrition Educator and Coordinator

- Partake in Interstate Discussion on Equity and Disproportionate Impacts (6/24)
- Partake in Interstate Discussion on using Social Media for programming (Kelly & Hannah, 6/25)
- Facilitate and lead the Interstate Discussion on Virtual Teaching (6/25)
- Co-teach 3 part online parent education class centered on feeding your children (Kelly & Hannah, 6/8)
- Continue work with third grade curriculum workshop - began creating lesson adaptations for online teaching in the classroom (ongoing, 6/1)
- Continue working with "Greener in FoodWise" workgroup with colleagues throughout the state (ongoing, Hannah)
- Continue working with "Physical Activity/Nutrition for Colleagues in FoodWise" workgroup (ongoing, Hannah)
- Attend virtual FoodWise North Region check in calls (ongoing, Tuesdays)
- Attend virtual FoodWise State check in calls (ongoing, Tuesdays)
- Attend virtual Wood County Extension check in calls (ongoing, Mondays)
- Attend virtual Extension Area 7 check in calls (ongoing, every other Wednesday)

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RACHAEL WHITEHAIR

Extension Wood County, Natural Resources Educator

- Submitted a Producer-led grant of which could support programming done by the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council on prairie-based training and education (June 1)
- Developed an evaluation plan to guide data collection from Extension Colleagues, partners, and farmer-led communities regarding strengths, limitations, and resource needs (June 3)
- Assisted a site visit to Eron Family Farms with Wood and Portage County conservation and Extension staff to implement several acres of diverse prairie habitat as 'prairie strips,' a conservation best management practice (June 8)
- Assisted a planning meeting for Common Ground, an annual stakeholder event held by EPPIC, the Producer-led group in Marathon County (June 8)
- Developed an Extension update for Wood County regarding new programming initiatives for the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council (June 8)
- Attended the 14 Mile Watershed Committee meeting to share updates and status of 9-key element plan approval (June 8)
- Interviewed Rep. Katrina Shankland and her team about their water quality related resource usage and needs regarding decision making, and both self and constituency-based education on water quality issues. This interview is one of several being conducted as a needs assessment to develop a web-presence for water quality information. The ad hoc group is led by John Exo of UW Madison, and includes water quality experts including Kevin Masarik of UWSP (June 8)
- Confirmed speakers for the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo to be held early December (June 9)
- Met with Michael Travis of Pepin County Extension to discuss prairie integration on-farms (June 10)
- Spoke on WFHR Radio about Farmers of Mill Creek programming and on-farm prairie integration (June 11)
- Met with UW Madison Evaluation specialists to discuss next steps of Evaluation project to understand the strengths and limitations of Producer-led groups throughout the state and develop the resources that Extension and Conservation staff can provide to these groups (June 15)
- Spoke on WDLB Radio about on-farm and community-based prairie integration (June 16)
- Developed a weed management plan for prairie strips in Wood and Portage Counties (June 17)
- Discussed potential web-based communication tools for water quality education with Mathew Call of UW Madison Extension (June 23)

Activities Report for Adam Groshek – June 2020

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

- ~Final cancellation paperwork of some contracts that were not eligible to start into CREP for Glen Peplinski and family.
- ~New CREP contract renewal CREP contract discussions for 4-5 landowners in Wood County and GIS updating.
- ~General CREP planning and discussions for 2020 site visits, contracts, etc.
- ~Behrend culvert crossing project planning, mapping, permitting discussion, and investigation for 2020 project construction.
- ~Wil-bar Dairy manure pushoff ramp plan design, cost estimate, design alterations/additions and discussions with landowner and potential contractors on project construction timeline. Final design edits to address sliding restraint of the wall.
- ~Continued planning with State DATCP engineering staff for the Kirby & Karen Cashen streambank to find best solution to this severe erosion site.
- ~Kings CREP/WRP grazing plan discussions with landowner, NRCS, and DATCP on next steps.
- ~No-till drill calls, discussions, scheduling, and coordination with different LWCD employees to rent out to various Wood and Portage County landowners for spring planting/interseeding. The No-till drill has been in use/at a landowner's property awaiting use for almost 10 weeks straight. To date at least 12 producers have benefitted from the use of the No-till drill and countless others have made farming decisions based off of discussing/seeing the benefits from their neighbors.
- ~Discussions and planning to do the Reber Farm waste storage lagoon abandonment in the summer of 2020.
- ~Project management, asbuilt documentation, price adjustments, and final cost-share paperwork for the construction of the 3 grassed waterways and rock crossings for Jim Coenen near Rudolph.
- ~Assisting Wood County landowner in prairie planting selection and planting/weed control advice and discussions.
- ~Well abandonment plan design, site visit, and discussion for Mr. Koback in Milladore.
- ~Final asbuilt check for the contractor-modified creek crossing for Luke Keuffer.
- ~Technical Committee conference call meeting for continued technical standards guidance.
- ~Investigation of a minor manure/bedding stacking complaint near Babcock. Discussed complaint with landowner and he agreed that the material would be landspread as fertilizer soon.

Staff Report for Caleb Armstrong

June 2020

- Followed up with enforcement letters to farmers who haven't turned in their yearly nutrient management plans.
- Reviewed nutrient management plans sent in from Co-ops and farmers.
- Help Jacob Smith from Whispering Pines take over his nutrient management plan since father use to do it.
- Worked and created nutrient management plan for the Roth Family (Golden Acres) for future to come when we cost-share with nutrient management, cover crops, and mill creek watershed.
- Did other no-till drill checks on fields of farmers that rented out the drill from us this spring.
- Working on creating map on where the no-till drill has been throughout our county.
- Conducted about a week of the transect survey throughout the entire county with Emily and the intern. Record the crops and the practices being used on just under 400 locations in Wood County.
- Did fence checks with Rod and intern to make sure that cranberry growers who have accepted cost-share are keeping up on maintenance of fence to keep deer out of marshes.
- Did crop appraisals on fields for wildlife damage with Rod, which will lead to cost-share and deer shooting permits.
- Listen in to webinar for new LCC members hosted by WI Land and Water on what to expect when joining and county and some tips from some experienced conservationists.
- Listened to a series of webinars dealing with grazing and the importance of interseeding into crops.
- Took water samples throughout mill creek to test for solids in the water along with phosphorous. This is part of the 9-key plan that we are working towards.
- Did a follow up sent to Adam and I about potential improper manure stacking over in Babcock. Concluded that there was no harm with where it was stacked just a potential eye sore. Asked farmer to move stack to better but still safe place which he agreed to do so.

Activities Report for Davis Christensen:

June 2020

- Helped complete the transect survey.
- Mill Creek water sampling for phosphorus and total suspended solids.
- Talked to a landowner about his nutrient management plan, and cover cropping.
- Helped take care of the river block prairie.
- Completed various trainings for nonmetallic mines, buffer strips, and establishing pollinator habitat on organic farms.
- Inspected cranberry fences for damage.
- Inspected various crops for wildlife damage.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

June 2020

- **Wednesday, June 3.** Worked on 3 contracts for no-till. Field checked invasive species & mapped what we found.
- **Friday, June 5.** Field checked future stream flow monitoring sites.
- **Wednesday, June 10.** Transect Survey throughout county.
- **Thursday, June 11.** Continued transect survey.
- **Friday, June 12.** Completed transect Survey.
- **Wednesday, June 17.** Attended online crop update (CEUs offered). Updated map for streamflow program re-start. Prairie garden maintenance.
- **Thursday, June 18.** Updated the snapplus database for transect. Worked with snapplus support to get the erosion maps working properly. Worked with DNR to work out kinks in surface water monitoring, and contacted landowner for permission to sample and sent them information.
- **Friday, June 19.** Updated NMP database after plan was turned in. Mapped out farmers plan to get parcel ids and organized to get landowners with field names for cost share contract.
- **Wednesday, June 24.** Updated nmp database. Listened in on Wisconsin crop update webinar.

Activities Report for Lori Ruess – June 2020

- Answered phones and replied to emails
- Deposited checks for no-till drill and AWO permits.
- Reviewed general ledger.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Completed June sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the June 4 and June 18th payrolls.
- Arranged for pickup of wildflower seeds – Dale Whipple.
- Completed SWRM cost-share contract for Mary Koback – well decommissioning
- Completed SWRM cost-share contract for Jason Behrend – stream crossing access road.
- Worked with DATCP on Glen Peplinski's CREP buyout.
- Attended May 23 staff meeting.
- Preparation for 2021 budgets.
- Meeting with Dan Brandl and Rod Mayer to discuss new nonmetallic mining data base.
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the June CEED packet.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer

June 2020

- Complete 1st Quarter Wildlife reimbursement report & submit to DNR.
- Correspond and invoice use of erosion netting on Tritz marsh.
- Inspected 5 completed ponds with expired exemptions on file – completed letters to landowners – updated spreadsheets.
- Completed 1st crop alfalfa appraisal for Knuth – completed all paperwork and updated DNR database.
- Scare tactics for goose damage on Marti farm – went over enrollment info with landowner.
- Put spreadsheet together for 2020-2021 tree sale reserves – sent reserves into nurseries.
- Field visit to Fait farm for bird damage report – confirmed crane damage – gave info on Avipel for seed corn treatment and gave Waupon contact to pursue federal shooting permits.
- New crop enrollment for Ruesch – field visit and mapping of fields - processed paperwork.
- Completed and printed out wildlife fence inspection maps.
- Contacted and discussed fences with all landowners under contract.
- Completed 20 wildlife fence inspections and completed letters to all landowners. (5 failed fences)
- Working with bank for Brand/Pankratz financial assurance – multiple emails/phone calls.
- Field visit for Krug goose damage – instructed use of scare gun.
- Completed enrollment and order for needed materials for Hauke Honey bear abatement batteries.
- Reviewed new pond exemption permit – found to be in mapped wetlands – contacted DNR to look into and forwarded contacts to landowner.
- Received pond complaint being built – found that has township permit – sent our application for exemption to landowner.
- Contacted DNR with fencing issues found in fence inspections.
- Field visit to Reber pit to discuss final reclamation with owner's son and excavator – additional field visit to detail problem areas.



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig - June, 2020

- **June 1** – Worked with County Lidar and produced maps. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **June 2** – Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **June 3** – CEED Meeting, Met with Bill and Tom Roth to go over maps for NM and cover crops. WebEx meeting on RB reopening.
- **June 4** – Followed up with DNR on TRM grant for Serenity River Project for Rip-Rapping along the Wisconsin River. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **June 5** – Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Met with Rueben about PPE in the LWCD office.
- **June 8** – Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Worked on Grant proposals. Prepared AWO application for Sally Peterson.
- **June 9** – Worked on Land owner maps for No-Till rental.
- **June 10** – Zoom meeting with neighboring county staff.
- **June 11** – Worked on Caste Rock, Lake Dubay & Black River MDV Plan revisions with Pat Oldenburg. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **June 12** – Worked on proposed 2020 projects. Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Field work.
- **June 15** – Worked on GIS Projects and on WAMS to submit MDV plans forms to DNR with Pat Oldenburg.
- **June 16** – Worked on proposed 2020 projects. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **June 17** – Worked on GIS projects and maps for field visits. Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Wood County Board Meeting.
- **June 18 & 19** – Vacation
- **June 22** – Maps for No-till and cover crops. Met with Russ from NRCS to issue an AWO permit for Sally Peterson.
- **June 23** – Staff Meeting, activity report, stream flow site map, phone & correspondence and visited Jack Reiber NMM site with Rod. Talked with supervisor Ken Curry on June CEED agenda.
- **June 24** – Worked on proposed 2020 projects. Phone calls, emails and correspondence. Field work.
- **June 25** – Call DNR to discuss the Mill Creek funding, contracting, programing, tracking, etc. Worked on Mill Creek Cover Crop Contracts.
- **June 26** - Calling and coordination of the Drill on the calendar. Phone calls, emails and correspondence.
- **June 29** – Field visits. Noxious weed complaint follow up.
- **June 29** – Took new intern Davis Christensen on farm visits with me.

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

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

RE: Staff Report for July 1, 2020

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. Wood County Economic Recovery Meetings – On June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, I facilitated meetings to address economic recovery due to the impacts of COVID-19. Notes from the meetings are attached to this report.
- b. Wood County Economic Recovery Meetings – Personal Protective Equipment – On June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, I facilitated meetings to talk about issues pertaining to the current and future availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) due to COVID-19. Notes from the meetings are attached to this report.
- c. Verso Rapid Response Meeting – On June 12th, I participated in a rapid response meeting due to the announcement that the Wisconsin Rapids Verso Mill will idle operations at the end of July. The meetings included a brief discussion of Verso's announcement and the first steps to take in response to the news.
- d. Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce – On June 17th and 24th, I attended COVID-19 updates pertaining to education and tourism impacts. The sessions were facilitated by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.
- e. Central Wisconsin Economic Development (CWED) Fund – On June 17th, I participated in the CWED Executive Committee meeting. The agenda included discussion on what documentation to request for loan deferrals due to COVID-19, and discussion on the direction of the fund for the short and long term.
- f. ATV/UTV Planning Meeting – On June 22nd, I participated in a meeting with the Highway Department and the Parks and Forestry Department to develop a strategy for more mainline routes in the County. A proposal on future routes will be presented to the HIRC Committee for consideration.

2. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)

- a. COVID-19 Operational Planning – Working remotely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. County Planner functions and programs will remain operational as normal. I will be available by phone: (715) 421-8568 or email: adekleyn@co.wood.wi.us.
- b. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – (4) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (4) CSMs were approved/recorded. (2) CSMs are pending approval.

Final plat for The Grand Pines – First Addition Subdivision (Town of GR) approved/recorded.

Currently drafting amendments/updates to the Wood County Land Subdivision Ordinance #701. Review/Action by CEED in future.

- c. Zoning – Updating town zoning GIS data to allow for better use, consistency and efficiency in office operations as well as public use.
- d. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Community Survey Summary presented to PC and TB. Housing element of plan is being prepared for next PC meeting.
- e. Town/County Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance to the general public and town officials.
- f. City of Marshfield SSA Plan Update – Attended meeting with the RPC and City of discuss update of SSA Plan. Wood County DPZ is the administrative agent for the plan and is responsible for implementation.
- g. US 2020 Census – Help shape your future and your community's future. Participate in the 2020 Census. Visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov) to learn more.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- a. Working with ESRI to fix issues with tools preventing the updating of the Computer Aided Dispatch Map
- b. Parcel Mapping/Addressing
- c. Testing out new GPS equipment
- d. Submitting State Grant Report

4. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker)

05-28-2020 – Inspection conventional 4 BR replacement TN 07; BOA Hearing

05-29-2020 – Soils, plan, permit review conventional 3 BR replacement TN 13; soils, plan, permit, holding tanks 3 BR new TN 01; (2) abandonments Village of Biron; final mound inspection TN 10

06-01-2020 – Soils, plan, permit review conventional, 2 BR new TN 13; plan, permit, holding tank TN 03; pressurized mound plan, permit review 3 BR replacement TN 21

06-02-2020 – Mound plow inspection 4 BR new TN 08; inspection 3 BR conventional TN 07; cell inspection at 4 BR new mound TN 08; reviewed 2 mobile home plus office addition to mobile home park 678 gal/day added, soils, hydrograph, plan, and conventional permit TN 18

06-03-20 – Inspected mound plow with prior fill removal TN 08; reviewed soil evaluation, A+0 mound site TN new 3 BR TN 10; reviewed soil evaluation replacement 3 BR holding tank TN 09; mound cell/tanks inspection 3 BR new TN 08; reviewed soil evaluation 3 BR new mound TN 16

06-04-20 – Inspected mound plow 3BR new TN 19; reviewed 2 BR rep conv permit TN 18; reviewed soils, plan, and permit for 5 BR rep holding tanks TN 21; reviewed shoreland zoning permit for an accessory structure TN 07; Final mound inspection 3 BR new TN 19, inspected conventional system at mobile home park TN 18

06-05-2020 – Inspected mound plow 3BR new TN 17; shoreland zoning meeting in office, mound tanks inspection 3 BR TN 17; reviewed A+0 interpretive report, mound plan, permit 3 BR new TN 10

06-08-2020 – Inspected mound plow & returned for final 3 BR new TN 17; reviewed soils, plan, permit for holding tank, 3 BR rep TN 21; reviewed A +0 mound permit TN 10

06-09-2020 – Final inspection on mound, 5 BR new TN 11; inspected conventional, new 4 BR TN 07; soils, pressurized plan, permit mound 3 BR TN 01

06-10-2020 – Reviewed pressurized mound plan, permit, 3 BR rep TN 11; inspected conventional 2 BR TN 18; shoreland zoning onsite TN 07

06-11-2020 – Reviewed A+0 soils evaluation rep TN 17; reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan, permit 3 BR new TN 07; reviewed soils, plan, permit holding tank 3 BR rep TN 21; reviewed soils, pressurized mound plan, 5BR new TN 11

06-12-2020 – Inspected re-connect to holding tanks TN 15; reviewed soils, pressurized mound plan 3 BR TN 12; reviewed permit for holding tanks utilizing co-mingled waste TN 03

06-15-2020 – Reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan, permit TN 18; (1) reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan, permit TN 07; (1) reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan, permit TN 07; (1) reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan, permit TN 07; Inspected mound tank TN 01; reviewed soils, permit A+0 TN 01

06-16-2020 – Shoreland zoning on-site TN 07; inspected mound plow TN 11; inspected mound force main TN 15; inspected mound plow TN 11 replaces holding tanks

06-17-2020 – Inspected mound plow TN 15; inspected mound plow TN 17; mound re-inspect TN 11; inspected conventional TN 18; inspected mound tanks, inspected mound plow TN 17; mound re-inspect TN 15

06-18-2020 – Inspected mound plow TN 21; inspected mound plow TN 11; mound re-inspect TN 15

06-19-2020 – Inspected conventional system TN 07; inspected 2nd conventional system TN 07; complaint investigation TN 10; inspected 3rd conv TN 07

06-22-2020 – Reviewed/issued shoreland zoning permit TN 07; shoreland zoning on-site TN 17; inspected mound plow TN 21; mound final insp TN 21; reviewed/approved shoreland zoning permit TN 07

06-23-2020 – Issued shoreland zoning permit TN 07; issued sanitary permit conv TN 07; reviewed soils mound site TN 06; reviewed soils, plan, permit TN 13; issued permit for conv TN 07; field moisture test failed TN 21

06-24-2020 – Reviewed soil evaluation TN 11; issued mound permit TN 17; inspected conventional system TN 13

5. Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity – There were 16 sanitary permits issued in May 2020 (8 New, 5 Replacements, 3 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$8,400. There were 22 sanitary permits issued in May 2019 (11 New, 10 Replacements, 1 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$7,375.

There were 58 sanitary permits issued through May 2020. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the previous five years: 2019 – 46, 2018 – 46, 2017 – 65, 2016 – 53 and 2015 – 41.

- b. 2020 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – As of June 24th, Wood County received an additional \$0 for a total of \$6,758.57 on ten (10) outstanding cases for 2020.
- c. 2020 Maintenance Notices – Septic Maintenance Notices, ATU (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, White Knight (Aerobic) Maintenance Notices, and Farmer Exempt Holding Tank Maintenance Notices are scheduled to be mailed approximately Friday, April 24th with a due date of Friday, August 14th. There are approximately 2,583 scheduled to be mailed between the four notices.
- d. Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims)
- i. Small Claims Court Cases (rescheduled due to COVID-19)
- | Date | Small Claims | # Cases & Court Case Type |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| 6/02/2020 | | (6) Failure to pay \$20 program fee (2019) |
- Court Case Summary:
(3) cases have settled paying a forfeiture.
(2) cases have a Default Judgement & on TRIP
(1) case has settled with a monthly forfeiture payment plan.
- e. Wisconsin Fund Grant Program – 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the 2017 biennial budget act, repealed, effective June 30, 2021 the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program for failing septic systems. 2019 Wisconsin Assembly Bill 791 delayed the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program to June 30, 2023 passed on February 18, 2020. 2019 Wisconsin Senate Bill 791 was scheduled for

consideration late March but has not been considered due to COVID-19. No extension yet for the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program. Office Staff continues to take applications for the program.

- i. (4) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2021 – Wisconsin Fund Grant Applications were emailed to the State of Wisconsin on January 30th meeting the deadline date of January 31st. Disbursement of Wisconsin Fund Grant is expected late fall 2020.
 - ii. (3) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2022 – Office Staff continue to accept Wisconsin Fund Grant Applications pending passage of 2019 Wisconsin Senate Bill 791.
- f. Sanitary Permit Database System Project – The next phase for the sanitary permit system database will consist of creating a service provider and comments interface. Information Technology Department continues work on the design phase of the project.
- g. Survey Document Indexing Project – There are over 4,000 survey documents that are being indexed with a tentative completion by the end of 2020.
- h. ArcGIS Software Project – Editing addresses in 22 townships.
- i. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:
 - i. CEED Committee Meeting on June 3rd
 - ii. Wellness Committee Meeting on June 16th
- j. Victoria attended the following meetings/trainings:
 - i. Economic Development Meeting (COVID-19 Recovery) on June 4th, June 11th, June 18th and June 25th.
 - ii. Personal Protective Equipment Meeting on June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th and June 23rd.

Via: Teleconference

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

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Jim Webster-General Manager-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Krista Coon-Vice President-Heart of Wisconsin; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; ; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- There are opportunities in the region to buy hand sanitizer in bulk along with the containers needed.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- We will need to keep an eye open to see if there are businesses that cannot open or are open but cannot continue their operations. One business in Pittsville has already made the decision to cease operations.

Jim Webster-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa:

- We are opening June 16th and will require everybody to wear a mask.

Betsy Wood-Incourage:

- We had a meeting yesterday about PPE and starter kits. On the call was Aspirus, Heart Of Wisconsin, Legacy, Incourage and Wood County Health Department. Angel is working on a survey to get out to the public this week to see what the needs are. We also talked about where the funding is coming from for the kits.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- The We're All In grant program funds can be utilized for PPE and other precautionary items.

This grant combines federal CARES Act funding with specific Wisconsin programs aimed at helping small business respond to and recover from the effects of the COVID-19 health emergency. The **We're All In initiative** includes \$2,500 cash grants to assist with the cost of business interruption or for health and safety improvements, wages and salaries, rent, mortgages and inventory.

- Grants in the amount of \$2,500 will be available for small businesses with 20 or fewer FTEs impacted by COVID-19 that have not already received WEDC COVID-19 assistance.
- Up to 30,000 businesses may receive grants.
- The application period for these grants will open in June from the 15th through the 21st.

People interested in receiving up-to-date information on the **We're All In** initiative, including the timeline for the applications for the **We're All In** Grant Program, can subscribe to daily alerts at www.wedc.org/focus-forward.

Jenny Resch-UWSP:

- A lot of people/businesses are not aware that they can obtain masks through United Way's 211.

Meredith Kleker-Wisc Rapids CVB:

- I reached out to one of our Cranberry Blossom Festival partners regarding cloth masks that may be available for purchase locally. Maggie LaBarge will make them for small businesses as requested. Businesses should call her directly to coordinate and obtain pricing, 715-886-5081.

- PPE meeting: Tuesday June 9th, 2020.

Adjourned at 9:30am

Via: Teleconference

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

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; ; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- We are starting to see some positive indicators such as test rates of only 2.3% being positive for COVID 19.
- June 8th marked the first day since May 17th that we haven't seen a death as a result of COVID 19 in Wisconsin.
- The unemployment rate, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics is 14.7% unemployment rate. Other articles however, state it is more of a 20% rate.
- Verso Paper in Wisconsin Rapids and Duluth, MN will be laying off employees and shutting the mills down indefinitely by the end of July due to COVID 19. This will affect about 1000 employees.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- We did a survey on PPE needs. The response indicated that PPE is not an issue right now. The response was low and the need lower.
- In response to the announcement from Verso this morning, Heart of Wisconsin and MACCI have already put tentative plans in place to have job fairs for those workers affected by the layoffs.
- Working on putting together a local supply chain.

Betsy Wood-Incourage (Via Email):

- WCHD, Aspirus, HOW, Legacy and Incourage partnered on the PPE Survey, and Angel was instrumental in getting this released on Friday. The survey is to be completed by this Friday, June 12th, and the results will then be collected and should be available by next week. The results will determine the next steps with the PPE Kit needs and next steps. Please feel free to share the link with your resources.
- <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Local-Organizations-Partner--Together-to-Assess-PPE-Needs-for-Local-Businesses.html?soid=1101563575677&aid=I2L7FWofiyg>

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- A couple of things to think about along the lines of anticipating a second wave of COVID; Ray Cross, head of UW Systems, has asked legislature to come back in session to provide permission to start the UW schools early, so they would conclude at Thanksgiving and avoid the peak of the possible second wave.
- Having seen one party held in Portage County have a widespread effect on people and businesses, how will having students return to the UWs affect the spread?
- Next PPE meeting: Tuesday June 16th, 2020. Time TBD.

Adjourned at 9:27am

Via: Teleconference

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

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- Wood County's sales tax revenue was down only 4%. This is quite low compared to other counties. This is a positive economic indicator for Wood County.
- Our COVID infection rate is also surprisingly low.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- Gowns and masks may be an upcoming issue for Assisted Living Facilities/Nursing homes.
- Next PPE meeting: Tuesday June 23rd, 2020 @ 9:00am

Adjourned at 9:12am

Via: Teleconference

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

In Attendance: Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Allison Jonjak-Cranberry Outreach Specialist-UW Extension; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- This last week, the Department of Public Instruction issued guidance on a safe return to in-person instruction, which may have an impact on PPE needs.
- We could see a rise in PPE needs, as eleven other states are requiring facemasks when going outdoors. If other states follow this requirement, needs will increase.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- Gowns and masks may be an upcoming issue for Assisted Living Facilities/Nursing homes but at this time, they have what they need.
- The University of Wisconsin indicated they anticipate spending about \$50 million dollars on PPE.
- What vendor is the UW system using for PPE and is it able to keep up with the demand?

Jenny Resch-UWSP:

- The universities are supplying facial coverings for students and staff along with hand sanitizer.
- Unsure of what vendor UWSP used for PPE but they were only able to fulfill about 10% of our order.

Allison Jonjak-UW Extension:

- While visiting cranberry farms, I have not heard of any cases of COVID-19. Most people are not wearing masks but are practicing social distancing. I am encouraging and educating people to wear masks and be cautious when in confined places.
- Discussion with Nancy Turyk to put out an email to remind ag people that if they have PPE needs they may want to order now in anticipation of school starting soon and possible PPE shortages.
- Next PPE meeting tentatively: Tuesday July 7th, 2020 @ 9:00am

Adjourned at 9:18am

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In Attendance: Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Tari Jahns-CEO-United Way of South Wood & Adams County; Betsy Wood-Managing Director-Incourage; Craig Bernstein-Manager-Workforce Development-Mid-State Technical College; Allison Jonjak-Cranberry Outreach Specialist-UW Extension; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Kristen Fish-Peterson-CWED; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- In the past week, a lot has happened. There has been an increased number of cases in our state but that is in part due to more testing taking place.
- We saw \$200 million of the Cares Act dollars being allocated by Governor Evers to Wisconsin local governments. The Health Department, Emergency Management and possibly the Planning & Zoning office will be looking at gaining some of those funds.
- Many businesses are still working on re-opening.
- Discussion continues at the federal level about another stimulus package.
- Unemployment claims nationwide are at 40 million claims.
- More testing is taking place not only locally, but nationwide. The Health Department will have another testing event on June 2nd at the Marshfield Fairgrounds from 11:00am to 7:00pm.
- There is state money from the \$2 billion in federal funding that will be used for small businesses in the state. There will be a \$2500 grant that can be used towards various business expenses. Anybody is eligible that has not used other WEDC programs. This tentatively opens up for applications in the beginning of June.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- Many businesses are opening up on their own timetables. Most are doing so in a safe and responsible manner.
- In relation to Personal Protective Equipment, it has been quiet so that means businesses are getting what they need.
- The interactive map started by Angel at HOW in Wisconsin Rapids is taking off and has even reached outside of Wood County.
- Our focus has changed to "Recharge Marshfield" in an effort to re-build our economy.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- Update on Joint Effort Marketing grant. We have finalized paperwork with the state and are working on press release information. This is a \$100,000 marketing program to show case our area.

Angel Whitehead-Heart of WI Chamber of Commerce:

- We are getting a lot of questions in regard to where available workforce is in regard to many part time jobs. We are finding there are some gaps in this area. Businesses are opening slowly, partially or not at all until they have a plan in place to open safely.
- Regarding PPE, we have had a few calls. We are working with Aspirus, the Health Department and Incourage and will be meeting this upcoming week to talk about the toolkits we have been working

on. We are putting together a survey to assess the needs of businesses and the community whether it be PPE or other needs.

- A big concern is what the fall school year will look like. There are concerns from parents on whether school will be virtual or in person. What will parents do that cannot afford a sitter or cannot find a sitter. What does this look like for the daycare industry?
- The interactive map is doing well. In order to help promote that, we are doing a campaign to “Tie the community back together”. Businesses can have an event, rather than a ribbon cutting, a “tie the ribbon together” event when they re-open.
- Wisconsin Rapids has sent letters out to notify businesses that were eligible or ineligible for loans from the city. Checks will be sent out soon.

Josh Miller-City of Marshfield:

- All checks for the loans the City of Marshfield funded were cut last Friday. There were two rounds of loans. The first round of loans provided around \$78,000 for those eligible. The second round saw about ten more businesses apply that were not eligible the first time around but made adjustments and became eligible. Total loaned out was \$97,500 of the \$100,000 that was budgeted.

Craig Bernstein-Mid-State Technical College:

- Some students returned to campus on Monday. These students needed to finish their spring semester with some hands on learning. We do require facemasks. Only certain areas of the campus are open and only nine students per classroom are allowed. We start the summer semester on June 1st with these changes in place. Enrollment for the fall semester is down 20% at this time. A new marketing campaign will be starting in the next couple of weeks called Mid-State-Experience the Choice. Received some grant money from the CARES act.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- As we met and chatted about reaching out to the ag sector of the community, we realized there is a gap in getting information out to farmers, cranberry growers and etcetera on financial assistance, safety training and PPE. We do not know what their needs are yet but are working with a “network of networks” which include MSTC, Matt Lippert, Shane Wucherpennig, Allison Jonjak, Angel Whitehead and Scott Larson. We are trying to sort out if there is a list of people that go to the farmer’s markets so information can be shared with those people. Most information will be provided via email.
- Received an email from Brian at Northern Distillery that they now have pumps that fit on top of their half gallon jugs.

Kristie Rauter-Egge:

- Child Caring is a great resource for those concerned about childcare.
- We have been working with the local group to figure out what resources businesses need. Working together helps us to deploy those resources in a cohesive manner. Angel Whitehead plays a huge role in this with her business connections.
- We are doing another testing even in Marshfield. We have the ability to perform up to 400 tests. This will be on June 2nd from 11:00am to 7:00pm at the Marshfield fairgrounds.
- We are getting a lot of questions about mass gatherings. We are cautioning people about what things they attend and are still recommending not having mass gatherings.

Discussion regarding expanding restaurants or main streets into parking areas/streets:

- Nationally there are cities that have closed off certain residential streets to traffic. They are making those streets more pedestrian friendly or handicap accessible.
- Having space available for people to be outside, social distance and possibly enjoy a meal or cocktail would be beneficial in all communities. Right now if businesses want to open safely, they are at about 25% seating capacity. This is something we may need to discuss further.
- Josh Miller will share the local policy regarding PROW-Public Right of Way ordinance.

- PPE meeting: Tuesday June 2nd , 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday June 4th, 2020 at 1:00pm via teleconference

Adjourned at 2:06pm

Via: Teleconference

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

In Attendance: Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Scott Larson-Executive Director-MACCI; Lance Pliml-Chairman-Wood County Board; Jodi Friday- Community Impact Director-United Way; Stacey Johnson- Regional Economic Development Director-WEDC; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Jim Webster-General Manager-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- We are seeing about 20,000 new cases of COVID 19 nationwide per day and about 1,000 deaths nationwide per day with 107,000 deaths nationwide total. Wood County's infection rate is rather low with 10 cases and 1 death. Wisconsin has about 16,400 cases with 539 deaths.
- Businesses are trying to re-open at various stages, but it seems consumer confidence is low.
- More testing continues to be done.
- We are seeing updates daily on events that are being cancelled for the summer statewide and nationwide.
- We are seeing negative impacts to the education systems.
- As time progresses during this pandemic, we are seeing the true effect of the virus on the economy. The Department of Revenue is projecting the economy will not recover from this pandemic until 2023.
- The application timeline for the "We're All In" state level program is June 15th through June 21st. The state will issue 30,000-\$2500 grants to businesses. Information can be found on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) website.
- The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) has seen legislative changes. Because of how fast this program was created, it made it difficult for businesses to meet the requirements to make this a forgivable loan.
- The "Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants" program has allocated \$200 million dollars statewide to governments towards unbudgeted COVID response. We are unsure how these funds will be allocated locally but will be discussed in the next weeks.

Scott Larson-Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

- Our focus is on "Recharge Marshfield" and those things that will help accelerate business and the economy locally.
- We will be pushing a lot of information out on the WEDC grant program.
- With regard to Paycheck Protection Program funding, information will need to be submitted to make that a grant, rather than a loan, for those businesses that took advantage of the program. We will push out information so businesses are aware of this.
- Marshfield Clinic, through their occupational health center is doing onsite visits for businesses to provide feedback, recommendations and guidance to ensure the business is as safe as it can be.

Angel Whitehead-Heart of WI Chamber of Commerce:

- We are working with Aspirus, Incourage, Legacy and Wood County Health Department to develop and send out a survey to assess what the Personal Protection Equipment needs are locally. This will help us as we put together starter kits. The survey will be sent out later today.
- We're All In Program will require: a letter or email of acknowledgement from a community organization indicating your business was in operation in February 2020. The letter or email can be

from any of the organizations listed including the chamber of commerce. We anticipate many calls and requests due to this requirement. We are preparing a press release to go out today that talks about the process we will follow to provide the needed letters. Krista Coon will be handling these requests.

- We have at least 200 businesses participating in the interactive map.
- I was on Wisconsin Public Radio where we talked about economic impact of the pandemic. We are hoping to get branding out that businesses can use to show they are open with safe practices in place.
- We are working with the Health Department to have safe practices and branding in place for Lunch by the River, which starts in early July.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- The ag group did not meet this week. Our primary task was to discuss how we are reaching out to agribusinesses regarding health, testing and financial aid information. The group that met the prior week has been able to contact farmers and bridge the gap to ensure they have the information they need.
- I participated in a webinar earlier this week regarding data associated with the businesses that are most at risk or in jeopardy. The most at risk tend to be the marginalized community business owners.

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| ➤ A subgroup will address making sure we are reaching out and providing information to these businesses. Nancy, Kristie and Stacey will be part of this group. |
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Kristie Rauter-Egge:

- We are providing as much detailed guidance we can to those reaching out to us. Please continue to direct people to us.
- We held another testing event with the National Guard this week. Not all results are in yet but there were two tests that came back as positive. These were not Wood County residents.
- We are working with a local metric dashboard which will give people a better idea of what is going on in our community.
- We will be doing a lot more community testing going forward.
- We are putting out a press release today to let the community know we are still not promoting mass gatherings or events that bring people in from outside of our community.
- We have little experience with pandemics, but history tells us to plan for a spike in cases and a second wave of cases from the COVID pandemic.
- We have a meeting scheduled with our schools on June 9th. We are excited to see where that goes. More information to come.

Update regarding Personal Protective Equipment:

- Right now it seems the supply chain is starting to adjust to the demand for PPE.
- We continue to meet because the landscape continues to change. We want to be able to get out in front of any issues that may arise.
- We meet Tuesdays at 9:00am if anyone is interested.

Stacey Johnson-WI Economic Development Cooperation:

- The money allocated from the CARES Act for farming is being handled through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). They are supposed to have that program up and running sometime this month.
- With the "We're All In" program, we have a group that is working constantly to answer questions and update the website.
- PPE meeting: Tuesday June 9th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday June 11th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 9:59am

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

In Attendance: Angel Whitehead-President-Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Michelle Boernke-Campus Executive-UWSP@Marshfield; Kristen Fish-Peterson-CWED; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Ken Curry-Wood County Board-District 11 Supervisor; Tari Jahns-CEO-United Way of South Wood & Adams County; Dennis Lawrence-Executive Director-North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- Unemployment nationwide is dropping. Bureau of Labor statistics has reported 14.7%; however, this number may be as high as 20% based on reports from other media sources.
- State test results have been coming in at about 2% positive the past few days.
- Portage County and central Wisconsin cases are on the rise. There was a graduation party in Portage County that has caused the number of cases to rise to 51. Testing from Wednesday and today will likely cause that number to rise even more.
- A few businesses in Portage County have temporarily closed due to COVID.
- COVID cases nationwide have surpassed 2 million. There are some reports that a second wave of cases may be starting to hit areas.
- Verso announced this week that they will be idling their Wisconsin Rapids mill indefinitely by the end of July. This will affect approximately 902 employees. We are working with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission to help us get an accurate number of the impact this closure will have on our area.
- The Health Department has a new dashboard on the county webpage. It provides information on COVID cases in the county and where they have been reported.
- At this point PPE needs are being met but we will continue to meet in case any issues emerge.

Angel Whitehead-Heart of WI Chamber of Commerce:

- Last week Friday, the chamber sent out a PPE survey to local businesses to get an idea of what the PPE needs are. Please share the survey with your networks so we can get as many responses as possible in order to get a better idea of what the needs are. This will help us put together the starter kits that we are working on with Aspirus, Legacy, Incourage and Wood County Health Department.
- We have been asked to be a part of two different task groups, one at the state level and one at the local level to address the recent announcement of Verso closing the Wisconsin Rapids mill. We are hoping to get an action team together to get an idea of what Verso's plan is, what kind of communication they are having with their staff and how we can play a role in those things.
- The interactive map is still doing well so please continue to promote that.
- Regarding the "We're All In" grant, we are letting businesses know that we are open to providing the letters of acknowledgment that they need to apply for the grant.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- The Central Wisconsin Tourism Association is piecing together our marketing plans for the COVID recovery marketing campaign. The campaign will be "Play outdoors in Wisconsin".
- Data from local motels in the Marshfield area are showing a slow increase in occupancy.
- The YMCA in Marshfield has notified people that there was a child in the YMCA daycare that tested positive for COVID.

Kyle Kearns-City of Wisconsin Rapids:

- We are taking the news of the Verso closure day by day. We have a wide network of partners to help respond to this news, as it will have a widespread impact on this area.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- I will be contacting businesses affected by the recent COVID outbreak in Portage County to ask if they have any recommendations or insights on what they have experienced with recent closures that they can share with us.

Michelle Boernke-UWSP:

- All classes at UW Stevens Point campus as well as the Wausau and Marshfield campuses will be online through Thanksgiving and the winterim. We will return to face-to-face classes in January.
- Enrollment is up a lot for the main campus and Wausau and a 14% increase for Marshfield campus.

Meredith Kleker-Wisconsin Rapids CVB:

- We continue to have the "Where is Cranberry guy" promotion to help promote businesses and amenities we have here.
- Wisconsin Rapids Rafters have players arriving next week. They are hoping to start playing July 1st with precautions and modifications in place.

- PPE meeting: Tuesday June 16th, 2020 at 1:00pm via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday June 18th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 9:52am

Via: Teleconference

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

In Attendance:; Nancy Turyk-Community Development Educator-UWEX; Josh Miller-Development Services Director-City of Marshfield; Kyle Kearns-Director of Community Development-City of Wisconsin Rapids; Matt McLean-Director-Visit Marshfield; Michelle Boernke-Campus Executive-UWSP@Marshfield; Meredith Kleker-Executive Director-Wisconsin Rapids CVB; Jim Webster-General Manager-Ho Chunk Gaming; Craig Bernstein-Manager-Workforce Development-MSTC; Tari Jahns-CEO-United Way of South Wood & Adams County; Kristie Rauter-Egge-Community Health Planner-Wood County; Jennifer Resch-Director Economic & Community Development-UWSP; Victoria Wilson-Administrative Services-Wood County Planning & Zoning

Jason Grueneberg-Wood County Planning & Zoning:

- Cases of COVID in Wood County are at 24, 12 of which are active cases. Compared to other counties in Central Wisconsin, Wood County is doing well. Statewide, numbers are down as well.
- In the past week, the We're All In grant was kicked off. The state will grant \$2500 to 30,000 businesses.
- In the past week, we have gotten a glimpse of what has happened to our economy in terms of sales. Wood County gets .5% of all sales tax in the county. Forward Analytics put together a report showing a county-by-county report of sales in each county. Wood County only saw about a 4% decrease, whereas some counties, such as Sauk County, are down 30%.
- There were more CARES act allocations. Education was given an additional \$80 million dollars on top of the \$354 million that was previously allocated.
- Higher education will not be starting early due to legislation that does not allow them to start until after September 3rd.
- We have not had any communication as of yet on what the local school district will be doing for the start of the fall semester.
- There are talks about another stimulus package being put together.
- The Wisconsin Humanities Council will be providing rapid-response funding to non-profit humanities and cultural organizations that are facing financial hardship resulting from COVID-19. These grants are funded by the federal CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities. Applications are due by July 15th. Grants are up to \$7500.
- The Small Business Association opened up their portal for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) applications again. This program provides low interest loans for working capital for businesses.
- The Wisconsin Farm Support Program is a federally funded program that will provide \$50 million of relief to farmers that suffered economic damages in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Revenue is taking applications from June 15th through June 29th. Applicants can receive \$1,000 to \$3,500.
- We had a short PPE meeting on Tuesday. Attendance was low so we are hoping this means PPE needs are being met. One concern brought up was assisted living centers in Marshfield that may have an upcoming need for gowns and masks.
- Since the news regarding Verso first broke last week, there was one meeting coordinated by Workforce Development Board to address this idling of the mill that will affect our area.

Matt McLean-Visit Marshfield:

- We are seeing hotel occupancy slowly increase. At this time, it is around 30% but well below average with June typically being at 80+% occupancy.

- We continue to work on our Joint Effort Marketing grant with the State Department of Tourism. We are developing a new website.
- There was a baseball tournament in Marshfield this weekend that brought in teams from throughout the state of Wisconsin. It went well with social distancing and other safety measures in place. There will be another tournament this weekend.
- Launched the "Best of Marshfield" on June 17th to try to celebrate local businesses and promote people to support these businesses.

Nancy Turyk-UW Extension:

- UW Extension would like to offer assistance if needed on the Verso situation. The Verso mill took in an approximate one-third of the pulp products in the state, which will affect foresters statewide.

Josh Miller-City of Marshfield

- We have opened up our rec leagues in Marshfield.
- Main Street and MACCI partnered together to put out a survey to businesses to ask what type of business they are, how long they've been in business, what type of assistance they received during the pandemic, to what extent their business is operational and how many employees they have at risk. This survey will be out for about a week and a half and hopefully get some good data from the local businesses.

Kristie Rauter-Egge-Wood County Health Department:

- We have seen COVID cases double since last week at this time and four health care workers have tested positive.
- A press release will come out later today with local gating metrics for Wood County.
- We are between phase one and two of the Badger Bounce back plan.
- The new dashboard we have on the Wood County Health Department website is updated every day.
<http://woodwi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/da7f0d6815494e4b85e614e042671b14>.

Jim Webster-Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa:

- The casino re-opened on June 16th. We require anyone coming in to get their temperature checked and wear a mask. We are hoping the Health Department will come in and look at what we're doing and also do some PR about the casino going "non-smoking".

Craig Bernstein-Mid-State Tech:

- A couple of committees/task forces will be meeting in regard to the Verso announcement. A rapid response task force will be meeting to focus on the dislocation of the Verso workers. A second task force will be run by Representative Krug and Senator Testin. They will meet at Mid-State next week Wednesday to focus on what will be done with the mill itself. The Heart of Wisconsin Chamber will be putting together a job fair to help displaced workers find jobs also. (Jim Webster suggested the casino for possible jobs for some of these workers.)
- PPE meeting: Tuesday June 23rd, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference
- Next meeting: Thursday June 25th, 2020 at 9:00am via teleconference

Adjourned at 9:50am