

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel (excused at 11:45 a.m.), Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leitchnam, Gerald Nelson, Harvey Petersen

Member Excused:

Staff Present: Land Conservation Staff - Jerry Storke, Tracy Arnold, Lori Ruess
 Planning & Zoning Staff - Jason Grueneberg
 UW Extension Staff - Peter Manley

Others Present: Dennis Polach, District #14 Supervisor; William Clendenning, District #15 Supervisor; Lance Pliml, District #16 Supervisor; Brad Hamilton, District #18 Supervisor; Howard Joling, South Wood County Airport; Joseph Zurfluh, Port Edwards Police Department; Sue Kunferman, Wood County Health Department; Karen Olson, Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Jason Angell, City of Marshfield – Economic Development Board; Harold Gaier, Marshfield Municipal Airport; Jeffrey Gaier, Marshfield Municipal Airport

1. Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order. Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

3. Review Correspondence.

- a. Tracy Arnold handed out the CEED tour brochures. The tour will be held on Thursday, September 11th. Tour stops include the Community Gardens, Weichelt/Bouma's non-metallic mining site, Duane & Jodi Levoy's aerobic unit and modified mound, and Barry and Gayle Richardson's best management practices including a waste storage facility. The registration deadline for the tour is Tuesday, September 9, 2014.
- b. Bill Leitchnam presented information and stated he would like to attend Pontoons & Politics which will be held at Castle Rock Lake on August 22nd.

4. Land Conservation.

- a. Discuss Manure Irrigation Issue. Chairperson Hilde Henkel stated the Judicial & Legislative Committee may take a resolution to create a Spray Irrigation and Manure Distribution Ordinance to the September County Board meeting and she would like the CEED Committee to discuss this issue before that meeting. Supervisor Pliml stated that his preference would be to have the CEED Committee and the Judicial & Legislative Committee wait until the researchers have completed their report (end of 2014 early 2015), review the scientific information gathered, and work together in an orderly fashion before presenting a resolution to create a Spray Irrigation and Manure Distribution Ordinance. Discussion ensued. Below are concerns expressed from CEED Committee members:
 - Does it make sense to present an ordinance at the September County Board? What is the harm in waiting until the researcher's report is complete and we have scientific information to determine if an ordinance is necessary.
 - If an ad hoc committee is formed, it is important to have staff from Land Conservation and Planning and Zoning on the Committee. Chair Henkel recommended that the Conservationist and Planning & Zoning review the study when completed.

- Robert Ashbeck expressed the importance of input from farmers before making a decision on the ordinance.
- Jerry Storke stated Chapter NR243 regulates spray irrigation and reiterated Corporation Counsel's concerns if the County has the authority to establish its own regulations.
- Several Committee members were concerned about the workload to administer and enforce the ordinance and the need to hire an additional staff person. What would the cost be to the County?

Supervisor Leichtnam reported that Kewaunee County took three months to adopt an ordinance and their ordinance regulates spray irrigation as well as all land-spreading. Kewaunee County has karst and shallow carbonate bedrock.

Supervisor Clendenning stated the Judicial & Legislative Committee will present a resolution to the County Board at the September meeting.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to have the CEED Committee review and discuss the resolution following the September County Board meeting. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Review and Approve 2015 Budgets. Jerry Storke presented the following Land Conservation Department budgets: Land Conservation, DATCP Grant, Wildlife Damage Abatement, Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation, Land Conservation Trust, Yellow River Non-Point Source, and Permits & Fines. He explained the Permits and Fines budget is a new non-lapsing budget. The Yellow River Non-Point Source budget is interest earned during the Yellow River Watershed Project. The interest will all be used in 2014 closing out this budget. The Land Conservation Trust is also a non-lapsing budget and meets the Executive Committee's directive. No major increases in the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation budget; personal services increased due to the 1.7% increase in the wage rate and scheduled step increases and fixed charges increased due to liability insurance. The Wildlife Damage Abatement and DATCP Grant budgets are both grant funded. The Land Conservation Department budget is the only tax levy budget and Jerry presented it with a 48.87 increase in tax levy. He explained; increases are due to a \$47,179.52 request for program improvement (new Program Technician position to administer the proposed Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution Ordinance if adopted) and a capital outlay item – surveyor plus with GPS receiver estimated cost - \$9,000.00. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve the 2015 Land Conservation, DATCP Grant, Wildlife Damage Abatement, Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation, Yellow River Non-Point Source, Land Conservation Trust, and Permits and Fines budgets as presented and forward them to the Executive Committee. Second by Kenneth Curry. Motion failed.

Voting Nay: Harvey Petersen – Program Technician Position should not be included in budget at this time.

Robert Ashbeck - Land Conservation should not be responsible for costs incurred by another Committee's ordinance.

Hilde Henkel - Program Technician Position should not be included in budget at this time.

Motion by Kenneth Curry to approve all the 2015 Land Conservation Department budgets with an amended Land Conservation (56121) budget; removing the \$47,179.52 program improvement for the new position and forward them to the Executive Committee. Information on the Program Technician position should be submitted with the budget as a separate report. Second by Harvey Petersen. Motion passed.

Voting Nay: Bill Leichtnam – Program Technician position should be included in the budget.

5. Planning and Zoning

- a. Activity Update to the Regional Economic Growth Initiative (REGI). Jason Grueneberg reported that the individual who was going to give a report was unable to attend the meeting. He reported that all economic requests from last year have been carried over.
- b. Review and Approve 2015 Budgets. Brief presentations supporting the 2015 airport aid and grant funding requests which are included in the 2015 Transportation and Economic Development budget were given by Howard Joling, Alexander Field/South Wood County Airport; Harold & Jeffrey Gaier, Marshfield Municipal Airport; Karen Olson, MACCI and Jason Angell, City of Marshfield Economic Development Board. Reports from Howard Joling and Harold & Jeffrey Gaier will be included in the County Board packet.

Jason Grueneberg presented the Transportation and Economic Development budget with a 5.12% increase, which is mainly due to the increase in airport aid. Each airport is requesting \$7,500 in 2015.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to approve the 2015 Transportation and Economic Development budget as presented with the 5.12% increase and forward to the Executive Committee. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Grueneberg presented and reviewed with the Committee the Planning & Zoning budget with a 10.14% increase. Increase due to capital improvement request for LiDAR - \$60,000 tax levy; Land Records – non levy budget; Private Sewage Administration – non levy budget; Surveyor - \$44,750.00 in tax levy – 0% increase meets the Executive Committee's directive; and the Census & Redistricting budget which is a non-lapsing budget and meets the Executive Committee's directive.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to approve the 2015 Planning & Zoning, Private Sewage, County Surveyor, Land Records and Census & Redistricting budgets as presented and forward to the Executive Committee. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

6. UW Extension

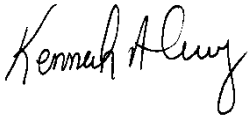
- a. Peter Manley provided an overview of the 2015 UW Extension budgets including the Junior Fair budget and project accounts budget. He reviewed the budget adjustments with the Committee and explained the increases in personal services and professional services are due to the 1.7% wage rate increase, step increases, and two promotions within the department.

Motion by Gerald Nelson to approve the 2015 UW Extension budgets as presented and forward to the Executive Committee. Second by Kenneth Curry. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjourn.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Second by Gerald Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Curry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land Conservation Department

Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved August 26, 2014)