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CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO TOUR SITES

<u>Members Present:</u> Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Bill Leichtnam, Harvey Petersen (joined the tour at 8:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.) Bob Ashbeck (joined the tour at 11 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.)

Member Excused: Adam Fischer

Staff Present: Land & Water Conservation Staff – Shane Wucherpfennig, Tracy Arnold, Adam Groshek, Emily

Salvinski, Lori Ruess

Planning & Zoning Staff – Jason, Grueneberg, Jeff Brewbaker, Justin Conner, Adam Dekleyn, Stevana

Skinner, Kevin Boyer - Surveyor

UW Extension Staff – Jason Hausler, Matt Lippert (Matt joined the tour at MACCI)

Others Present: District #2 Supervisor Donna Rozar (joined the tour at MACCI), Roy Diver, NRCS, Russ Biebl, NRCS Scott Larson – MACCI - (MACCI site only).

- 1. Call CEED Committee Meeting to Order. Chairperson Hilde Henkel called the CEED meeting to order at 7:54 a.m.
- **2. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 3. Committee Tour of Wood County Land & Water Conservation, Planning and Zoning and UW Extension Project Areas. Tracy Arnold welcomed everyone to the 2017 CEED tour, introductions took place, and the bus departed from the Courthouse to the tour sites at 8:00 a.m.
- **4. DQ Farms** The visit to this site highlighted a concrete lined (liquid tight) structure and waste transfer along with feed storage. The manure storage facility was in the process of being emptied when we toured this site and we were able to watch the agitation process of the pit being done by a remote control boat agitator. This is done to mix the sand, liquids and manure prior to being pumped out of the pit. The landowner/operator, Quintin Enders, was at the site to answer questions.
- **5. Floodplain Site** This site was observed from the bus. Jeff Brewbaker pointed out an existing floodplain violation due to an older structure that was built in a mapped floodplain. He explained options the landowner could take to correct the violation.
- **6.** Lunch Lunch was served at MACCI and Scott Larson gave a presentation on the 2018 Farm Technology Days that will be hosted at the D& B Sternweis Farm and the Ken & Joellen Heiman and Kelvin and Marilyn Heiman family businesses.
 - **Heiman's Holsteins** At this tour stop we viewed the newly constructed dairy facility and rotary parlor. Heiman's Holsteins ships their milk to their own processing plants Nasonville Dairy and/or Weber's Farm Store. Mr. Heiman told us that there were seven people from China also touring the facility and that Nasonville Dairy would be shipping cheese to China in the near future, as part of a recent sales agreement.
- **7. Weber Farm Store** At this site we toured the store, milk pasteurization and milk packaging facility. Following the tour we were treated to an ice cream cone.
- **8. Public Land Survey System Monument** Kevin Boyer explained the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) by acting as a survey marker that was originally placed in the 1800 as a wooden survey marker. He explained all the changes

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that took place since that original marker was placed. He also explained the ongoing need to maintain existing corners and to continually re-establish lost or obliterated corners.

9. Return to Courthouse by 3:00 p.m. – The bus returned to the Courthouse.

10. Adjourn.

Chairperson Hilde Henkel adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kennah Alung

Minutes by Lori Ruess, Land and Water Conservation Department

Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (10-10-17 @ 9:24 a.m.)