

## MINUTES

### CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Courthouse – Room 114

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Tim Hovendick, Russ Perlock, Wayne Schulz, Joe Behlen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, Roy Diver from USDA NRCS introduced himself and explained his relationship with the CEED Committee. Mr. Behlen commented on high voltage power line reimbursements and placements, as well as a modification to the use value assessment law.
3. Leichtnam asked the new committee members to introduce themselves and give a little background and then asked the rest of the room to introduce themselves. Leichtnam also reviewed what to expect as a committee member.
4. Tyler Freund from the Auburndale Park Association reviewed the park improvement plan and requested the \$25,000 economic development grant that they applied and were approved for be released. Grueneberg offered perspective on the timing of the request. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to release the \$25,000 grant funding for the Auburndale Park Association. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Extension Area Director Solin provided the committee with an overview of Extension, their mission and outreach measures, and the partnership with the county. Various educators also explained their areas of responsibility.
6. County Surveyor Boyer reviewed the proposal for establishing right-of-way and title interest and preparing a transportation project plat. He discussed the quote process and recommended committee action. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the quote from Quest Civil Engineers quote of \$25,900. Motion carried unanimously.
7. County Clerk Miner reviewed the timeline for the citizen member appointment and the background of the initial appointment. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to recommend Joe Behlen to the county board chair for re-appointment for a two-year term ending in April of 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Wucherpennig reviewed the bids for the Kollross waste storage closure. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the bid of \$4,207.01 from Weichelt Trucking. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Wucherpennig presented a resolution to amend the 2024 DATCP Grant budget to allow for unanticipated expenditures/revenues. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the resolution and forward onto the Operations Committee and County Board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Wucherpennig discussed the summer intern wage. It is currently at \$9.00/hour however, he has been able to adjust hours to have it equate to \$12.00/hour. He is requesting an increase to \$15.50/hour. This would have an effect on the levy, as this position is completely funded by tax levy dollars. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to approve the increase in summer intern wage to \$15.50/hour. Motion carried 5-1. Voting no was Behlen (believes it should be more).
14. Wucherpennig handed out documents related to the various functions of his office. He will present a more thorough overview at the June meeting. Also included in that discussion will be committee representation on the North Central Land & Water Conservation Association.
15. Wucherpennig reported that he applied for a grant to help offset costs associated with the re-write of the Farmland Preservation Plan, due in 2025. More information will follow.
16. Grueneberg presented a resolution Consider resolution to terminate the Escrow Agreement for the City of Marshfield Tax Incremental District (TID) #5 and disband the Wood County Escrow Review Board. Discussion followed on the usage of previous and leftover funding. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
17. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
18. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

