

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Robert Ashbeck, Kenneth Curry, Dale Gehrke, Ruth Moody, and William Winch

Member Excused: --

Staff Present: Land Conservation Staff - Jerry Storke and Lori Ruess
 Planning & Zoning Staff – Gary Popelka and Jason Grueneberg
 UW Extension Staff – Peter Manley and Kyli Brown

Others Present: District #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Scott Larson, MACCI

1. Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order. Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

Cattle Inspections. William Winch brought up a concern about cattle inspections at a previous meeting. He commented that the state veterinarian has been contacted to address the concerns.

3. Review Correspondence. Chairperson Hilde Henkel presented a written report on the 2012 WCA Annual Conference.

Gary Popelka and Jason Grueneberg attended the Upper Midwest Planning Conference and will present notes from the meeting at the November CEED meeting.

4. Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda included the following items: a) minutes of the September 5, 2012 CEED meeting; b) bills from UW Extension, Land Conservation, and Planning & Zoning; and c) staff activity reports.

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings. No additions or corrections.

B. Department Bills. Department bills were presented for approval.

A question was asked about the Wisconsin Fund Grant awards on the Planning and Zoning report of claims. Gary Popelka explained the Wisconsin Fund is a state program that provides grants to homeowners to help offset a portion of the cost for repair, rehabilitation or replacement of an existing failing septic system. Eligibility is based upon household income and age of the structure.

C. Staff Activity Reports. Staff activity reports were presented for acceptance.

William Winch expressed concerns regarding a recent series of articles in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel that focused on the difficulty of finding land that is under the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program in the state.(item 3 (C) Land Records Activity - Jason Grueneberg's report). His concerns were with berms blocking access to state land. He commented that state land should be accessible and open for public use.

Chairperson Henkel expressed concern with the number of phone calls coming into the Planning and Zoning office regarding Golden Sands Dairy (item 3 (B) Land Records Activity – Jason Grueneberg's report) and the staff's time commitment to the calls and requests for maps/information.

Robert Ashbeck asked for an update on the Kickapoo Valley Cheese shoreland zoning issue. Gary Popelka reported that the Planning & Zoning Department received a draft mitigation plan and has forwarded the plan to the DNR for comment.

<p>Motion by Ruth Moody to approve and accept the consent agenda items including the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting; bills from UW Extension, Land Conservation, and Planning & Zoning; and the staff activity reports as presented. Second by Dale Gehrke. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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5. Planning & Zoning

A. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance status update.

Gary Popelka updated the committee on the status of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A draft was completed several months ago. The update was placed on hold because changes to the state model were anticipated. Some of the provisions in the existing Wood County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance conflict with the new NR115 and have caused confusion with some projects that are in the shoreland. Popelka will bring the draft ordinance to the CEED Committee in November, hold another public hearing, and present the updated ordinance to the County Board in December if possible.

6. Economic Development

A. Letter of support for CAP Services housing programs.

Gary Popelka explained this would be a letter supporting an application for additional funding to be used for housing rehabilitation and down payment assistance for home buyers. Assistance would be available to urban and rural residents in Wood County. Income restrictions apply. This would be a HUD program, sharing funds with the Appleton and Wausau areas. The \$25,000 commitment would not be additional County funds. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Kenneth Curry supporting the letter for the CAP Services Housing Program application for additional funding with the clarification that the funding is not a commitment out of tax levy and approval from Corporation Counsel. Second by William Winch. Motion carried unanimously.

B. MACCI presentation by Scott Larson.

Scott Larson gave a power-point presentation on the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a private non-profit organization with a main purpose of enhancing economic development. He explained the chamber uses a regional approach and works outside the City of Marshfield boundaries supporting economic development. He handed out several brochures and reports including the 2012 Marshfield Area Economic Indicators Report.

Per a request from Supervisor Ashbeck, Mr. Larson said they would be willing to talk to and work with the Village of Milladore.

7. UW Extension

A. Budget Update. No budget updates.

B. Drinking Water Program

The Wood County UW Extension Office will hold a drinking water analysis program for Town of Saratoga residents. Water samples will be accepted on November 13th and a drinking water education program will be held December 11th (afternoon & evening).

C. 4-H Update

Kyli Brown gave an update on the Wood County 4-H program and a computer presentation on how she is using social media (Facebook and Twitter) to communicate with 4-H members and their families as well as promote 4-H programs. She said using social media is a very fast and effective way to communicate with families in a busy "high tech" world. Personal information is not posted unless the Extension Office has received a signed release/approval form.

D. School Lunch Program.

Peter Manley reported he received a call from Supervisor Robert Ashbeck expressing concerns with the new federal regulations on the school lunch program. Chairperson Henkel said these concerns have been on the local and national news as well discussed on social media networks. These concerns are health issues and the CEED is not the committee to address the concerns.

E. Agent Contract

Peter Manley presented the annual contracts for the 4-H Youth Development Advisor, Horticulture Assistant, and the Family Living Agent. The committee signed all the contracts.

8. Land Conservation

A. RC&D Council Meeting update.

Ruth Moody and Jerry Storke attended the September RC&D meeting. Ruth gave a brief report on Jim Wysocki's presentation on the Golden Sands Dairy. Jerry Storke handed out copies of information he received at the meeting on oak wilt and Annosum root rot. He also presented a copy of the RC&D budget report and mentioned that he is concerned with the amount spent quarterly on meal expenses. This is a concern, as the Wood County Land Conservation Department pays annual dues to RC&D.

B. Approve low bid to base cost-share for Baltus Dairy Farm Inc.

Chairperson Henkel opened the bids for the Baltus Dairy Farm waste storage facility and transfer system project on Friday, September 28th in the Land Conservation Department. Bids were as follows: Becker Trucking & Excavating - \$120,554.16; Weichelt Trucking & Excavating - \$125,144.45; B & R Trucking - \$126,290.41; Jeff Ertl Trucking - \$127,955.98; and Advance Concrete & Excavating - \$133,368.25.

Motion by Robert Ashbeck to accept the bid in the amount of \$120,554.16 from Becker Trucking & Excavating as a basis for cost share for the waste storage facility and transfer system project on the Baltus Dairy Farm. Second by Ruth Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Review Land Conservation Department Programs.

Jerry Storke reported; due to restricted state funding, the Land Conservation Department could be facing a \$22,000 budget deficit in 2014. The department wants to take a proactive approach to finding ways to make up this projected budget shortfall. Jerry reviewed with the committee the mission statement that he put together for the 2013 budget. He explained which programs were grant funded and which programs required tax levy.

9. Schedule next regular meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.**

November agenda items to include:

Presentation by Melissa Loken - Wisconsin Rapids Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

Review of Shoreland Ordinance amendments

Annual report of surveyor and his contract

10. Adjourn.

Ruth Moody moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Second by William Winch, Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Curry, Secretary

Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land Conservation Department

Review for submittal to County Board by: Kenneth Curry (*approved via telephone 10/09/12*)