

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

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. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership Update – Shannon Rohde.
  - b. Request extending county-wide nitrate water sampling into 2020.
  - c. Discuss Land & Water Conservation Association Board elections.
  - d. Discuss Statue 92.06.
  - e. Committee reports
    - i. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting.
    - ii. Health Committee report.
    - iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.
      1. Appoint CEED member to the CSGCC.
8. Private Sewage
9. Land Records
10. County Surveyor
11. Planning
  - a. Consider a resolution supporting an application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2020-2024 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle, requesting funding to update the Wood County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
12. Economic Development
  - a. Update on the Regional Economic Development Innovation Initiative.
13. Extension
  - a. General Office Update
  - b. Fair Financial Allocation – Dale Christiansen
  - c. Educational Presentation – Rachael Whitehair
14. Schedule next regular committee meeting.
15. Agenda items for next meeting
16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
17. Adjourn

MINUTES  
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020  
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Ken Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Mark Holbrook (arrived at 9:58am), Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig  
 Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn  
 Extension Staff: Karli Tomsyck, Nancy Turyk, Rachael Whitehair

Others Present: Doug Machon (Wood County Board Chair), Bill Clendenning (District #15), Dennis Polach (District #14), Jana Suriano

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Curry called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00am.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Curry declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)**  
None.
4. **Review Correspondence.**  
No correspondence from Planning & Zoning.

Shane Wucherpennig reviewed two items. First, the countywide water testing program offered last summer received county funds to offer free water sampling to all county residents. The goal was to sample at least one private well in each section of every township. Land & Water Conservation set up at various town halls for pick-up and drop-off but only about 40% of wells have been tested so far. Shane would like to talk to Executive Committee about continuing testing for another year with the remaining appropriated money. Shane wanted to start with the CEED Committee and will formally bring the item to the February agenda. This is not a request for new money; it is just a continuation of testing with remaining funds. The CEED Committee is in favor so Shane will put this item on the agenda for February. Next, Shane reviewed; in May 2019 Land and Water Conservation brought two resolutions to the committee regarding a TRM grant. Documents were signed on May 1st and for some reason, the original signed resolutions are missing. Shane requested a set of signatures from Ken to move forward.

5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the December 4th, 2019 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Land & Water Conservation, Planning & Zoning and Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Shane Wucherpennig, Adam Groshek, Rod Mayer, Lori Ruess, Emily Salvinski, Adam DeKleyn, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Stevana Hamus, Kim Keech, Victoria Wilson, Laura Huber, Matt Lippert, Nancy Turyk, Jackie Carattini, Hannah Wendels, Janell Wehr and Rachael Whitehair.
  - a. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.** No additions or corrections needed.
  - b. **Approve bills.** No additions or corrections needed.
  - c. **Receive staff activity reports.** No additions or corrections needed.

*Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and 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. Update on TRM 319 Grant for Mill Creek.  
Shane Wucherpennig shared the 9-key plan was written and submitted in early 2019. It was approved by the state DNR and federal EPA. The next step was to apply for funds to get the project going. Shane

put the TRM grant together with the 9-key plan and when the preliminary 2020 budgets came out from DATCP, he heard tentatively that Land & Water Conservation received the 319 grant. Shane received a letter last week, which required his signature for the grant. The \$600,600.00 grant was officially received. If things go well with phosphorous reduction, Shane stated they will reapply in three years for additional funding. Shane noted the grant money is exclusively for Mill Creek and focusing on reducing phosphorous there. Supervisor LaFontaine asked if the grant requires matching funds from the county; Shane responded that it does not. Shane explained a portion of the money is allocated for administrative functions. Chair Curry questioned if the work can be done with current staff. Shane said no and will give further information under item C. Originally, 10% of the grant could be used for local assistant staffing funds. Department of Natural Resources is now considering up to 40% of the grant being used for administrative functions. Supervisor Ashbeck asked if the grant extends to Portage County. Shane noted Portage County did not apply for the grant. Although Mill Creek runs through multiple counties, the grant dollars are only for Wood. Discussion followed.

Shane noted there is a possibility for additional 9-key plans for areas like Hemlock Creek but staffing would not allow it right now. Chair Curry asked how we are notified when money is available. The understanding is the entity providing the funding will contact local officials.

b. Update on status of Conservation Specialist job posting.

Shane Wucherpennig shared Emily Salvinski, Conservation Specialist, requested her position change from full time to half time. Emily's title will remain the same and she will work 40 hours per pay period, instead of 80. Her position will now be supported with grant dollars. Shane posted to replace her position at 100% full time. It was posted prior to the holidays with a deadline of 1/5/2020. 35 applications were received. 10 of which were deemed incomplete by the cyber recruiting site. Shane will work the remaining 25 down to 6 for initial interviews. Shane hopes to have someone on board in January. Land & Water Conservation staff will now total 5.5, instead of 5.

a. Report on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> County Conservationist meeting.

Shane Wucherpennig attended both days and noted the sessions were worth attending. This year there was a session called "conservation roundtable discussions". This included seasoned County Conservationists and allowed the audience to ask questions and learn from their experiences. Shane was asked and agreed to be on the panel.

Shane noted Land and Water Association hosts County Conservationist meetings twice per year. Staff from the entire state attend including County Conservationists and County Board Supervisors.

On December 13th, there was a session called "speed round table". This gave every county from Marquette to Wood 2 or 3 minutes to talk about good things going on in their county. Water was the main topic of discussion. Shane noted that almost every county represented is also battling many of the same issues as Wood County.

b. Committee Reports

i. **Citizen's Groundwater Committee meeting.**

Supervisor Leichtnam shared the December meeting was focused on preparing for the Groundwater Panel Discussion.

The Citizen's Groundwater Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at Riverblock in Room 206. The next meeting will be on January 20th.

Supervisor Leichtnam felt the panel discussion was a highly successful event. Wisconsin Rapids Community Media recorded the program. Discussion followed.

Supervisor LaFontaine asked if there will be a report from the group. Supervisor Leichtnam was told by Senator Testin and Katrina Shankland that the recommendations will be released in Madison at 12:00pm on January 8th.

Supervisor Leichtnam will have Kim Keech send the link to all members of the Citizens Groundwater Group and County Board Supervisors. It can be viewed at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTJpg8dH\\_vo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTJpg8dH_vo)

ii. **Health Committee report.**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

iii. **Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC) committee report.**

Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC) now includes six counties surrounding Wood. It is formed of County Conservationists and County Board Supervisors to collaborate between county lines. Nancy Turyk stated during the last meeting they decided what type of formalized structure they should have, which was necessitated by county resolutions.

A Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be elected during the January 27th meeting. Nancy believes they plan to retain structure with three working groups: communication, technical and supervisors. Nancy has been facilitating the technical workgroup and anticipates continuing on with that. Nancy involved Nathan Sandwick, Portage County, who will help facilitate the communication workgroup.

Shane Wucherpfennig forwarded a request for funding to do a study in the Central Sands region with the six counties involved. A letter from Katrina Shankland, drafted in December, went out to every county collaborator about funding proposals. Shane believes more will be known when recommendations are released today.

Shane noted every county involved with CSGCC is at a different level of geospatial technology and study work so it is important to combine all that information together first and then evaluate where information is lacking. Discussion followed.

8. **Private Sewage.** Nothing to report.

9. **Land Records.** Nothing to report.

10. **County Surveyor.** Nothing to report.

11. **Planning**

a. Review/Action on Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Map Amendment.

Adam DeKleyn presented a zoning amendment for the Town of Grand Rapids. The request was received in December. Any town zoning amendments require County Board approval. The existing zoning on the property is agricultural. The request is to rezone the parcel into residential zoning classification. It is a 1.25 acre lot. It is a smaller parcel and there is a residential single family home on the parcel. Any parcel in the town of Grand Rapids that is smaller than 5 acres in size cannot be zoned agricultural. The Town of Grand Rapids Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezone on December 9, 2019. Subsequently, the Town Board held a public hearing and unanimously approved the rezone on December 10, 2019. The final step is approval by County Board.

After review of the information the Town of Grand Rapids submitted to Planning & Zoning, Adam confirmed they followed proper zoning processes as outline by state statute. Adam recommends approving the zoning amendment.

Supervisor Ashbeck expressed concern about the 5-acre minimum and whether they are going to take all agricultural zoning away from this area. Supervisor Holbrook agreed and stated we are not making

agricultural land anymore. Adam addressed the point that with town zoning, authority is somewhat limited. Some are pursuing residential properties and some are not.

*Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Map amendment as presented. Second by Bill Leichtnam.*

*Ayes – Kenneth Curry, Mark Holbrook, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam*

*Nay – Robert Ashbeck*

*Supervisor Ashbeck expressed concern because of the encroachment on agricultural land.*

*Motion carried.*

## **12. Economic Development**

### **a. Discuss next Economic Development meeting.**

Jason Grueneberg shared the past year there have been two monthly CEED committee meetings – the regularly scheduled meeting and the Economic Development focused meeting held after County Board. The December Economic Development meeting was foregone and Jason would like to discuss whether there will be a January meeting. Following discussion, it was determined there are likely conflicts after the January and February County Board meetings. Jason noted if there is a light agenda on February 5th, Economic Development could be discussed during the regular meeting.

### **b. Update on the Regional Economic Development Innovation Initiative.**

The first Regional Economic Development Innovation Initiative workshop was held on December 18-19, 2019 at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. Jason Grueneberg noted it was well attended by the steering committee and a few other supervisors. The one and a half day workshop included introductions, icebreakers and deciding what themes would be addressed during the REDI process. Two themes were identified: economic development and quality of life. Two groups were created to address the themes. The groups worked together to identify objectives and strategies related to the themes.

Jason noted there will be a meeting with the steering committee to determine strategies to complete objectives. They are looking to expand the steering committee, which is currently around 21-22 people. The core group will meet this week to recap what transpired at the workshop and talk about the next meeting logistics. All steering committee meetings are publicly posted for anyone to attend.

Purdue University and UW-Madison attended at the REDI workshop. Since they are nearer than Purdue, UW will be doing a lot of the work with the Wood County REDI group.

Jason shared they hope to have a strategy complete by April. The county team will work to draft the plan and articulate information from the workshops. Supervisor Holbrook asked how and who gauges quality of life issues. Nancy noted everything is framed around economic development. Sue Kunferman attended the workshop for the Health Department to discuss some aspects of quality of life. Supervisor Holbrook also asked if there are union members associated with this effort. He noted quality of life is impacted by quality of work and wants to know who is representing those needs. Lengthy discussion followed.

Chair Curry reviewed strategic planning points from the REDI workshop and noted it will be important to have someone supervising the process. Jason added a lot of the implementation will not fall on county staff, but on a variety of people. Following discussion, Nancy Turyk noted all supervisors who are representing the public are welcome to join the REDI conversations.

Supervisor LaFontaine stated as a member of CEED and observer to the process, he was impressed with the diversity of people who participated in the REDI workshop. He noted the county was well served by those selected to participate.

Jason anticipates updates will be sent to the full County Board so they know who is on the steering committee and advised members to look for workshop information by mid-February. All workshops will be publicly noticed – anyone interested is welcome to attend. Discussion followed.

Jason provided a brief update on what he is working on with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission. He is currently establishing a 2020 work plan that identifies projects that the RPC will complete. In addition, Economic Development Administration (EDA) projects are being identified to be included in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). When the projects are included in the CEDS, they will become eligible for EDA funding opportunities in the future.

### 13. Extension

a. March County Board Presentation – UW-Madison Staff

UW-Madison, via the Division of Extension and College of Ag and Life Sciences, has created a new water quality specialist position, which is held by John Exo. Chair Curry noted John will be attending the January County Board meeting to listen to Kevin Masarik's presentation. John is also willing to come to a County Board meeting to introduce himself and his position.

Supervisor Leichtnam shared copies of a letter from Doug Reinemann with the committee. A resolution from the CEED Committee went before County Board in April 2019 regarding the importance of nitrogen reduction and prompted the letter from Doug and the UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences explaining what they plan to do. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Bill Leichtnam to invite John Exo and Doug Reinemann for a presentation at the March 17<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting and invite the Portage County Executive and County Board Chair to the meeting. Second by Dave LaFontaine Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Educational Presentation – Nancy Turyk

Nancy Turyk shared an update on the Wood County Strategic Plan. It has been ongoing the past year and was initiated by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. Nancy and Vice Chair Rozar had laid out a proposal of the steps they would take to garner information from County Board Supervisors and department heads regarding the strategic planning process. The purpose behind developing a strategic plan is to provide a common vision that staff, stakeholders and elected officials understand and are operating under. This process identifies the most pertinent strategic goals a county may have.

Nancy explained a common vision within the county is important among staff members. Three rounds of surveys went out to County Board Supervisors asking about core values and what they see as the mission for the county. They have also worked with department heads to identify strategic goals for their areas.

Nancy noted there is a draft version of the county vision and mission statements, as well as strategic plan components.

Supervisor Rozar and Nancy recently expanded their team to include department heads who volunteered to assist with the writing of the plan so there is a broader perspective in the final document. The team includes Jason Grueneberg, Sue Kunferman, Kim McGrath and Brandon Vruwink.

Nancy explained the next steps will be to meet with department heads again for input when a draft is ready. It will then go to Executive Committee for their comments. Then there will be a combined

meeting at the end of a County Board Meeting for department heads and County Board Supervisors to talk about any details and suggestions. The plan would then be sent to County Board for approval.

The strategic plan has six categories: Communication, Economic Vitality, Financial Resources, Health and Safety, Human Resources, Infrastructure. Narratives to describe each category and provide context for the strategies will be identified.

Supervisor Ashbeck asked if the plan will be communicated to town boards in rural areas. Nancy responded that she would be happy to present to towns associations or village boards. Supervisor Holbrook suggested sending a hard copy of the approved plan with an invitation to present on specifics. Chair Curry agreed the municipalities should be aware of the direction we are trying to head.

Nancy is hopeful the plan will be approved by March.

Discussion followed.

**14. Schedule next regular committee meeting.**

The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:00am at Wood County Courthouse in Conference Room #115.

**15. Agenda items for next meeting**

None

**16. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary**

**17. Adjourn.** Chair Curry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

*Minutes by Karli Tomsyck, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Wood County*

**Committee Report**

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND &amp; WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: DECEMBER 2019

For the range of vouchers: 18190174 - 18190176

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18190174	OTTER CREEK FARMS	LWC - RETURN OF EARNEST MONEY	12/20/2019	\$1,000.00	P
18190175	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWC - OFFICE SUPPLIES	11/02/2019	\$104.82	P
18190176	US BANK	LWC - FIELD/OFFICE SUPPLIES	12/23/2019	\$106.39	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$1,211.21</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

For the period of: JANUARY 2020

For the range of vouchers: 18200001 - 18200010

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18200001	ROZNER ANGELINE	LWC - REFUND SHRUB & OVERPAYME	01/10/2020	\$31.65	P
18200002	DLT SOLUTIONS LLC	LWC/NM - 3 YR SUBSCRIPTION REN	01/07/2020	\$5,693.80	P
18200003	ESRI INC	LWC - ArcGIS Desktop Primary &	01/02/2020	\$976.99	P
18200004	NORTH CENTRAL LAND & WATER CONSERVATION	LWC - DUES	01/09/2020	\$200.00	P
18200005	UNITED SAFETY SOLUTIONS	NM - MSHA REFRESHER COURSE	01/10/2020	\$130.00	P
18200006	WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION	LWC - ANNUAL DUES	01/02/2020	\$1,641.00	P
18200007	GOLDEN SANDS RC D	LWC - SNACKS FOR MEETING	01/17/2020	\$35.31	P
18200008	MARTI MICK	NMM - RETURN OF FA	01/23/2020	\$3,000.00	P
18200009	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LWC - ENV EDUCATION SUPPLIES	01/14/2020	\$16.49	P
18200010	US BANK	LWC - CCA RENEWAL - ES	01/16/2020	\$60.00	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$11,785.24</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: December 2019

For the range of vouchers: 22190110 - 22190119 38190026 - 38190026

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22190110	RUTZEN SURVEY SERVICES LLC	SU/LR-PLSS Tie Sh 121@\$164.95	12/06/2019	\$19,958.95	P
22190111	CENTRAL STAKING INC	LR-Corners (42@\$185)	12/10/2019	\$7,770.00	P
22190112	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	12/11/2019	\$139.77	P
22190113	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PS-Office Supplies	12/13/2019	\$17.78	P
22190114	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LR-Office Supplies	12/13/2019	\$22.48	P
22190115	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	PS-1st Prog Fee Processing	12/31/2019	\$506.31	P
22190116	WOOD TRUST BANK	LR-Credit Card Charges	12/20/2019	\$42.35	P
22190117	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-State Sanitary Permit (Dec)	12/31/2019	\$800.00	P
22190118	WOOD CAFE THE	PL-REDI Grant Meeting	12/19/2019	\$150.00	P
22190119	US BANK	LR-Credit Card Charges	12/31/2019	\$22.66	P
38190026	MULTI MEDIA CHANNELS	ED-Discover Wood County	12/31/2019	\$250.00	P
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$29,680.30</b>	

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning Department

For the period of: January 2020

For the range of vouchers: 22200001 - 22200011 38200001 - 38200002

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22200001	CARMODY SOFTWARE INC	PS-Upgrades/Services (Jan)	01/01/2020	\$299.00	P
22200002	WLIA	LR-2020 Annual Membership	01/01/2020	\$200.00	P
22200003	WLIA	LR-2020 Annual Conf (Jason)	01/01/2020	\$250.00	P
22200004	WLIA	LR-2020 Annual Conf (Paul)	01/01/2020	\$400.00	P
22200005	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract (Jan)	01/13/2020	\$833.00	P
22200006	WOWRA	PS-2020 WOWRA Membership Dues	01/09/2020	\$75.00	P
22200007	WCCA (COUNTY CODE ADMINISTRATORS)	PS-2020 WCCA Membership Dues	01/17/2020	\$100.00	P
22200008	US BANK	Credit Card Charges	01/16/2020	\$235.74	P
22200009	WOOD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	PS-Small Claims Filing Fee (7)	01/23/2020	\$696.50	P
22200010	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	PL-2020 APA Membership (Jason)	01/17/2020	\$372.00	P
22200011	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	PL-2020 APA Membership (Adam)	01/17/2020	\$403.00	P
38200001	WI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ED-2020 Membership Dues	01/06/2020	\$325.00	P
38200002	NORTH CENTRAL WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	ED-County Membership	01/10/2020	\$12,500.00	P

**Grand Total:**

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## Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension

For the period of: December-January

For the range of vouchers: 30190240 - 30200013

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30190240	EO JOHNSON COMPANY INC	Color Copies - Sept-Dec	01/07/2020	\$165.67	P
30190241	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/07/2020	\$70.52	P
30190242	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/07/2020	\$54.86	P
30190243	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/07/2020	\$45.49	P
30190244	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/07/2020	\$39.03	P
30190245	LIPPERT MATTHEW	December Expenses	01/29/2020	\$28.42	
30200001	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	4-H Program Supplies	01/15/2020	\$61.08	P
30200002	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	4-H Program Supplies	01/15/2020	\$13.90	P
30200003	EO JOHNSON CO INC	Copier Lease	01/15/2020	\$229.49	P
30200004	MIDWEST FORAGE ASSOCIATION	2020 Membership Dues - Lippert	01/15/2020	\$45.00	P
30200005	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	4-H Newsletter Mailing	01/21/2020	\$292.59	P
30200006	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/21/2020	\$38.18	P
30200007	WAL-MART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	January Statement - FoodWise	01/21/2020	\$29.30	P
30200008	US BANK	December Statement	01/21/2020	\$875.75	
30200009	CARATTINI JACKIE	January Expenses	01/29/2020	\$267.95	
30200010	HUBER LAURA	January Expenses	01/29/2020	\$285.60	
30200011	LIPPERT MATTHEW	January Expenses	01/29/2020	\$290.44	
30200012	TURYK NANCY	January Expenses	01/29/2020	\$300.00	
30200013	WHITEHAIR RACHAEL	January Expenses	01/29/2020	\$35.00	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$3,168.27</b>	

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*Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig - January, 2020*

- **January 6-7** – Reviewing resumes and applications for Conservation Specialist position.
- **January 8**– Attended CEED.
- **January 9** – LWCD Staff Meeting.
- **January 10** – Met with Jason Gruenberg and Jason Hausler to discuss the CEED agenda and minute tacking at the meetings.
- **January 13 & 14** – Worked on GIS Projects.
- **January 15** – Worked on proposed 2020 projects.
- **January 16**– Staff Meeting, met with Peter K on Nonmetallic mine issues, Attended Golden Sands RC&D meeting.
- **January 17** – Attended PACRS meeting in Necedah.
- **January 20** – Attended the Citizens Groundwater Group Meeting.
- **January 21** – Attended Wood County Board Meeting. Conducted interviews for the Conservation Specialist position.
- **January 22**– Met with DNR and Rod Meyer to discuss claims and programing for the wildlife damage program. Conducted interviews for the summer internship in Stevens Point.
- **January 23** – Conducted interviews for the Conservation Specialist position.
- **January 24** – Attended the NCLWCA meeting in Antigo to conduct & award the area speaking and poster contest winners in North Central.
- **January 27** – Attended a Planning Committee meeting to discuss holding an event this December for producer to highlight ways to improve the economics & profitability on the farm, how to transition to no till and cover crops, How to modify existing equipment to do no till and more. Attended CSGCC Meeting @ Ag Research Station, Hancock. Attended the Friends of Mill Creek Watershed Annual Meeting.
- **January 28** – Worked on proposed 2020 projects.
- **January 29** – Worked with County Lidar and produced maps.
- **January 30** – Conducted final interviews for the Conservation Specialist position.
- **January 31** – Worked on proposal 2020 MDV Funds.

MINUTES  
FRIENDS OF MILL CREEK MEETING  
Monday, January 27, 2020  
Friends of Mill Creek Watershed, Inc.  
ANNUAL MEETING

**TIME: 6:00 pm – Refreshments, 6:30 pm – Meeting, Eau Pleine Town Hall – 3191 St. Hwy 34, Junction City**

Present were: Leif Erickson, John Eron, Garth Frost Jr., Anne Graham, Larry Graham, Dan O'Connell, Mark Totten, Len Jazdzewski, John Jazdzewski, Pete Arntsen, Anthony Simkowski, Bob Simkowski, Amy Sue Vruwink, Doug Mahon, Jeff Zygarlicke, Barry Jacowski, Jen McNelly, Larry Railand, Tracy Arnold, Rachael Whitehair, Ken Schroeder, Bob Gifford, Jim Pawlowski, Duane Polum, Jason Glisczynski, Bob Gifford, Shane Wucherpfennig and Sam Warp Jr., Gary Slurnski, Jamel Slawmski, Jil & Jerry Koressel, Steve Poe, Pete Malleik

1. **Call to Order – Leif Erickson Meeting to Order to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Review/Approval of January 21, 2019 Minutes.** No minutes of the 2019 meeting were presented, but approved as taken. Chairman Leif Erickson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Sam Warp, no discussion, motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report – L. Graham.** Larry Graham gave the treasurer's report and noted the postage from the meeting was donated by the Farmer of Mill Creek Counsel.
4. **Other Agenda Items or Topics.** No other agenda items or topics were added.
5. **Report/Discuss 2019 Projects in Portage and Wood Counties.** Shane from Wood County reported on the County wide free nitrate sampling project for 2019 and mentioned the purchase of the no till drill and discussed how it was used by landowners this summer along with test plots and educational purposes. Shane also mention he has formed a planning committee to plan a workshop event in December of 2019 Dan O Connell mentioned there were no hard practices installed in Portage County, however there are three in the works for 2020. John Eron & Ken Schroeder discussed the December Farmers of Mill Creek tour and how Students were present from Northland Lutheran, Lincoln, Auburndale high schools. Eron Mentioned Pete Arnson as our friendly private consultant/hydrogeologist he have conversed with along with Mark Cournyer the Ag. Instructor in Auburndale School and his involvement of the water test they do in the Mill Creek. Rachael Whitehair Natural Resource Educator from Wood County UW Ext. introduced herself to the group.
6. **School Pollinator Program.** Dan & Tracy Arnold for Portage County have worked with schools and gave a presentation on pollinator plantings to the FOMC and the audience on how the program has grown. It started out prior to 2016 with 4 schools and about 130 students. During 2016-2018 thanks to Facebook and social media it has grown to 13 schools and around 530 students. For 2019/2020 there are currently 16 schools requesting a pollinator planting day and 490-560 students involved. These programs can be adjusted to be age appropriate and students

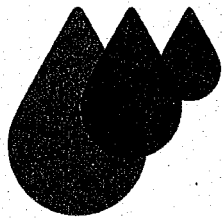
range from pre-K to high school age. One of their favorite slide shows the root diversity and length of prairie plants versus grass or cultivated crops.

7. **Report/Discuss Invasive plants.** John Eron & Ken Schroeder lead the discussion with the history of the Counties Declaring Wild Parsnip and Giant Hogweed as Noxious weeds within Wood and Portage Counties. Discussion covered many topic as follows: Wood & Portage lead the State with this effort even though there is more WP in Southern State WI, Portage and Wood Counties' websites show maps and methods of treating Wild Parsnip, Mowing does help if done properly and consistently, however weed chemical & GPS precision mapping does a more effective job, Giant Hogweed has been found & is sensitive like Wild Parsnip with mature plants getting 10 to 15 feet tall producing 20,000 seeds and having a 3 inch stem, Wood & Portage County Highway Departments sprayed Wild Parsnip – Cost \$ 1,500 each. Katrina Shankland updated the board and audience on the work she has been doing with legislatures in Madison. Katrina along with sponsorship is introducing a Bill that would provide local grants for counties up to a maximum of \$100K Statewide per year for Wild Parsnip Control, Mapping Eradication, etc. A County must first declare Wild Parsnip as noxious weed within their County and appoint a County Weed Commissioner. Wood and Portage County have already have done this and would be eligible for these grants.
8. **Report/Discuss 2019 Farmer Led Grant Accomplishments.** Ken Schroeder gave a presentation on the 2019 Farmer Led Grant Accomplishments. The following summary details his presentation: Ken discussed the summer and fall tours of the Farmer Led group and mentioned Shane bringing a Crimper roller that mounts either on the front or rear of the tractor to terminate a cover crop without chemicals. This is a very effective means of termination and weed control. 1076 acres no-till cost share with 17 farms, 704 acres of cover crops with 22 farms, 5 new farmers participated this year, 10 acres of cover crop test plots cover, 9 acres of buffer strips, 3 farmer led newsletter published with 430 mailed and online.
9. **Report/Discuss 2020 Farmer Led Council Grant & Goals.** The Farmer Led Council received a \$40,000 grant, farmers are interested in taking out marginal pieces of their fields and putting in pollinators – more profit.
10. **Report/Discuss Status of 9-Key Element Plan and 2020 Goals.** Shane from Wood County gave a presentation on the Mill Creek 9 Key Plan and the Grant he applied for. The following are some highlights of the presentation. Shane reported how the 9 Key plan took around 9 months to write and was discussed multiple times along the way with the Mill Creek Farmer Council as the goals and objectives. The plan was approved by both DNR & EPA in late summer of 2019. This make the watershed eligible for Federal 319 Grant dollars. Shane applied for a long term grant to fund the plan and conservation in the watershed and has receive the grant for \$600,600 for the next 3 years. If some of our milestones in the plan are being achieved then the counties will apply for more grants in three years. Shane's presentation also highlighted the accomplishments working with the Farmers group and landowners outside the Mill Creek totaling up around 1,186 acres of cover crops, 2060 acres of no till and 39 farmer participants. This was from 2016-2018 as 2019 numbers haven't been included at this time. Shane also discussed the no till drill and how around 12 landowners used it this summer and it was also used for test plots and education. Funding will be available this growing season to really move forward with these conservation initiatives.

- 11. Election of 2020 Officers and Board of Directors.** The Chairman asked if there were any new members interested in joining the board. Two new members joined. The board welcomed Jason Glisczynski & Erik Schyvinch. With no new nominations for the board leadership positions there was a motion to reseat the existing Board. The vote was unanimous. The board officers are listed as: Leif – President, Mark – Vice President, Larry – Treasurer, Sam – Secretary.
- 12. Next Meeting Dates.** None were set.
- 13. Adjourn. Motion by Larry to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Garth. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sam Warp Jr.  
Secretary





# County Land and Water Resource Management Plans and the 9 Key Elements

*Watershed scale planning to help focus efforts and increase funding opportunities*

## What are 9 Key Element Plans?

The EPA has identified nine key planning elements that are critical for protecting and improving water quality. Plans that reflect the nine key elements help assess the contributing causes and sources of nonpoint source pollution within a defined watershed area and then prioritize pollutant reduction strategies to restore or protect water quality. Nine key element watershed plans can be used to restore impaired waters or help protect unimpaired waters. In order to be eligible for Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 and Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding from US EPA, the following nine elements must be addressed in a watershed plan:

**1** **Identify the causes and sources** that need to be controlled to achieve pollutant load reductions. This includes quantifying significant sources and background levels using maps and tables.

**2** **Estimate the pollutant load reductions** expected from selected management measures.

**3** **Describe management measures** that need to be implemented to achieve load reductions. Map priority areas for implementing practices.

**4** **Estimate amounts of technical and financial assistance needed**, associated costs, and/or the sources and authorities that will be relied upon, to implement the Plan.

**5** **Develop an information & education component** to encourage participation and Plan implementation.

**6** **Develop a schedule** for implementing the management measures identified in the Plan.

**7** **Describe interim, measurable milestones** to assess if the Plan is being implemented.

**8** **Identify a set of criteria** to determine whether Plan objectives are or are not being achieved over time. Outline how and when the Plan will be revised if progress is not being made.

**9** **Develop a monitoring component** to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation efforts over time using criteria from elements 6, 7 and 8.

*Many LWRM Plan requirements are consistent with the nine key elements.  
See Page 4 for a comparison of LWRM Plan components to the nine key elements.*

# FARMERS OF MILL CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL

FMCWC Newsletter

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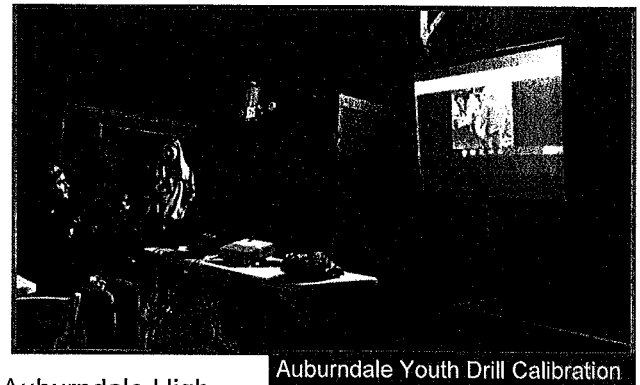
## DECEMBER COVER CROP FIELD DAY *by Ken M. Blomberg*

**Like most of the state, winter came early along the Mill Creek watershed.** But despite sub-zero temperatures and several inches of snow covering the landscape, around 50 high school students and instructors along with area farmers, Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards (PACRS), and other local residents braved the elements and enjoyed a Cover Crop Field Day sponsored by the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council. Participating school district agricultural and biology students and instructors from Wisconsin Rapids, Auburndale and Northland Lutheran of Mosinee gathered Wednesday December 4th at Eron's Event Barn west of Stevens Point.

Enthusiasm filled the warm barn's large meeting room in the morning as students, instructors and Council members shared drinks and muffins while preparing to embark on the morning bus tour. Once afield, they observed cover crop demonstration plots in action - even in the grip of winter.

During the lunch hour, a presentation was given by Auburndale High School students and Agriculture instructor Mark Cournoyer on calibration of the Wood County no-till drill and plans to plant cover crop plots on school grounds.

Other presentations included: The Mill Creek Farmer-Led Innovation and Public Education program focused on phosphorus best management practices, environmentally friendly farming practices and the Council's ultimate goal to be stewards of environmental sustainability for our land and water in our watershed.



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# Seeding the Next Generation

by: Dan O'Connell and Tracy Arnold  
Portage County Land and Water  
Conservation Division

**What do you get when you combine an active Farmer Led Group that encourages educational efforts, county conservation staff with a combined total of 41 years of boots-on-the-ground experience, and two counties worth of students and teachers ready to enhance their school yard?**

You get a team that created a unique, hands-on, interactive experience, aka...CONSERVATION GOLD!

The Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council (FMCWC) started in 2015. John Eron, FMCWC member, approached county conservation staff from Wood and Portage counties about getting educational conservation programs into classrooms. The concept was to create a program where students and teachers could learn about conservation practices and then be able to implement those conservation practices at their school. Since the FMCWC had been trying to convert marginal lands out of production, Eron's idea was to create pollinator and prairie areas. That seed was planted with county conservation staff, Dan O'Connell and Tracy Arnold. They began brainstorming methods to educate students and teachers on conservation practices that the FMCWC implements, but on a scale that is feasible for a school yard.



Dan O'Connell, Portage County Land Conservation demonstrates proper planting techniques for McDill Elementary students

Conservation is best taught at a young age, and Eron's idea was a great fit. With the seed packet Eron acquired, they proceeded to establish pollinator and prairie areas. The program includes instructional components, incorporating the importance of the conservation practice, and inviting the students and teachers to feel the hands-on part of the conservation practice.

The instructional component consists of numerous topics, including: What a prairie is, different types of prairies in Wisconsin, historical and current acres of prairies, and where historic prairies were located based on ecosystems and soil types. Hands-on portions of the instructional component include adaptations of prairie plants, soil characteristics, and the importance of prairie plant root structure. How to properly manage a prairie, and different plants and animals you would find in this diverse ecosystem are discussed. The



Grant Elementary students group shot in front of their on-going prairie project with the Farmers of Mill Creek sign

importance of pollinators in our everyday lives and their importance to agriculture is stressed. Students and teachers start to realize how important conservation practices are when they are shown all the crops that wouldn't exist any longer if we lose our pollinators.

Once the students have a basic understanding of prairies, pollinators, and conservation practices, the fun begins as they get their hands dirty in the soil. Just planting seeds doesn't give young students the same hands-on learning experience that actually handling a plant and seeing the long roots for themselves does. A connection was made with Anne Graham, retired UWSP professor and local prairie enthusiast.

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*Seeding the Next Generation continued...*

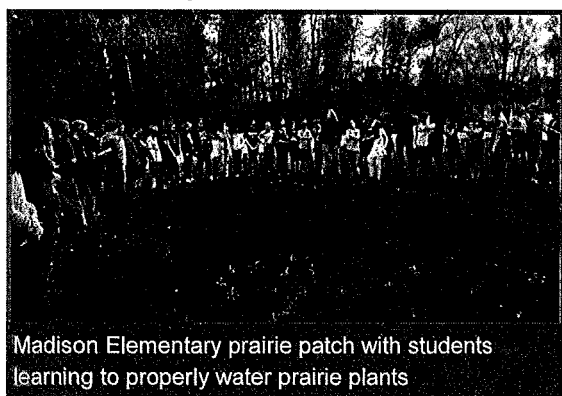
Anne has generously found time to stratify and start hundreds of native prairie plants to share with the schools. Paul Skawinski, Central Wisconsin Wild Ones President, also helped by providing plants in 2019. Each student has the opportunity to plant a prairie plant and take it home to their garden or plant it in an area the school has set aside.

For the schools with the space to start a prairie/pollinator area, the best growing conditions are critical. The FMCWC stepped in again and provided, delivered, and spread compost. At one of the schools while delivering compost, Chester Eron, FMCWC member, even helped with planting. He also started a garden, planting some potatoes and onions. The students were very attentive when he explained how to place the seed potato in the ground correctly.



Kennedy Elementary prairie patch, 4 months after planting- September 2019

The prairie/pollinator program is currently in its fourth year. The first year, four schools and just under one hundred students participated. Each year, the program has gained popularity and participation has increased. In 2019, nine schools and over five hundred students participated. For the Spring of 2020, thirteen schools and just under five hundred students have signed up and are ready to gain hands-on experience with



Madison Elementary prairie patch with students learning to properly water prairie plants

conservation practices. The program is adaptable for kindergarten to high school. With younger audiences Melissa and John Eron assist to ensure the best hands-on learning experience for each student.

When you can connect students and teachers to understand the importance of conservation practices currently happening with the FMCWC and their own lives, everyone will benefit for generations to come. So, the next time you see an elementary student, ask them about their prairie experience. It is certain they will be excited to share what they have learned or show you the school prairie.

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*December Field Day continued...*

The Prairies and Pollinators project by Dan O'Connell and Tracy Arnold from Portage County Land and Water Conservation Division. The 9-Key Elements plan for the Mill Creek Watershed presented by Shane Wucherpennig from Wood County Land and Water Conservation. Lastly, a presentation by Rick Georgeson from the PACRS and their relationship with the Farmers of Mill Creek watershed project.

With cover crops being the main topic of the day students were provided plenty of information from various agencies at a booth in the event barn - including UW- Extension's Cover Crops 101 Bulletin A4176. It explained the 5 most important uses of cover crops; to enhance nutrient cycling, improve soil health, suppress weed growth, support beneficial insects and pollinators and supplement forage production. The handout also discussed establishing cover crops and using those crops for foraging and grazing - but reminded readers "cover crops are not an instant solution, but long-term and continual use in cropping systems can lead to improved soil condition and health."

A second busload of students, instructors and others took off in the afternoon to see first-hand area cover crop fields in action. Trudging through the snow and passing on this important information to the next generation of land stewards is a key component of the goals set forth by Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council. As noted by one participant, "Maybe next year all the kids will remember to wear boots!"

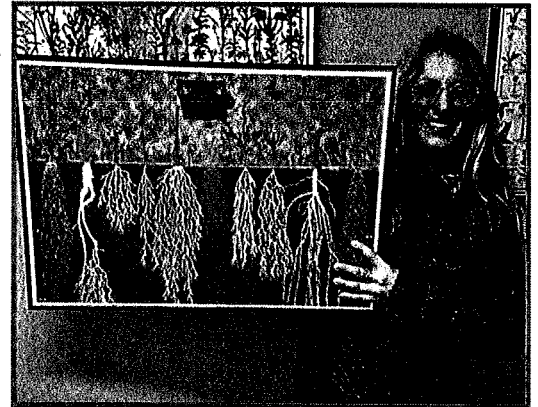
# UW-Madison Extension Hires Natural Resource Educator for The Central Sands

by: Rachael Whitehair, Regional  
Natural Resource Educator  
UW-Madison Extension  
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**Hello There! My name is Rachael Whitehair, the newly appointed Regional Natural Resource Educator serving Wood County and the Central Sands Ecoregion.** My role is to develop and support ongoing water quality improvement efforts including farmer-led watershed initiatives.

I look forward to working with community members, county land and water conservation, state, and other partners to fulfill goals focused on mitigating non-point source water pollution.

Prior to joining Extension, I worked as a graduate research assistant at Iowa State University where I developed and evaluated a professional development program for agricultural advisors in the area of conservation on-farm practices. Prior to graduate school, I served as a physical science technician for the United States Department of Agriculture, and as a naturalist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Master of Science degree in agricultural extension education from Iowa State University.



Since starting in October, I have had the opportunity to meet with water quality and outreach specialists and community members throughout central Wisconsin to discuss the geological diversity of the Central Sands Region and socioeconomic factors of the water quality concerns at hand.

Outside of my job, you'll find me spending my time gardening, cooking, or hunting and fishing in the great outdoors. I am passionate about sustainable food production and healthy ecosystem management. I am excited to have the privilege of serving this beautiful area of the state. Please feel free to reach out. My office is located at the Wood County Extension office within the Courthouse.

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# Prairie STRIPS, A Three-fold Success for Soil, Water, and Habitat

by: Rachael Whitehair, Regional  
Natural Resource Educator  
UW-Madison Extension

**Deep root systems, stiff stems, and perennial growth are just some of the beneficial characteristics that make native prairie plants such an amazing tool for promoting soil health and improving water quality.**

Nearly fifteen years ago, researchers from Iowa State University began trials of prairie STRIPS at the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City, Iowa. STRIPS stands for Science-Based Trials of Rowcrops Integrated with Prairie Strips. The Prairie Strips Project Team at Iowa State University developed this on-farm conservation practice to meet both ecosystem improvement and profitability goals for Midwest farmland.

Prairie strips are 20-30-foot sections of 30 or more species of native C3 and C4 grasses like big bluestem or Indian grass, sedges, rushes, legumes like purple prairie clover, and forbs such as butterfly milkweed or pale purple coneflower. Prairie strips are placed along the contour of the field and act as a catchment for soil and nutrients that may otherwise run off the field into nearby waterways. The stiff stems stand up to heavy overland flow and the deep, intricate root systems allow for faster infiltration and nutrient uptake, keeping the nearby water bodies devoid of excess sediment and nutrient runoff.



Photo by Chris Gannon

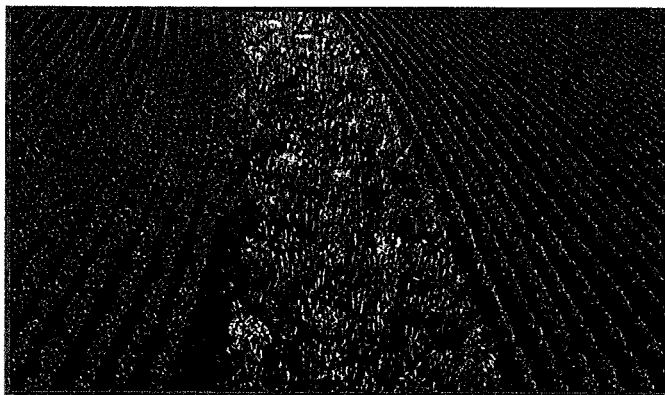


Photo by Omar de Kok-Mercado

Adding just a small amount of prairie to your farmland offers disproportional benefits to the land. Most recent reports suggest converting just ten percent of a row crop field to prairie can reduce nitrogen loss from the field by up to 84 percent, reduce phosphorus loss by 90 percent, and soil loss by 95 percent. What's more, using ten percent of a field for prairie can reduce water runoff by 44 percent without reducing the yield of corn and soybeans per acre.

Since the original trials, prairie strips have been implemented across Iowa and are making their way into Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. To date, 576 acres of prairie have been planted and 4930 acres of cropland protected as a result of the STRIPS project.

Prairie strips are designed to work with current machinery width and farm practice, is cheaper than terraces and comparable in cost to cover crops. The practice improves on-farm soil quality, water quality, and provides quality habitat for wildlife like bees, butterflies, and pheasants. In many cases, prairie strips can be strategically placed on nonproductive acres, saving input costs to farmers, and cost-share opportunities are available. To learn more about prairie STRIPS research, testimonials, and cost-share opportunities, visit <http://prairiestrips.org>.

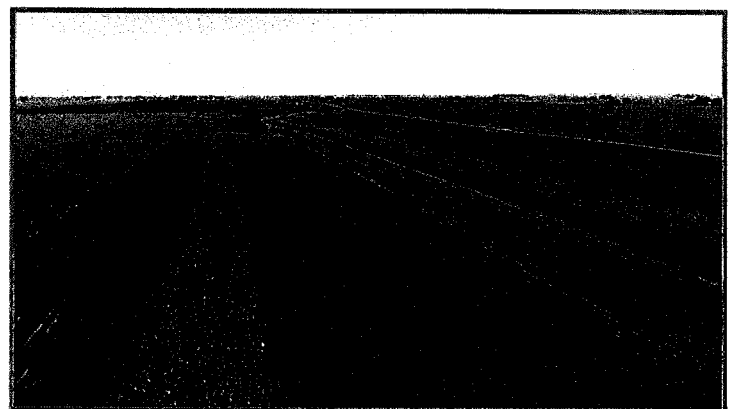


Photo by Lynn Betts

# Record Rainfall and Fall Cover Crops

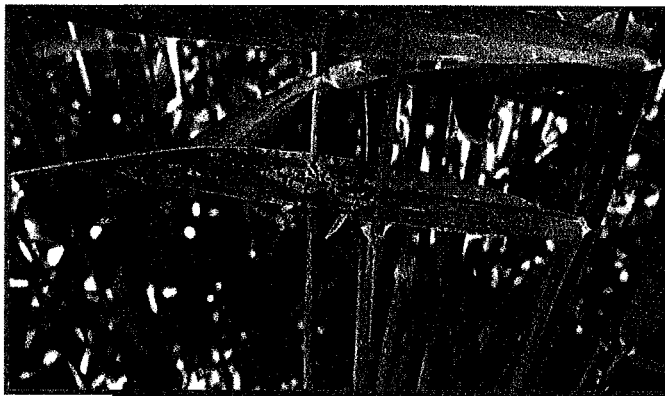
by: Ashley Blackburn, North Central Outreach Specialist Extension Nutrient and Pest Management Program and Jamie Patton, Extension Nutrient and Pest Management Senior Outreach Specialist



## If April showers bring May flowers, what does record rainfall bring to this fall's winter cereal cover crops?

Looking around our test plots and banking on experience from last year's wet season, one probable answer is fungal disease. While seed rots and molds are disease possibilities, we've seen rust dominate the cereal rye cover crop fungal scene the past couple years.

If you were able to plant your winter rye on time this year, you may have noticed the leaves were marked with a few rust pustules before the snow set in. Rust is not uncommon in cereals. Rust occurs in three basic types - stripe, leaf and stem rust. The three rust types are caused by three closely related fungi all belonging to the genus *Puccinia*. The "rust" name comes from the rusty iron metal colored spores that erupt through the plant tissues. Like many fungal diseases, rust diseases require cool, wet conditions and several hours of free moisture on the leaves to infect the crop. Rust spores can be spread over considerable distances by wind, through rain splash, or through direct transference by equipment. While rust infection in early fall planted cereal grain cover crops is possible, disease onset is more prevalent in the spring.



Leaf Rust on Winter Wheat Photo by Damon Smith

Leaf rust, also known as brown rust, is often the most prevalent of the three rust types on cereal rye in Wisconsin. Leaf rust produces reddish-orange spores, occurring in small, circular to oval-shaped pustules. Pustules are found on the top surface of the leaves and only occur on the foliage. Initial pustules will appear in the lower canopy and progress to the upper leaves. Older pustules may turn dark gray to black. Severe leaf rust infections of the upper leaves before flowering cause the most damage to grain yield and can potentially lead to early defoliation. **Early infection of plants can result in weak plants and poor root and tiller development.** This may lead to decreased winter survival.

Stripe rust is easily distinguished from other rusts, as its yellow to orange-yellow spores form in tightly spaced pustules occurring in a stripe pattern along the leaf veins. The spores occur on the upper surface of the leaves, the leaf sheaths, and awns. Under the right conditions, stripe rust can cause significant grain yield loss on susceptible varieties.

Stem rust produces reddish-brown to brick red spores in oval shaped pustules on the stems and leaves. Unlike leaf rust, pustules occur on both sides of the leaves. The infected areas often look grainy in appearance. Stem rust can cause severe grain yield loss.

In addition to specific leaf moisture conditions, each rust disease has a specific temperature range in which infection is most active. Stripe rust often appears when temperatures are near 50 to 60 degrees. Leaf rust is most active at 60 to 80 degrees. While stem rust is often the last to appear in the field, requiring temperatures of 77-86 degrees.

While unsightly, rust diseases on cereal rye cover crops grown only for soil improvement do not warrant treatment, as the return on investment for a fungicide treatment is likely negative.

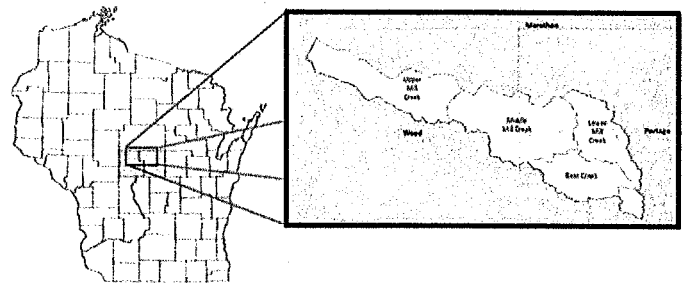
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# 9-Key Plan Approved for Mill Creek Watershed

by: Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department

**Wood and Portage Counties have been working together along with the DNR, EPA, The Farmers of Mill Creek, and many others in the area to come up with a plan to address sources of phosphorus in the watershed. ?**



The plan will be called a "9-key element plan."

The DNR explains that the watershed plan will provide a framework for improving water quality in a holistic manner within a geographic watershed and consist of EPA's nine key elements. The nine elements help assess contributing causes and sources of nonpoint source & point source pollution. The plan also involves key stakeholders and prioritizes restoration and protection strategies to address water quality problems. Basically, it provides the tools to address water quality concerns voluntarily without having to go as far as regulation.

Why does this watershed need improvement? Phosphorus data was collected up and down the Wisconsin River tributaries north from the Spirit River near Tomahawk to the south on the Baraboo River. A healthy river should test at or under 75 micrograms per liter of phosphorus. Those with algae bloom problems in the summer look upstream to see where the phosphorus is coming from. After testing done by the DNR from May through October in 2010-2013, a clear stand out, although not the only one, was the Mill Creek Watershed. It tested 175 micrograms per liter of total phosphorus.

As a result of the plan being approved, the local Land & Water Conservation office is eligible for Federal 319 dollars to implement The plan. The plan notes the wide range of sources of phosphorus in the creek and includes phosphorous reduction goals we would like to reach by the end of the 10-year lifespan.

Grant was applied for and approved, so starting in 2020 all landowners/producers in the watershed will have substantial funding opportunities. Now the real work begins to implement practices that will improve water quality. With any luck we can compliment the work the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council are already doing by working with them and producers throughout the entire watershed.

**Call now** to discuss your farm operation and how your local Land & Water Conservation office can partner with you to fund no-till planting, cover crops, waterways, farmable buffers, and many more eligible practices.

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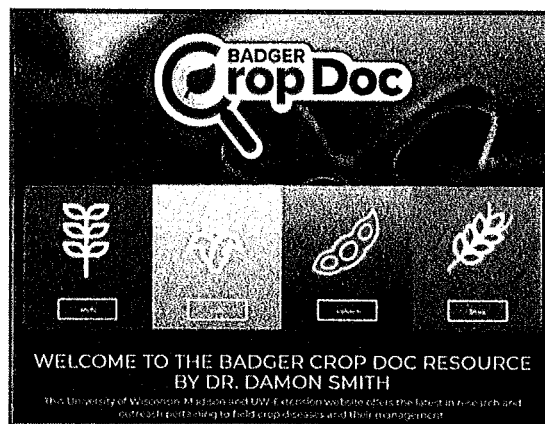
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Record Rainfall continued...

If taking the cereal rye as forage, one should evaluate if the potential increase in forage yield and/or forage quality justifies the cost of a fungicide application. As rust diseases have the greatest impact on grain yield, it is unlikely a fungicide application to improve forage production is economically justified. However, if a fungicide is used, product selection, rate and timing are key. More information can be found on Dr. Damon Smith's website, <https://badgercropdoc.com/>.

Rust pustules are typically considered non-toxic to cattle. If rust infected plant materials are fed as dry hay, some animal species may be susceptible to respiratory irritation caused by inhaling the rust spores. However, this concern is mitigated when the forage is fed moist, such as in silage. As rust infected leaves tend to dry out more quickly than healthy leaves, it may be difficult to harvest infected winter cereal grains at the optimal moisture content for packing and ensiling. As with any forage, harvesting at the proper maturity and moisture is essential to maintain quality. Depending on the severity of the disease, rust impacted plant tissues often have lower digestibility than healthy tissues, while protein content is often unchanged. Forage testing and consultation with a nutritionist will ensure the proper use of rust impacted forage in the ration.

There is often concern for disease carryover from an impacted cereal rye crop to following cash crops or forages. As each specific rust pathogen only infects a limited number of host plants, proper control of volunteer plants and rotation into non-susceptible crops, such as corn, soybeans, or alfalfa, can reduce potential disease carryover within a field. However, as fungal spores can travel great distances, selecting rust resistant cover crop varieties, as well as resistant wheat varieties, if wheat is grown in rotation, will provide additional disease protection in subsequent years.



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# WISCONSIN COVER CROP CONFERENCE

**FEBRUARY 20, 2020**  
**HOLIDAY INN • STEVENS POINT, WI**

Join us for a pre-conference dinner and discussion:

*Ice, Wind, & Water - Exploring Soil Diversity in Wisconsin*  
February 19, 2020 • 5:00 PM

*Taking place after the DATCP Producer-Led Workshop*

*Farmers and agricultural professionals from around the state are coming together again to share and learn about all things cover crops. Whether you're a seasoned cover crop expert or an absolute beginner, there will be something for everyone!*

## **Keynote Speaker: Rick Clark**

*2019 American Soybean Association Conservation Legacy Award Winner  
2019 Land O' Lakes Sustainable Stewardship Award Winner  
Presented at the United Nations, countries abroad, & numerous farmer to farmer discussions*

## **REGISTRATION:**

*Registration open until February 14, 2020*

	Early Bird Rate (Through February 5)	Regular Rate (After February 5)
Conference <b>ONLY</b>	\$60.00	\$70.00
Conference <b>PLUS</b> Soil Health Dinner	\$80.00	\$95.00

For more information & registration:  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/covercrop/>

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# Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference Agenda

## Wednesday, February 19th

5:00 - 8:00 Pre-Conference Dinner & Discussion

Holly Dolliver, UW-River Falls

*Ice, Water, & Wind-Exploring Soil Diversity in Wisconsin*

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## Thursday, February 20th

8:00 - 9:00 Early Riser - Farmers Figuring it Out Discussions

- Adding Small Grains to Your Crop Rotations
- 60 Inch Corn - Why & How?
- Grazing Cover Crops
- Cover Crops in Processing Vegetable Rotation

9:00 - 9:30 Break and Registration for Conference Attendees

9:30 - 10:30 Keynote Speaker: Rick Clark

*Getting the Most From Your Land: Regenerate Your Bottom-Line,  
Reduce Your Risk*

10:45 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions: *Select a Session*

Session 1: Planting Green

Session 2: Maintaining Soil Health While Managing Manure

Session 3: Building a Soil Health System - Easy Points of Entry

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch and Time to Visit With Exhibitors

1:00 - 2:15 Concurrent Sessions: *Select a Session*

Session 4: Herbicides, Cover Crops, and Weed Management

Session 5: Assessing Soil Health

Session 6: Getting More Out of Cover Crops - Using as an  
Alternative Forage

2:45 - 4:00 Summary Session

Soil Health Systems & Weather Extremes - Lessons Learned in 2019

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- Connect with information addressing issues such as:
- Financial Troubleshooting
  - Stress Management
  - Things to Consider for Succession Planning
  - Working with Your Lender
  - Decision-Making during Challenging Times
  - Transitioning Careers



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**You're not alone.** Extension connects farmers, families, businesses and communities with the support they need to remain resilient during challenging times in agriculture. Understanding chronic stress — and finding the throttles that control the flow of hormones and chemicals that fuel it — is essential for the mental and physical well-being of our loved ones working in agriculture. Extension helps farm families mitigate the negative impacts by recognizing and working to positively address the causes of stress. Find tips, resources, programs and tools for managing stress and start the conversation today.

## Feeling stressed?

## Activities Report for Adam Groshek – January 2020

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

- ~Pankratz Farms, LLC manure storage construction asbuilt documentation and cost-share distribution.
- ~Tree sale orders and assistance to landowners with tree sale/wildflower questions.
- ~Wilson Wood Turtle incidental take permit discussions with DNR and private firm staff and coordination of landowner hire of turtle biologist to minimize take of the Threatened Wood Turtle for the project. Public comment period for incidental take permit. Approval to construct Wilson's streambank project with 2 month extension on contract money in Jan/Feb. 2020. Preconstruction meeting, construction stakeout, project construction inspection, asbuilt documentation and cost-share distribution to close out project.
- ~Work truck recall maintenance.
- ~BOND \$ office discussions to roll over money from 2019 to 2020 for certain LWCD projects.
- ~CREP grazing plan discussion and review of written plan for DATCP approval.
- ~Continuing to try to find the source of sediment discharges into the WI River at Jackson St. with Verso Paper, the City of WI Rapids, and the DNR.
- ~Continuation of Nitrate water test kit distribution and delivery to Health Department for testing.
- ~Surface water grant application for monitoring on Bear Creek as part of the Mill Creek watershed.
- ~2 wells abandonments project documents started for Ruess project.
- ~Working through name change to Pep Acres, LLC and cancelation of some contracts that were not eligible to start into CREP for Glen Peplinski, etc.
- ~CREP discussions for 2020 signup with FSA, NRCS, and NRCS/Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist staff.
- ~Assistance with earnest money return payments.
- ~Ordering/pickup of office supplies/field equipment.
- ~2020 Prairie Chicken Festival planning meeting for preparation of April 18, 2020 festival.
- ~New Park Shelter CAD drawings for the Parks department brochures.
- ~Kueffer creek crossing preconstruction meeting, construction inspection, asbuilt documentation, and coordination with landowner and contractors.
- ~Rain garden technical standard webinar attendance.
- ~Manure spreading complaint investigation and discussion with DNR and landowner.
- ~Attendance of Wage Study meeting and JDQ (job description questionnaire) work.
- ~Annual March WI Land+Water conference registration.
- ~State Technical Committee documents draft review.
- ~New computer setup with IT.
- ~Hydrology/Hydraulics technical training in Appleton.

## ***Activities Report for Rod Mayer***

### ***January 2020***

- Issued Act 82 permits for strawberry grower – field visit, verified deer are digging through snow and removing bedding from plants. Enrollment paperwork completed and submitted to DNR.
- Researched and answered questions for property line setbacks in mines.
- Met with mine owner to discuss permit fees on mine.
- Completed letter in which CARBO is paying fees and FA for Coulee Frac.
- Issued Act 82 permits for cranberry grower – due to high price of crop issued early. Enrollment paperwork completed and submitted to DNR.
- Met with fire dept. for fire safety inspection of Conservation Dept. storage shed.
- Found two Financial Assurance documents that came in that did not give Wood County direct access to funds. Worked with Corporation Counsel to verify. Got one of the two corrected and updated. Working on the other with multiple phone calls to owner and email getting Corporation Counsel involved.
- Due to the owner of a large mine passing away – worked with the son and wife to get permit fees and financial assurance straightened out and updated prior to expiration for this year.
- Picked up posters from multiple schools for the annual poster contest. We received 25 posters for grades 2-3, 15 posters for grades 4-6, and 13 posters for grades 10-12. Judged all posters with full judging sheets and selected top three for each grade level. Put a certificate of participation together for each poster. Submitted paperwork for entry of our local 1<sup>st</sup> place posters into the Area Contest.
- Contacted nurseries for additional trees that sold out of (no luck).
- Met with mine owner to discuss options for pit that was permitted, but never opened (no active acres on record). Decision was made to close out the permit and release financial assurance. Processed paperwork and letter to owner.
- Worked with property owner to address pond exemption questions.
- Met with landowner to put field maps together for enrollment in 2020 wildlife damage program.
- Acquired hunter logs from all farmers getting wildlife damage claims for the 2019 harvest year.
- Met with DNR for annual three-person Wildlife Damage abatement and Claims Program audit. Two exemptions were issued to producers that did not meet the harvest quotas on shooting permits. All files and claims gone over.
- Reviewed Draft 3 for the Brand/Pankratz non-metallic reclamation plan (formerly CIM-Brand). Found all revisions that had asked for in the first two drafts had been corrected.
- Completed letter and Public Notice for the Brand non-metallic mine site. Submitted to be published and mailed to all landowners owning property within 300' of all parcels on which the site is located (15 landowners).
- Called and emailed reminders to owners/operators for all Non-metallic fees coming due and all financial assurance coming due.
- Monitored and updated spreadsheets as payments come in for non-metallic fees and financial assurance.
- Attended North Central Area Land and Water Conservation meeting in Antigo. Entered our local poster contest winners for judging. Our poster for grades 4-6 won second place at this area contest.

### ***Activities Report for Lori Ruess – January 2020***

- Answered telephone and front desk questions.
- Mail pickup/delivery - Courthouse.
- Deposit of incoming checks on Fridays.
- Reviewed general ledger and reconciliation of 2019 Budgets – year-end.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Attended January 9<sup>th</sup> staff meeting and took minutes
- Completed December sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Completed two CREP Practice Payment Reimbursements for \$210.80.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the January 9 and January 23 payroll.
- Processed tree, shrub and wildflower orders as they came in – 193 orders to date.
- Contacted customers via email or phone to inform them of sold out tree and shrub species.
- Ordered wildflower seeds through Pheasants Forever.
- Tracking and depositing Nonmetallic Mining permit fees as they come in.
- Completed cost-share contracts, change orders and reimbursement request for Soil and Water Resource management grants.
- Attended Classification and Compensation Project Kick-off meeting.
- Working on completing JDQ (Job Description Questionnaire)
- Coordinated with HR second interviews for the Conservation Specialist position.
- Working with Adam on completing name change to Pep Acres LLC and cancellation of some of Glen Peplinski's CREP acres.
- Registered Shane for 2020 Annual CAFO Update and Producer Led Watershed Protection Grants Annual Workshop.
- Registered Adam and Rodney for the Wisconsin Land + Water Annual Conference in Green Bay.
- Organized CEED packet and County Board packet and took to County Clerk's office.



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  
Stevana Hamus, Code Technician  
Kim Keech, Admin Services 5  
Victoria Wilson, Admin Services 4

RE: Staff Report for February 5, 2020

# **1. Planning (Adam DeKleyn)**

- a. Land Subdivision - Plat Review – (3) CSMs were submitted for review/approval. (2) CSMs were approved/recorded. (3) CSMs are pending approval.

Preliminary subdivision plat for Hidden Chapel Subdivision (Town of Saratoga) submitted for review/approval. Sent out to all review authorities. Review/Action by CEED in February.

(2) Pre-application subdivision plats received/reviewed.

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

- b. Request for Zoning Map Amendment Approval-Town of Grand Rapids – Zoning amendment approved at CB. Town notified. Zoning map and GIS data will be updated to reflect change.
- c. Town of Cranmoor Planning and Zoning – Requested to present land use planning and zoning information and options to the Town Board. Questions and discussion ensued.
- d. Town of Lincoln Comprehensive Plan – Project complete. Plan has been published on the Wood County website:  
<https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/PZ/ComprehensivePlan.aspx>
- e. Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance – Working with the Town of Lincoln along with DATCP to draft a farmland preservation zoning ordinance. Ordinance seeks to promote agricultural growth, restrict non-agricultural uses, and limit potential land use conflicts.
- f. Town of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan – Attended Plan Commission (PC) meeting. Presented the first section of the plan for review/discussion. PC working on finalizing community survey.

Attended Town Board meeting to present an introductory overview of the comp planning purpose, law and process.

- g. Town of Sigel Zoning Ordinance Update – The Town of Sigel is currently preparing an update to its independent town zoning ordinance. Draft ordinance is available for reference/review on the town website: <https://townofsigelwoodwi.com/ordinances-resolutions/>. All questions regarding the zoning ordinance amendment should be directed to the town.
- h. Town of Rudolph Comprehensive Plan – Town of Rudolph is preparing to update its comp plan. Provided guidance and assistance.
- i. Town Planning and Zoning Assistance – Provided planning and zoning assistance for several town officials.

## **2. Land Records (Paul Bernard)**

- a. Addressing – Creating a new efficient workflow and looking at state standards.
- b. Parcel Mapping – Updating the parcel mapping with new splits and combines.
- c. Custom Maps – Preparing custom maps for citizens and departments.
- d. Contracts – Preparing for PLSS contracts, 2020 PLSS highway maintenance is ready to go, PLSS standard maintenance is being worked on, 2020 air photos is ready to go.

## **3. Code Administrator's (Jeff Brewbaker and Stevana Hamus)**

Stevana Hamus is out on approved FMLA.

01-03 - reviewed replacement conventional permit TN 18, reviewed soils and hydrograph report for project in TN 18, renewed mound permit

01-06 - conventional system inspection TN 18, (2) 12 bedroom condo conventional system plan reviews, soil test, hydrographs, and permits, both 12 bedroom condos TN 18

01-07 - issued floodplain permit for cathodic protection on Enbridge pipeline TN 19, issued replacement conventional permit, plan, soils, and hydrograph report TN 07

01-08 - complaint investigation notice, plumbing without a license, hydrograph teleconference with the State Department of Safety and Professional Services and all central sands county, prepped for Heart of Wisconsin Government Services Day in Courthouse

01-09 - participated/assisted in HOW Government Services Day

- 01-10 - meeting with developer of proposed subdivision TN 11, conventional inspection replacement 5 bedroom TN 07, discussed floodplain guidelines for project located in TN 05
- 01-13 - issued sanitary permit new conventional TN 18, worked on POWTS audit
- 01-14 - followed up on wetland disturbance complaint, finished POWTS audit survey and sent report to state, 1 WI fund determination of failure TN 02, 1 WI fund determination of failure TN 19, inspection report 4 br conventional TN 13
- 01-15 - (1) WI fund determination of failure TN 10, inspection report mound TN 21, Carlson Dettmann Training
- 01-16 - worked on cranberry building in floodplain questions and answers TN 13, mound inspection report TN 18
- 01-17 - (14) maintenance violation site checks, 1 inspection report conventional 5 br TN 07
- 01-20 - flood zone determination TN 15, worked on POWTS website
- 01-21 - (7) maintenance violation site checks, pressurized plan review and mound permit TN 15, sized system for proposed change of use into a church from retail TN 07
- 01-22 - reviewed soil test, A+0 mound TN 11, worked on JDQ
- 01-23 - reviewed STM violation referrals, responded to floodplain determination request TN 13
- 01-24 - completed JDQ for Code Administrator Position
- 01-27 - holding tank plan review and permit TN 01, worked on holding tank violation letters
- 01-28 - worked on POWTS office audit with State Wastewater Specialist
- 01-29 - conducted research and prepared documents for cranberry grower that will be contesting floodplain mapping

**4. Office Activity (Kim Keech and Victoria Wilson)**

- a. Monthly Sanitary Permit Activity – There were 8 sanitary permits issued in December 2019 (6 New, 2 Replacements, 0 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$5,100. There were 3 sanitary permits issued in December 2018 (2 New, 0 Replacements, 1 Reconnects and 0 Non-Plumbing) with revenues totaling \$1,575.

There were 174 sanitary permits issued through December 2019. For comparison purposes, the following are through the same period for the previous five years: 2018 – 168, 2017 – 192, 2016 – 158, 2015 – 186 and 2014 – 187.

- b. 2020 Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) – As of January 30<sup>th</sup>, Wood County received an additional \$0.00 for a total of \$0.00 on zero outstanding cases for 2020.
- c. 2019 Maintenance Notices – As of January 29<sup>th</sup>, there are 11 systems remaining that have not been serviced.
- d. 2019 Program Fee Notices – The approximately 4,604 program fee notices were mailed on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with a due date of Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The \$20 program fee can be paid online with an e-check, debit card or credit card. There will be a convenience fee if making payment by e-check, debit card or credit card. The \$20 program fee can also be paid by cash or check. Program fee 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder postcards were mailed on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Program Fee 3<sup>rd</sup> reminders (Corporation Counsel) were mailed on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. As of January 30<sup>th</sup>, there are 95 property owners who have not paid the program fee.
- e. Enforcement Activities Update (Small Claims) – Vacancy checks by office staff for 2019 maintenance enforcement have been completed.
  - i. Small Claims Court Cases Not Scheduled forwarded to Wood Co Corp Counsel – Planning & Zoning Department pending payment to Wood County Clerk to Courts. Check is expected to be cut on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Date

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# Cases & Court Case Type

1/23/2020

(7) Failure to provide Servicing or Maintenance Report (2019)

- f. 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 tanks. If approved, 2019 Assembly Bill 791 delays the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program to June 30, 2023.
  - i. (4) Wisconsin Fund Applications FY2021 – Wisconsin Fund Grant Applications was emailed to the State of Wisconsin on January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting the deadline date of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Disbursement of Wisconsin Fund Grant is expected late fall 2020.
- g. 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.
- h. Survey Document Indexing Project – There are over 4,000 survey documents that are being indexed with a tentative completion by the end of 2020.

- i. JDQ Description Questionnaire – Administrative staff has been completing the required JDQ to evaluate salary placement, classifying jobs and to compile appropriate job descriptions.
- j. Kim attended the following meetings/trainings:
  - i. Classification & Compensation Study meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Citizens Groundwater Group meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>
- k. Victoria attended the following meetings/trainings:
  - i. Classification & Compensation Study meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Vacancy Checks on January 17<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup>



## CEED Committee Report

*January 2020*

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### LAURA HUBER

*Extension Wood County, 4-H Program Coordinator*

- Worked with volunteers on the Project Discovery Day Planning Committee (7 Jan)
- Attended 4-H Program Zoom meeting (9 Jan)
- Attended the Annual User Group Meeting at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells (10 Jan)
- Attended and assisted at the South Wood County Youth Success Coalition meeting (13 Jan)
- Met with colleagues to plan Fire & Ice Winter Camp via Zoom (15 Jan)
- Met with Tim Heeg to discuss Junior Fair showing eligibility rules (15 Jan)
- Appeared on WFHR to talk about the importance of camp in the 4-H program (16 Jan)
- Assisted with 4-H youth educational experience scholarship interviews (20 Jan) Marshfield
- Worked on my Plan of Work with colleagues in Chippewa Falls (21 Jan)
- Met with WI 4-H Volunteer Development Team's Club Leader Subgroup via Zoom (22 Jan)
- Met with Menominee County 4-H staff and volunteer to begin developing 4-H shooting sports program there (22 Jan)
- Assisted with 4-H youth educational experience scholarship interviews (25 Jan) WI Rapids
- Led Volunteer in Preparation Training (26 Jan)
- Attended county Extension staff meeting (27 Jan)
- Worked with Teen Leadership Group (27 Jan)
- Met with Wood County 4-H Leaders Assn: in-person meeting (27 Jan)
- Attended WI 4-H Volunteer Team Zoom meeting (28 Jan)
- Attended and taught at Fire & Ice Winter Camp (31 Jan - 2 Feb)

#### Special Projects:

- Planning for new 4-H Tech Changemakers program
- Planning for Creative Arts Day and Project Discovery Day
- Planning for winter Fire & Ice Teen Leadership Camp
- Planning for summer camp
- Developing Club Treasurer Training

#### Ongoing Responsibilities:

- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H, WI Facebook page which currently has 860 followers.
  - Assisted with maintenance of the Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page which has 335 followers
- Updated and maintained the Wood County 4-H Instagram page which currently has 17 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



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## MATT LIPPERT

*Extension Wood & Clark Counties, Agriculture Agent*

- I assisted with the January Cranberry School sponsored jointly by Extension and the WSCGA. This year the event moved to Wisconsin Dells. I conducted Pesticide Applicator Training for a group of 53 growers as well as participated in the trade show and conference presentations.
- I cohosted a meeting on Robotic milk production. The program was supported by a grant from the Extension Dairy program we had a group of about 50 producers from across the Central Wisconsin area listen to management with robotic milking machines and a presentation on robotic barn design from Jouni Pitkaranta from Finland. We also had Jim Salfer from University of Minnesota discuss his survey work with robotic dairy farmers and factors that have been linked to success and struggle with the producers. We also had a panel discussion of 3 robotic milk producers, two with seven years' experience milking 140 300 cows and another producer with less than a years' experience but utilizing a dozen robots and milking 900 cows.
- I interviewed on WFHR radio.
- I participated in the monthly meeting held by MACCI - Agribusiness committee.
- I hosted a group of Agriculture Extension educators from Central Wisconsin for a seasonal planning session.
- I moderated and judged dairy youth quiz bowl and Jeopardy activities at the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention in Stevens Point. There were about 75 youth in the Jeopardy program and fifty-five four-member teams in the quiz bowl activity. The Wood County Junior Team won the event, which is a great honor for the team.
- I calculated production award recognition for area dairy producers at their annual banquet and participated in the banquet.
- I interviewed on the Extension hour on WDLB radio.
- I attended an industry sponsored technology update program in Wisconsin Dells.
- I participated in the annual Agronomy update from UW- Madison; this program was held in Wausau.
- I participated in a program for producers receiving an update on Farm Bill programs for price risk and crop insurance options for price and production risk.

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## NANCY TURYK

*Extension Wood County, Community Resource Development Educator*

### Economic Development

- Continued coordinating with USDA REDI facilitating team and Wood County team. The first workshop was held at UW-Stevens Point @ Marshfield on Dec. 18 & 19. Next meeting is scheduled for February 13th at the Wisconsin Rapids Mid-State Technical College campus. Initiated Google Docs page for plan writers and structured spreadsheet with strategies identified during the workshop.
- Continued discussions with UW Madison Extension about their involvement with the USDA REDI project and the UniverCity project with Wisconsin Rapids to ensure opportunities are maximized with both projects by minimizing overlap.
- Participated in UW-Madison Extension webinar "Wisconsin 2020: Community Economic Development at the Start of a New Decade" by Dr. Steven Deller
- Discuss strategic planning at Marshfield EDB meeting.

### Strategic Planning

UW-Madison Division of Extension Wood County CEED Report



- Met several times with Vice Chair Rozar and department heads providing guidance on the draft strategic plan including Jason Grueneberg, Sue Kunferman, Kim McGrath, and Brandon Vruwink. Held lunchtime open house meeting for department heads to provide input into the draft plan and discuss next steps at the February County Board meeting. Received positive feedback from the department heads and incorporated it into the plan document and supporting PowerPoint presentation.
- Presented about the strategic planning process at the CEED meeting.

### **Energy**

- Continued to work with the graduate student intern from the UW Madison Resource Energy Demand Analysis (REDA) on his baseline analysis of Wood County energy use.
- Contribute to the Renewable and Sustainable Committee, as requested by committee members.
- Attended the RENEW Conference in Madison where I made numerous connections for low to no cost assistance to the County for the identification of strategic energy efficiencies.
- Shared previous PowerPoint slides to Chair Machon for use in his presentation to the Wood County Town's Assn.
- Provided contact information for callers interested in Savion's Wood County Solar Project, LLC. Attending Savion open house on 1/29/20.

### **UW-Madison Division of Extension**

- Developing 18 month Plan of Work for Extension.
- Participated in Wood County Extension Team meeting.
- Listened to two grant-related webinars for the UW-Madison Extension Climate Change Leadership Team. They were hosted by the Northeast Climate Science Center and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Resilient Communities program. Provided input and support into proposals to be submitted by the team to these funding organizations.
- Presentation at St. Stanislaus in Stevens Point on Climate Justice.

### **Other**

- Facilitated CSGCC meeting at the Hancock Ag Research Station. Prepared and disseminated agenda, meeting minutes and materials.
- WDLB Radio show on 1/28/20 focusing on Wood County planning efforts.
- Met with Clean Green Action to discuss their upcoming plan and Extension options for partnerships and/or speakers.

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## **JACKIE CARATTINI**

*Extension Wood County, Family Living Educator*

- Attended a programming meeting with the Health Department
- Attended a planning meeting for the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference
- Attended a meeting with a mentee
- Taught two nutrition programs at Assumption middle school
- Attended the Central WI Partnership for Recovery Meeting
- Attended the National PILD planning meeting zoom
- Taught a Diversity program in Shawano
- Attended a Peer Mentor training
- Attended the Department of Extension Faculty Administrative Committee meeting





- Attended the Civil Rights Leadership Team meeting
- Taught Financial Goal Setting at SWEPS food pantry.
- Met with Financial program manager Jenny Abel
- Attended a training on Logic Models.
- Attended the Health and Well Being Institute Zoom
- Attended the Raising a Thinking Child Work group meeting
- Attended the Youth Mental Health work group meeting
- Attended the Human Development and Family Relationships Institute Zoom
- Presented on 2020 SWEPS programming on WFHR radio
- Attended the Farm Stress Team zoom
- Facilitated the WEAFCs By-Law revision zoom

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### **HANNAH WENDELS & KELLY HAMMOND**

*Extension Wood County, FoodWise Nutrition Educator and Coordinator*

- New FoodWise Educator Training, January 8-9 in Madison (Wendels)
- New Colleague Training: Continue Cohort training and shadowing Nutrition Educators throughout the region (Wendels)
- Team met with elementary school principals and scheduled kindergarten and third grade lessons at Mead, Howe and Grove Elementary Schools.
- Work with FoodWise team to plan for a pilot online series for parents of young children. Curriculum Feeding for Healthy Eating is being adapted for an online pilot Yuck to Yum class, which will start January 28. This is the first online FoodWise class series to be offered in the state.
- SWEPS Food Pantry lesson (1/21) on new year's resolutions and MyPlate overview (Wendels)
- Attend South Wood County Hunger Coalition Meeting 1/23

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### **RACHAEL WHITEHAIR**

*Extension Wood County, Natural Resources Educator*

- Attended monthly CWAS Meeting, met Central Wisconsin agricultural educators and discussed potential opportunities to collaborate (January 6)
- Met with Juneau County Land and Water as well as Juneau/Sauk Agricultural Educator Alana Voss to discuss upcoming strategic planning session with Lake Redstone Producer-Led group (January 7)
- Attended the CEED committee meeting in place of Jason Hausler to report on upcoming county board meeting special presentation by John Exo and Doug Reinemann (January 8)
- Met with Dan O'Connell of Portage County Land and Water to discuss Wood Co. Extension providing support with in-school prairie pollinator program presentations (January 9)
- Conducted a strategic planning session with Redstone Producer-Led Group in Juneau Co. (January 14)
- Met with Adams County Land and Water Conservation and Extension staff to collaborate on building relationships with local producers and opportunities for outreach on ground and surface water issues (January 15)



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- Met with Owners and operators of the Agriventure Farm Camp held in Marshfield to discuss giving a program on groundwater quality this summer (January 17)
- Attended Citizens Groundwater Group meeting to provide an update on field day planning (January 20)
- Attended Wood County Board meeting to hear Kevin Masarik speak (January 21)
- Met with Golden Sands RC&D educational program coordinators to discuss potential opportunities to collaborate (January 22)
- Facilitated first field day planning committee meeting at the Wood County Courthouse (January 27)
- Attended the Farmers of Mill Creek Council Annual Meeting to meet with Wood and Portage County farmers (January 27)

## CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, January 20, 2020  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wood County Riverblock Building, Conference Room 206

**Present:** Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, John Endrizzi, Kim Keech, Bill Leichtnam, Logan Manthe, Rick Potter, WI State Rep Katrina Shankland, Robert Sorenson, Cecile Stelzer Johnson, Jana Suriano, Gregg Wavrunek (Aide for US Senator Tammy Baldwin's office), Rachael Whitehair, Ken Winters and Shane Wucherpfennig.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Bill Leichtnam introduced Gregg Wavrunek as an Aide for US Senator Tammy Baldwin's office. Other new attendees included Ken Winters (Town of Armenia) and Jana Suriano (UWSP-Marathon County student).

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Correspondence/Updates:**

Bill Leichtnam shared letters and news articles as handouts at the meeting:

- A. WCA Capitol Watch "Assembly Releases Recommendations From Task Force on Water Quality"
- B. Concerned Rome Citizens email – Year-end 2019 – 14 Mile Creek Joint Watershed Committee
- C. College of Agricultural & Life Sciences letter – Nitrogen Rate Guidelines for Groundwater
- D. Wisconsin Conservation Voters "The Water Quality Protection Checklist"

Bill Leichtnam shared meeting highlights of the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc on January 16th:

- A. Residents from Town of Armenia, Juneau County & Town of Port Edwards, Wood County lawsuit may be 5 years before scheduled with Circuit Court.
- B. Waushara County Land & Water Conservationists shared an ongoing lawsuit. A Waushara County Judge has been very patient. Significant action may be taken on an agricultural farmer as they were cited by the Wisconsin DNR and Waushara County Health Department for groundwater pollution of the waters of the state.

4. **Post-Panel Discussion: "Groundwater Contamination in Central Wisconsin: Science/Solutions" critique** Post-panel discussion on future suggestions. What is your reactions? What could we do better?

- A. Discussion among panelists.
- B. Lacked seeking solutions – How do we solve the issue? What will we do?
- C. Presentations should have been limited having a panel discussion debate concept.
- D. Questions from the audience and answers from the panelists would be helpful.
- E. Panelists available after discussion.
- F. Audience participation.
- G. Too many panelists.
- H. Panel suggests that it could be held every 2 months among Central Sands Groundwater Counties Collaborative rotating between counties.

5. **Speaker Vos's Task Force on Groundwater Quality Recommendations**

**Are the 13 proposed bills bold & decisive enough? Support? Host another event?**

Wisconsin State Representative Katrina Shankland explained the 13 proposed bills from Speaker Vos's Task Force on Groundwater Quality. \$10 million package.

- A. LRB-4716/LRB-5277 Memo (Rep Shankland & Sen Testin): supporting the Center for Watershed Science and Education, creating a hydrogeologist position, funding research on phosphorus recovery and reuse, creating grant programs for counties to test wells and provide public education, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.
- B. LRB-5062/LRB-5271 Memo (Rep Shankland & Sen Testin): the well compensation grant program and making an appropriation.
- C. LRB-4931 Memo (Rep Kurtz): creating as office of water policy and making an appropriation.

- D. LRB-4360 Memo (Rep Summerfield): bio manipulation projects to improve the water quality of lakes and impoundments and making an appropriation.
- E. LRB-4489 Memo (Rep Ramthun): expanding the clean sweep program to include collection of certain firefighting foams and making an appropriation.
- F. LRB-3915 Memo (Rep Novak): county conservation staffing and making an appropriation.
- G. LRB-4806 Memo (Rep Felzkowski): public notice and comment period for certain groundwater standards.
- H. LRB-4751/LRB 5278 Memo (Rep Kitchens & Sen Cowles): creating a pilot grant program for farmers to reduce nitrate loading, funding research for nitrate loading reduction methods, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.
- I. LRB-4984/LRB-5282 Memo (Rep Brooks & Sen Marklein): priorities and criteria for the municipal flood control and riparian restoration program and amending administrative rules.
- J. LRB-4717 Memo (Rep Tranel): grants and funding for water stewardship certification, a grazing coordinator position, producer-led watershed protection grants, lake protection, soil and water conservation, and crop insurance premium rebates for cover crops; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.
- K. LRB-4304 Memo (Rep Krug): the private on-site wastewater treatment system replacement or rehabilitation
- L. LRB-3651/LRB-5281 Memo (Rep Kitchens & Sen Cowles): prohibiting the sale and use of coal tar-based sealants and PAH sealant products.
- M. LRB-5061 Memo (Rep Novak): funding a University of Wisconsin System freshwater collaborative and making an appropriation.

Rep Katrina Shankland shared five additional bills are being introduced with her colleagues on regulation and enforcement as well as funding of Wisconsin DNR scientists.  
Discussion followed.

Wisconsin DNR Spill Hotline Number: 1-800-943-0003  
Wisconsin DNR Tip Line: 1-800-847-9367

6. **CGG ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendations to CEED Committee – Please don't forget that the Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group can make recommendations to the Wood County CEED Committee.
- B. Lobby state legislators – Continue attending legislative events.
- C. Attend Central Sands Groundwater Counties Collaborative meeting – Meetings will be open to the public. Meets fourth Monday of the month. Next Meeting: January 27<sup>th</sup> @ Hancock Research Station

7. **Next Projects:**

- A. Groundwater Protection presentation in area schools (2-3 presenters) – Area school presentations similar to Marshfield Utilities Groundwater Guardians. Rachel Whitehair shared that in coordination with Portage County, Wood County and Friends of Mill Creek Watershed Inc. they are doing a Prairie Pollinator program. Rachel Whitehair volunteered to be the person that will be doing a groundwater piece for those Wood County area schools who are interested.
- B. "How to do Water Testing in a Wood County Town" seminar
- C. Coordinate with/assist UW-Extension Natural Resources Educator on outreach event. – Revamp Healthy Water/Healthy Soils Workshop. Planning Committee meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> consists of Wood County Land & Water Conservation, UW Extension, Marshfield Ag Research Station, Marshfield Waste Water Plant, PACRS (Petenwell & Castle Rock Stewards), EPPIC (Eau Pleine Partnership for Innovative Conservation), Pheasants Forever and Golden Sands RC&D.

Bill Leichtnam shared a Year-end 2019 – 14 Mile Creek Joint Watershed Committee citizens made a motion at a TriLakes annual meeting to fund a volunteer citizens committee. Currently, there is no funding for the Citizens Groundwater Group. Nine Key Element Plan brought together 50 stakeholder groups in

38 miles of water, 4 county watershed has established funding for 10-years, \$8 million and work with county conservationists. 14 Mile Creek Joint Watershed Committee citizen involvement and recognition: "Clean Water Cooperator" signs and Certification of Appreciation Plaques.

Rick Potter shared that the Castle Rock Stewards recognizes farmers for best practices through the County Conservationists in Juneau County, Adams County and Wood County. Castle Rock Stewards recognizes farmers for best practices with signage and publicity. Award type programs are a good grassroots effort for farmers to change farming practices.

8. **Future Speakers: a) North Wood County legislators, b) Green Fire representative, c) Andy Diercks**  
Consensus of the group was to work on a working session/project idea at the February meeting. A Wood County legislator (Rep Jerry Petrowski or Rep John Spiros) would be invited as a speaker to attend the March meeting. Wood County Supervisor Lance Pliml has agreed to be a speaker at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Excellent Video: <https://wigreenfire.org/nitrate-waters-and-health-videos/>

9. **Roundtable**

A. Bill Leichtnam shared the following:

- i. Wood County Board meeting (Kevin Masarik, UWSP Groundwater Education Specialist presentation) – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. @ Wood County Courthouse, Branch 3
  - ii. Central Sands Groundwater Counties Collaborative meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup> @ Hancock Research Station
  - iii. Wood County Solar Project by Developer Savion – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m. @ Town of Saratoga Town Hall
  - iv. Clean Water Lobby Day – January 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-5 p.m. @ Madison Concourse Hotel & State Capitol
  - v. Wood County Solar Project by Drew Gibbons with Clean Green Action – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. @ McMillan Library, Margaret McCourt Conference Room
  - vi. "Right to Harm" movie – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 p.m. @ Rogers Cinema Theatre to be determined
  - vii. Panel Discussion meeting – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. @ Armenia Town Hall
  - viii. Wood County Board meeting (Doug Reinemann, UW Associate Dean for Extension & Outreach/John Exo, UW Extension Regional Natural Resources Education Program Manager) – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. @ Wood County Courthouse, Branch 3
- B. Ken Winters – Concerned how farmers spread manure.
- C. Cecile Stelzer Johnson – Attended Wisconsin Farmers Union meeting on January 15th reviewing the 13 bills. Wisconsin Farmers Union is in support of LRB-4717 for a Grazing Coordinator Position.
- D. Rick Potter – Encourages everyone to attend Clean Water Lobby Day in Madison. League of Conservation Voters are in opposition to one of the proposed legislations and feels that it would make water quality issues worse because it undermines scientific data.
- E. John Endrizzi – Supports LRB 3915 for full staffing of County Conservationists. 14 Mile Creek Watershed committee meeting is on February 3rd, 2-4 p.m. @ Town of Rome Town Hall. Please contact state legislators to find out their opinion and to do your own research before attending Clean Water Lobby Day.
- F. Bill Clendenning – Chairs are needed for Golden Sands RC&D and Wisconsin Farmers Union.
- G. Jana Suriano – Add contact information to email group list.
- H. Gregg Wavrunek – Add contact information to email group list. Enjoyed the Panel Discussion.
- I. Rep Katrina Shankland – Clarified LRB 4806 regarding the public notice and comment period for certain groundwater standards. DNR must categorize substances that can be detected in or have a reasonable probability of entering the groundwater resources of this state. Substances are then categorized by risk and public health concern. The DNR submits the list of substances to DHS. DHS then must develop recommendations on enforcement standards for those substances which DNR then incorporates into their rules. Under this bill, DNR must provide public notice of list of groundwater substances that it compiles including by publishing this list on the internet and must

include a notice of explanation and reasoning it used in compiling this list. Then DNR must provide a 21 day public comment period to allow to comment on those substances included on this list. DHS upon developing the recommended enforcement standard for the substance identified as a public health risk to provide public notice and a 21 day public comment period on the proposed recommendation and must provide notice of the reasoning it used in developing the recommendation before submitting the recommendation to DNR. This requires both departments to submit their comments on the internet and adds a 3 week public comment period which already exists. Governor just waived it. Please read the bills seeking information and clarification. Clean Water Lobby Day can be effective.

- J. Bruce Dimick – Encourages everyone to attend the viewing of “Right to Harm” documentary movie. Clean Water Lobby Day.

- 10. **Announcements of members / visitors (upcoming parallel events / meetings)** Upcoming events announced throughout the meeting.
- 11. **Agenda Items for next meeting:** Planning Future Project(s)
- 12. **Next Meeting**  
Monday, February 17, 2020. 2:00-4:00 p.m. @ Wood Co Riverblock Building, Room 206
- 13. **Adjourn Groundwater Group Meeting** Bill Leichnam adjourned @ 4:07 p.m.

Notes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office

## Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)

January 27, 2020, 1:30 pm

Hancock Agricultural Research Station  
N3909 County Rd V, Hancock, WI

1. Call to order
2. Public Comments
3. Consent agenda
  - a. CSGCC meeting, December 9, 2019
4. Nominate and elect CSGCC officers
5. Water Quality Task Force report summary and discussion  
Lead: Representative Shankland  
[https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/STF-WQ/media/1192/08vos\\_water\\_quality\\_task\\_force\\_report-3.pdf](https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/STF-WQ/media/1192/08vos_water_quality_task_force_report-3.pdf)
6. Groundwater-related updates
7. Next meeting (s), full coalition and work groups
  - a. Agenda items
  - b. Date, time, location
8. Adjourn

# **Central Sands Ground County Collaborative**

## **Meeting Minutes 12/9/2019**

### **Hancock Agriculture Center**

#### Attendees at Hancock:

Adams County: Kason Morley, County Conservationist, Leah Eckstein, Public Health Officer, Paul Pisellini, County Board Supervisor

Juneau County: Dustin Ladd, County Conservationist, Sarah Fleck, County Soil Conservation Technician, Chris Zindorf, County Board Supervisor

Marquette County: Al Rosenthal, County Board Supervisor

Portage County: Jen McNelly, Water Quality Specialist, Dale O'Brien, County Board Supervisor, Nathan Sandwick\*, Community Development and Natural Resource Educator, UW-Madison Extension

Waushara County: Todd Waller, Director Zoning and Land Conservation Dept., Ed Hernandez, Deputy Director-Land Conservation, Mike Kapp, County Board Supervisor

Wood County: Sue Kunferman, Director Health Dept. and Health Officer, Shane Wucherpennig, County Conservationist Bill Leichtnam, County Board Supervisor, Nancy Turyk\*, Community Development Educator, UW-Madison Extension

Golden Sands RC&D: Josh Benes\*, Executive Director

#### Zoom attendees:

Wood County: Nancy Eggleston, Environmental Health and Communicable Disease Supervisor, Rachael Whitehair\*, Natural Resource Educator, UW-Madison Extension

Guest: Daniel Foth, Local Government Specialist, UW-Madison Extension

\*Non-voting members

#### **CSGCC Organizational Structure**

The discussion was led by Nathan Sandwick, Portage County Extension. Guidance about the topics was provided by Daniel Foth, Local Government Specialist with the UW Madison Local Government Center.

Motion by Chris Zindorf, seconded by Paul Pisellini to:

- Create an organizational structure with all county representatives (supervisors and professionals) as equal participants.
- Create an Executive Committee/voting body comprised of one supervisor from each of the counties in the CSGCC.
- Elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary at the next meeting.
- Create bylaws.

Motion passed by attendees unanimously.



# **Central Sands Ground County Collaborative Meeting Minutes 12/9/2019 Hancock Agriculture Center**

## **CSGCC Support Letter to Natural Resources Board (NRB)**

Motion made by Bill Leichnam, seconded by Al Rosenthal to authorize the technical committee to prepare a letter to the NRB indicating support by CSGCC to update NR151 to provide better protection for groundwater in sensitive areas of the state. Motion passed by attendees unanimously.

Technical committee member, Ed Hernandez will prepare the letter to NRB based on the template provided by Land and Water. Although the deadline for submission has passed, the group felt it is still important to send it.

## **Groundwater Contamination in Central Wisconsin: Science/Solutions"**

Bill Leightnam shared that the Wood County Groundwater Group is planning a panel discussion titled "Groundwater Contamination in Central Wisconsin: Science/Solutions" to be held on Jan 6, 2020 6-8pm at the Nekoosa High School Auditorium. Bill encouraged everyone to participate, help advertise the event, and asked the group for sponsorship by CSGCC.

Motion by Al Rosenthal, seconded by Paul Pisillini to sponsor the groundwater panel. Motion passed by attendees unanimously.

Motion by Bill Leightnam, seconded by Al Rosenthal to have Nancy Eggleston, Wood County Health Dept. as a CSGCC representative on the panel. Motion passed by attendees unanimously.

## **Golden Sands RC&D Groundwater Classes**

Josh Benes shared that a groundwater educator from Golden Sands RC&D will be conducting groundwater classes for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Waupaca and Waushara County schools. Golden Sands is looking for grants that will enable RC&D to expand these programs into all RC&D member counties.

## **Water Quality Task Force Report**

The report is anticipated to be released in mid-January. The Technical workgroup will meet following the release and prior to the next CSGCC to discuss strategies for funding the CSGCC projects that were submitted to the Task Force and elected officials.

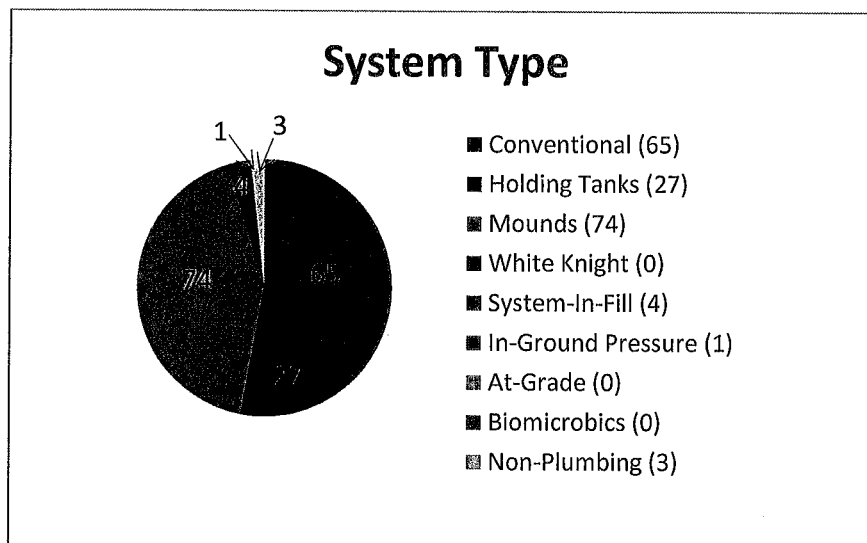
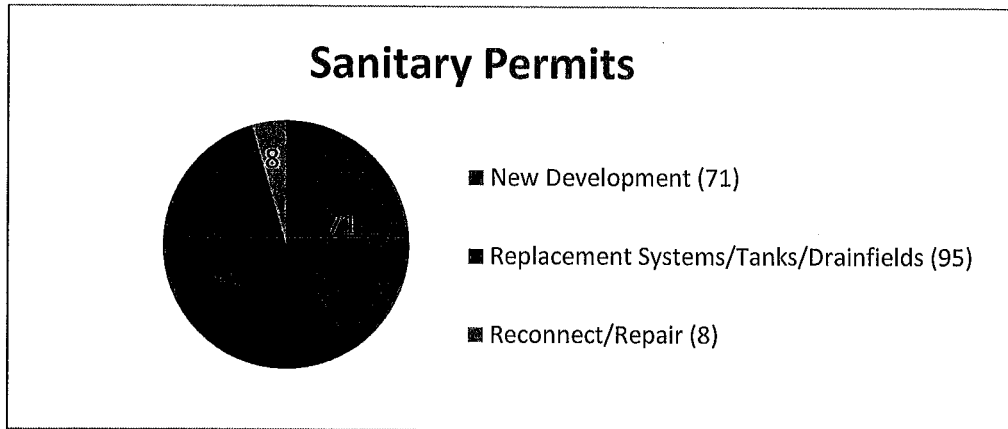
## **Next CSGCC meeting**

Scheduled for Jan. 27, 1:30-3:30 at the Hancock Agricultural Research Station. Agenda items identified include:

- Vote on officers, all counties to provide the name of their designated county board supervisor for the CSGCC Executive Committee to Nancy Turyk as soon as possible,
- Water Quality Task Force Report discussion, and
- Technical workgroup recommendations.

Minutes prepared by Nancy Turyk

# 2019 WOOD COUNTY Sanitary Permit Totals (174 Permits Issued)



#### NEW

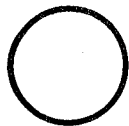
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Conventional – 30  
Holding Tanks – 10  
Mounds – 27  
White Knight – 0  
System-In-Fill – 1  
In-Ground Pressure – 0  
Non-Plumbing – 3

#### REPLACEMENT

At-Grade – 0  
Conventional – 33  
Holding Tanks – 16  
Mounds – 43  
White Knight – 0  
System-In-Fill – 2  
In-Ground Pressure – 1

#### RECONNECTIONS

At-Grade – 0  
Conventional – 2  
Holding Tanks – 1  
Mounds – 4  
White Knight – 0  
System-In-Fill – 1  
In-Ground Pressure – 0



## RESOLUTION#

Introduced by  
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ITEM#

DATE February 18, 2020

Effective Date February 18, 2020

Conservation, Education, and Economic Development

JRG

<b>Motion:</b>	Adopted: <input type="checkbox"/>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u> , Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To authorize Wood County Director of Planning & Zoning, Jason Grueneberg to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2020-2024 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to update the Wood County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Total project cost is \$80,000. This is an 80%/20% local match grant program where WisDOT TAP funds will total \$64,000 and the 20% match of \$16,000 will be covered by the North Central Regional Planning Commission local planning funds reserve account. Wood County will incur approximately \$500 of WisDOT charges in processing this application if grant funding is awarded.

**WHEREAS,** Wood County Board of Supervisors recognizes the benefits of multimodal transportation choices for its residents and visitors such as bicycle and pedestrian options; and

**WHEREAS,** Wood County is a member of the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC), which provides the County with access to professional staff and other resources to plan for such options; and

**WHEREAS,** Wood County supports the TAP application prepared and submitted to WisDOT by NCWRPC for the 2020-2024 award cycle. The application is to develop a county-wide bicycle and pedestrian alternative transportation plan; and

**WHEREAS,** Wood County recognizes that WisDOT reimburses project sponsors for the federal share of 80% of the approved TAP project costs, up to the limit of the federal award amount. In light of the minimum twenty (20) percent match requirement, the County has secured a commitment of matching funds from the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Wood County Director of Planning & Zoning, Jason Grueneberg, is authorized to sign documents associated with the application and potential award, including all necessary agreements with WisDOT and NCWRPC for the above-referenced project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Wood County agrees to comply with all applicable laws, requirements, and regulations as outlined in the WisDOT 2020-2024 TAP application materials, the state-municipal agreement between WisDOT and Wood County, and any other program and/or project documentation.

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3	Feirer, M			
4	Urban, D			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Holbrook, M			
11	Curry, K			
12	Machon, D			
13	Hokamp, M			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			