

MINUTES  
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013  
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, William Winch, Ruth Moody and Harvey Petersen

Members Excused: Kenneth Curry

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff – Gary Popelka, Jason Grueneberg

UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley, Christine Hollar

Land Conservation Dept. Staff – Jerry Storke, Shane Wucherpfennig, Lori Ruess

Others Present: Lance Pliml, County Board Chair; Dennis Polach, Dist. #14 Supervisor; William Clendenning; Dist. #15 Supervisor

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** William Winch commented on the issue that was brought up at the March CEED meeting by a landowner regarding well water that smells like rotten eggs. He found some information on the DNR website about iron bacteria and other minerals which may cause water to have an odor that resembles rotten eggs. Iron bacteria can be treated by disinfecting your well through chlorination. He gave the information to Gary Popelka to mail to the landowner.
3. **Review Correspondence.** No correspondence was reviewed.
4. **Consent Agenda.**

The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the March 6, 2013 and March 11, 2013 meetings, 2) bills from Land Conservation, Planning & Zoning, and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports.

- a. Minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> CEED Meetings. No additions or corrections needed.
- b. Department Bills. Department Claim Sheets were distributed for approval and signatures.
- c. Staff Activity Reports. There were no questions or comments.

**Motion by Ruth Moody to approve and accept the consent agenda items including the minutes of the March 6, 2013 and March 11, 2013 CEED meetings, bills from Land Conservation, Planning & Zoning, and UW Extension, and the staff activity reports as presented. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Risk and Injury Report.** Nothing to report this month.
6. **UW Extension**
  - A. Family Living Position Update. Peter Manley reported that Sarah Siegel has been hired to fill the Family Living Agent position. She will start employment with Wood County on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Kristen Charn's interim appointment ends on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees Conference. The 2013 Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) Conference will be held April 8-10 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Peter Manley and three youths from Wood County will be attending the conference. They will have the opportunity to travel to the Capitol and visit with local legislators following the small group breakout sessions. Wood County Extension will be donating a basket of cranberry products for the silent auction. Manley will report on the conference at the May CEED meeting.

- C. 133 Contract, Chris Viau Peter Manley reported that Chris Viau would like to transfer from his traditional employment contract to a 133 contract. Currently, Peter Manley, Matt Lippert and Chris Viau are under a traditional contract and Teri Lessig, Kyli Brown and Sarah Siegel are under 133 contracts. Peter walked through the budget comparisons for traditional versus 133 contracts and explained that transferring Chris Viau to the 133 contract would be a savings of \$9,559.00 to Wood County. The savings is due to health insurance as Chris would only be eligible for the State health insurance plan. Discussion ensued.

**Motion by Ruth Moody to authorize Chris Viau, Wood County UW Extension 4-H Development Educator and 4-H Liaison Serving the South West Region, to change from a traditional contract to a 133 contract effective July 1, 2013. Second by William Winch. Motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Program Update-Parents Who Host Lose the Most. Christine Hollar, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator, explained she is working with Jonna Kronholm, Community Volunteer, to facilitate "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" campaign through Inner Wisconsin Coalition for Youth. This is a joint effort to curb underage drinking. School counselors in Nekoosa, Port Edwards, Auburndale and Wisconsin Rapids have been contacted and information to educate parents and students about the dangers of underage drinking will be sent to schools in early April before Prom and Graduation. She presented a brief PowerPoint presentation and had program promotional items (stake sign, banners, window clings, and stamps) available for the CEED Committee to take with them to promote the project.

## 7. Planning & Zoning

- A. Consider Waiver for a Low-Flow Seasonal Dwelling Holding Tank System Per S.702-04 (7) (D) 1, Wood County Private Sewage Administration Ordinance. This item is postponed until the May CEED meeting as the expected application did not come in.
- B. Consider Sponsoring Resolution to Support Applying for a 2013 State of Wisconsin Stewardship Grant to Fund Completion of the Hewitt-Marshfield Connector Trail. Jason Grueneberg presented a resolution to authorize the Planning and Zoning Department to prepare and submit a grant application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to fund construction of a bicycle and pedestrian connector trail between the City of Marshfield and the Village of Hewitt in 2014. The application deadline is May 1, 2013. The estimated project cost is \$220,000 (\$164,000 design & paving new portion of the trail and \$60,000 for paving a portion of the existing trail), of which \$110,000 is anticipated to be covered by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Grant funding. Security Health Plan has committed \$22,000. If the grant is approved and additional match funding is not met there is no commitment to go forward with the project; the grant can be turned back to the DNR.

Grueneberg stated the right-of way for the trail segment has been secured for the purpose of the trail and the Village of Hewitt has designated Yellowstone Park as the trailhead.

Chairperson Henkel stated that she agreed to authorize Planning and Zoning to work on and submit the application provided, if the grant is approved, Wood County would not be considered a major contributor. Lance Pliml encouraged Planning and Zoning to complete and submit the application.

**Motion by William Winch to approve and forward to County Board the resolution authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department to prepare and submit a grant application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to fund construction of a bicycle and pedestrian connector trail between the City of Marshfield and the Village of Hewitt in 2014, as long as Wood County is not financially committed. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously**

- 8. **Economic Development** - Update included in staff report.
- 9. **Land Records Program** - Update included in staff report.
- 10. **County Surveyor** - Update included in staff report.

#### 11. Land Conservation

- A. Golden Sands RC&D Council Meeting Update - Moody. Ruth Moody gave a brief report on the March Golden Sands RC&D meeting. She passed around the Hamerstrom Stories Book - Life of Recollections of Hammy & Fran Hamerstrom. Golden Sands is selling this book and currently has 500 copies.

The annual Prairie Chicken Festival will be held April 13-15.

Ruth also reported that she and Bill Clendenning asked to be on the Golden Sands Personnel and Finance Committee. She was told, to be a nominee for the Personnel and Finance Committee you must be a committee chairperson of one of the Golden Sands subcommittees. Written nominations must be mailed or emailed to Hugh O'Donnell, RC&D Council President, by April 15, 2013. Hugh will review and forward nominees that he considers good candidates to the Council. The Council will then vote. There are three vacancies on the Personnel and Finance Committee.

Lance Pliml asked Jerry Storke to forward him contact information for Amy Thorstenson and Jennifer Glad.

**Motion by Ruth Moody to send a letter to Hugh O'Donnell, RC&D Council President, nominating Bill Clendenning for the Golden Sands RC&D Personnel and Finance Committee. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Approve Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2014. Jerry Storke presented the 2014 Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application. The grant is requesting \$178,884 for staff and support and \$270,000 for cost-share.

**Motion by Harvey Petersen to approve, sign and submit to DATCP the completed 2014 Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Non-Lapsing Account Update. Jerry Storke reported, the Executive Committee approved the request for the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance non-lapsing account and Mike Martin has set-up the new account numbers.
- D. Governor's Proposed Budget Impact on Land Conservation Department. Jerry Storke reported; Governor Walker's budget proposal retains a \$1.3 million cut that went into effect in the 2011-13 budget cycle for Land Conservation Departments. Counties had been receiving \$9.3 million annually through 2009 – 2011 as part of DATCP's budget; they now receive \$8 million annually. Wood County Land Conservation will be looking at possible shortfalls in 2014 and definite shortfalls in 2015.
- E. Approve Revised Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Permit Fee Schedule. Jerry Storke presented the proposed graduated permit fee schedule for animal waste storage facilities. Fees range from \$150 (lowest fee) for facilities 50,000 gallons or less to \$1,250 (highest fee) for facilities 10,000,001 gallons or greater. The permit fee for closure of a facility would be \$200 and an after the fact permit would be double the regular fee. The after-the-fact fee is a compliance issue.

Shane Wucherpfenning stated that large storage facility permits require much more time to review the design and go through the paperwork prior to issuing a permit than small storage facilities and the current permit fee of \$100 does not cover staff time.

**Motion by Harvey Petersen to adopt the proposed Animal Waste Ordinance Permit Fee Schedule effective April 17, 2013. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**

- F. Approve Resolution to Revise the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation (NMM) Ordinance to Establish a Late Fee for Failure to Pay NMM Reclamation Annual Requirements and to include a Statement Authorizing the Land Conservation Department to Include Staff Hours Spent on Enforcing Violation Forfeitures to Be Consistent with NR 135. Storke presented a resolution to seek County Board approval to amend Wood County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance 802 to include: If annual permit fees and/or adequate financial assurance is not paid or postmarked by January 31 a late fee shall be assessed. This late fee would consist of doubling the annual permit fee.

**Motion by Ruth Moody to approve and forward to County Board the resolution amending Wood County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance 802. Second by Robert Ashbeck.**

**Voting Aye: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Ruth Moody and Harvey Petersen.**

**Voting Nay: William Winch (Fees are too steep).**

**Motion carried 4-1.**

- G. Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Conference Update. Robert Ashbeck and Jerry Storke gave a brief report on the breakout sessions they attended at the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Conference.
- H. Approve Low Bid for the Heiman Brothers LLC. Animal Waste Storage Closure Project to Base Cost Share. Chairperson Henkel opened the bids for Heiman Brothers, LLC animal waste storage closure project on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Land Conservation Department. Bids were as follows: I Brandl Inc. - \$4,775.60; Kolo Trucking & Excavating - \$5,325.00; Becker Trucking & Excavating - \$6,011.52; Weichelt Trucking & Excavating - \$6,113.00; Advance Concrete & Excavating - \$10,955.64; and Doine Excavating, Inc. - \$11,524.12.

**Motion by Robert Ashbeck to accept the low bid in the amount of \$4,775.60 from I Brandl Inc., as a basis for cost share for Heiman Brothers, LLC animal waste storage facility closure. Second by William Winch. Motion carried unanimously.**

- I. County Conservationist 2013 goals update. Storke provided the Committee with a list of goals for 2013. His primary goals are to implement two funding strategies to balance 2013 and 2014 department budgets, to coordinate and train volunteers in Wood County to measure lake levels and stream base flows if the lake grant is approved, to update the Wood County Land Water Resource Management Plan and the Wood County Farmland Preservation Plan.

**Motion by William Winch to enter into closed session at 11:10 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1) (c) for the purpose of discussing performance evaluation with the County Conservationist. Second by Robert Ashbeck.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting Aye: Robert Ashbeck, Ruth Moody, William Winch, Harvey Petersen and Hilde Henkel.**

**Voting Nay: None**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by William Winch to return to open session at 11:35 a.m. Second by Harvey Petersen.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Voting Aye: Robert Ashbeck, Ruth Moody, William Winch, Harvey Petersen and Hilde Henkel.**

**Voting Nay: None**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Schedule next meeting.**

The next **regular** CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 1, 2013 at 9 a.m.** in Conference Room 115. Carry-over Agenda Items include:

- Consider waiver for a Low-Flow Seasonal Dwelling holding tank system.

**13. Adjourn.**

**Motion by Harvey Petersen to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Second by Robert Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Hilde Henkel, Acting Secretary

Minutes by Lori Ruess, Wood County Land Conservation Department

Review for submittal to County Board by: Hilde Henkel, Acting Secretary (approved 04/08/2013)