

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Bill Leichtnam, Dave LaFontaine, Tom Buttke, Laura Valenstein (via WebEx), Jake Hahn

Members Excused: Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Adam DeKleyn (via WebEx for part of meeting)
Victoria Wilson and Paul Bernard (for part of meeting)
Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig and Rod Mayer (for part of meeting)
UW Extension Staff: Jason Hausler

Others Present (for part or all of the meeting): See attached list.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Leichtnam called the CEED Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Leichtnam declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following Items: 1) minutes of the August 3, 2022 CEED meeting, 2) bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension and 3) staff activity reports from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension offices.
 - 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 August 3, 2022 CEED minutes, bills from Planning & Zoning, Land & Water Conservation and UW Extension, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.** None.

At this time with consensus from the Committee, items 15c and 15d were moved up on the agenda. See 15c and 15d.

7. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
8. **Discussion of ARPA Spending Priorities.**
Bill Leichtnam gave an overview of the discussion from the September 6, 2022 ARPA Funding Adhoc committee meeting. Lance Pliml said decisions on ARPA spending will be held until after budgets are done. Other departments have already earmarked ARPA funding for projects they would like completed. Questions and answers took place.
9. **LiDAR Demonstration.**

Paul Bernard spoke about the benefits of the LiDAR project that was recently completed and introduced Adam Derringer from Ayres & Associates. Adam presented information on additional deliverables that are available to Wood County from the LiDAR flight that was done in the Spring. Questions and answers took place.

10. Land & Water Conservation Department

a. **Water Issues Countywide

Jason Weiker and Keith Luebke, residents of Edgewood Subdivision in the Town of Grand Rapids, expressed their frustration and concern with the lack of assistance they have received with the artificial groundwater removal system in their subdivision. There is no maintenance agreement in place and the system has failed recently due to the growth of roots into the system and a heavy rainfall. Jason provided a report from Lampert & Lee that contains recommendations on how to get the system back on track and for preventative maintenance. Discussion followed on what steps the Edgewood Subdivision residents should take to gain assistance with this situation. Bill Leichtnam will mention this issue to Lance Pliml, as chair of the ARPA Funding Adhoc committee, and suggested Jason Weiker and Keith Luebke return to the CEED committee in the future.

b. Review/approve the 2023 LWCD budgets

Shane gave an overview and history of the budgets that were included in the packet. Shane answered questions from the committee about the budgets.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve the budgets as presented. Second by Laura Valenstein. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Review/approve resolution to amend the 2022 Mill Creek Grant budget

Shane gave an overview of the resolution's purpose to shift revenues from an approved grant, into the budget in order to spend those dollars.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve the 2022 Mill Creek Grant budget resolution. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discuss/approve recommended changes to LWCD's Landowner Reimbursement Form

Shane brought a copy of the updated Landowner Reimbursement agreement. The agreement and reimbursement amounts have not been updated in over thirty years. He has recently updated the form and increased the amount of the reimbursements to the landowner. Short discussion took place.

Motion by Jake Hahn to update the form and reimbursement amounts. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time with the consensus of the committee, item 10g was moved up on the agenda. See item 10g.

e. Open bids for Charnwood LLC waste storage closure project.

Shane gave an overview of this closure project. The waste storage facility is no longer functional. LWCD put a plan together to close that storage facility. The bidders were unable to get their bids in on time. Shane will bring the bids to the next CEED committee meeting.

f. Open/approve bids for Wisconsin River Cranberry and Glacial Lake Wilderness wildlife damage fences

Rod Mayer gave an overview of this project. Shane opened the following bids for the fence repair projects:

Straightline Fencing LLC
Glacial Lake Wilderness: \$54,100

Real Fence LLC
Glacial Lake Wilderness: \$54,600

Wisconsin River Cranberry: \$99,900

Wisconsin River Cranberry: \$103,800

The committee and LWCD staff agree that general practice is to accept the lowest bids.

Motion by Dave LaFontain to accept the bids that are most advantageous to the county. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Discuss streamlining bid opening procedure

The committee discussed allowing LWCD staff to open the bids going forward.

Motion by Jake Hahn to change the policy to allow LWCD staff to open bids. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Discuss Nonmetallic Mining fees and Financial Assurance

Shane gave an overview of the Nonmetallic Mining Fees. Shane feels it is time to increase the fees as Rod Mayer spends more time working in that program. LWCD will bring a proposal to the committee in October.

i. Discuss department proposal for ARPA funds.

Shane shared a handout with ARPA funding considerations from LWCD. Committee members reviewed the handout. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to increase the ARPA funding request from \$247,200 to \$255,000 in order to increase the cost of the drone request and forward the entire request to the ARPA Funding Adhoc committee. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Committee Reports:

i. Citizens Groundwater Group

Bill Leichtnam gave an overview of the CGG meeting on August 15, 2022. (Notes are included in the packet for this meeting.) Next meeting is Friday September 23, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Wood County Courthouse, Room 114.

ii. Health Committee report

Sue indicated that the water lab fees will likely be increasing.

iii. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report

Bill Leichtnam shared two significant items from the last meeting. Katrina Shankland had Act 223 passed. (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/lcactmemo/act223.pdf>) Tammy Baldwin is sponsoring federal legislation called The Healthy Drinking Water Affordability Act, or The Healthy H2O Act and has bipartisan support for the act. Dr. Carla Romano has left to go to DATCP but she will still be available to this group for approximately four to six hours a week to continue work with us when we need her. Despite Dr. Romano's departure, there are a couple of other doctors that will lend their expertise to the six county collaborative. A monthly meeting will be held virtually in late September.

iv. Golden Sands RC&D report

Bill Leichtnam stated there will be a meeting on Thursday of this week.

11. Private Sewage-2023 Budget discussion

Jason Grueneberg gave an overview of the Private Sewage, Planning, Census and Surveyor's budget at this time. Jason indicated the Surveyor's budget has been increased to keep up with the rising costs of goods and materials.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve the Private Sewage, Planning, Census and Surveyor's budgets as presented. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Land Records

a. 2023 Budget discussion

Paul gave an overview of the Land Records budget. Questions from the committee were answered by Paul Bernard and Jason Grueneberg. Jake Hahn suggested that Paul draw up a request for computers powerful enough to support ArcGIS and LiDAR programming to present for ARPA funding.

Motion by Jake Hahn to approve the Land Records budget as presented. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee took a break from 11:40am to 11:45am.

13. County Surveyor-2023 Budget discussion

See agenda item #11

14. Planning and Zoning-2023 Budget discussion

See agenda item #11

15. Economic Development.

a. 2023 Budget discussion

Jason Grueneberg gave an overview of the Transportation & Economic Development budget. This budget includes the Junior Fair, CDBG budget, and the Economic Development & REDI implementation grant budgets. Economic Development grant requests have increased resulting in an overall budget increase.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve the Transportation & Economic Development Budget as presented. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

b. North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission Update

Jason did not have an update at this time other than his continued work with NCWRPC on programs for next year.

c. Consider release of REDI Implementation funds for Wood County Parks Department Powers Bluff Improvements

Chad Schooley gave an overview of the need for updated and politically correct signage needs at Powers Bluff.

Dave LaFontaine made a motion to release \$15,000 in REDI Implementation funding to Parks & Forestry for signage. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Update from the Town of Dexter and consider release of 2022 Economic Development Grant Funds.

Diana and Dan Schooley gave an overview of the Town of Dexter informational Kiosks that were put up at Dexter Park and North Wood County Park.

Jake Hahn made a motion to release \$2850 in grant funding to the Town of Dexter for informational kiosks. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Extension.

a. General Office Update

Jason Hausler shared that Tami Swenson is now housed in the UW Extension office.

Jason further shared that he has taken a new position within their organization as Assistant Dean for the northern half of Wisconsin. He is optimistic to have his replacement hired by early December 2022.

b. Sale of Meadowbrook 4-H property

Jason presented a resolution to sell the Meadowbrook 4-H property.

Dave LaFontaine made a motion to sell the Meadowbrook 4-H property. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Natural Resources Educator

Jason explained how this position is funded. The position was posted and recruited for. There are nine or ten applicants that will be screened later today.

d. Budget Discussion

Jason gave an overview of the UW Extension budget.

Dave LaFontaine made a motion to approve the UW Extension budget as presented. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

e. CEED Tour

Jason shared that Allison Jonjak is unable to attend the CEED tour. Jason and Matt intend to attend the CEED tour if their schedules allow.

17. At 12:13 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(f), a motion by Dave LaFontaine and seconded by Tom Buttke to go into closed session to consider a leave of absence request. Motion carried unanimously.

At 12:16 p.m., a motion by Dave LaFontaine and seconded by Tom Buttke to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants. None.

19. Schedule next regular committee meeting.

Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

20. Agenda items for next meeting.

- a. Discuss Nonmetallic Mining fees and Financial Assurance
- b. Update on ARPA funding
- c. Open bids for Charnwood LLC waste storage closure project

21. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary.

None

22. Adjourn

Chair Bill Leichtnam declared the CEED Meeting adjourned @12:25 a.m.

Minutes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office and in draft form until approved at next meeting.

**WOOD COUNTY CEED Committee
Sign-in Sheet**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Email</u>
Jeff Polach	District 11	-left meeting before it began.
Dennis Polach	WCB-14	
Bill Clendinning	WCB 15	
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Paul Bernard	PLANNING/ZONING	
Kim McCrean	HR	

*** VIRTUAL ATTENDEES ***

ED NEWTON	FINANCE	
LANCE PLIML	WCB 16	
CHAD SCHOOLEY	PARKS & FORESTRY	
ANGEL WHITEHEAD	HEART OF WISCONSIN	
JEFF BRENBAKER	P+Z	
BRAD HAMILTON	WCB 18	

