

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

TIME: 8:30 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

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

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

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, Supervisor Clendenning wished to correct the documents submitted under the South Wood County Airport. The name of the airport is actually Alexander South Wood County Airport.
3. After some preliminary comments by the Chair, the committee proceeded to review the grant applications as well as those grants that are ongoing. The following actions were taken by the committee.
 - a) Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to tentatively approve the ongoing request of the Marshfield Aria Chamber of Commerce and the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to tentatively approve \$38,000 for the Junior Fair. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c) Motion by Leichtnam/Schulz to tentatively approve \$25,000 to the Central Wisconsin State Fair for sanitary sewer upgrades, pending completion of the project. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d) Motion by Buttke/Schulz to tentatively approve the ongoing request of \$15,000 to the Alexander South Wood County Airport. Motion carried unanimously.
 - e) Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to tentatively approve the ongoing request of \$15,000 to Marshfield Airport. Motion carried unanimously.
 - f) Motion by Hovendick/Buttke to tentatively approve the ongoing request of \$50,000 of REDI Grant funding. Motion carried unanimously.
 - g) Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to tentatively approve \$17,540 for Historic Point Basse building renovations. Motion carried unanimously.
 - h) Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to deny the request of the Village of Rudolph for park improvements due to incomplete information. Motion carried unanimously.
 - i) Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to tentatively approve \$15,000 to Discovery Education Station in Marshfield. Motion carried unanimously.
 - j) Motion by Leichtnam/Schulz to tentatively approve \$5,000 to Nepco Lake District for water quality mapping and testing. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Buttke.
 - k) Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to deny the City of Marshfield request for revitalization grant program funding. Motion carried unanimously.

- l) Motion by Hovendick/Leichtnam to deny the City of Marshfield Parks & Recreation request for tree preservation and park canopy enhancement funding. Motion carried unanimously.
- m) Motion by Buttke to tentatively approve \$50,000 for the Braem Park Family Destination Pavillion and Playground. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to tentatively approve \$35,000 for the Braem Park Family Destination Pavillion and Playground. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Leichtnam.
- n) Motion by Hovendick/Buttke to deny the Small Business Development Center grant request. Motion carried unanimously.
- o) Motion by Leichtnam/Perlock to deny the City of Marshfield for the 2nd Street redevelopment project testing. Motion carried unanimously.
- p) Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to tentatively approve \$20,000 for the Pittsville City Center pending this parcel being in or placed in a TIF district. Motion carried unanimously.
- q) Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to approve \$30,000 to Childcaring for Good Starts grants. Motion carried unanimously.
- r) Motion by Hovendick/Buttke to deny the request of the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the Lake Woods Crossing Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.
- s) Motion by Perlock/Schulz to tentatively approve \$11,000 to the Pittsville Historical Society for climate control. Motion carried unanimously.
- t) Motion by Buttke/Schulz to deny the request of Indulto Studios for the Wood County Heritage Corridor Initiative. Motion by Hovendick/Buttke to amend the motion to postpone this request until further information is received. Motion to amend carried unanimously. The amended motion was called and carried unanimously.
- u) Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to tentatively approve \$3,805 to the Marshfield Curling Club for ice plant reliability and water conservation upgrade. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Chair Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
BRAS Hamilton	Dist 18 + CWSF
Jason Greenberg	P+Z
JEFF DEW Kover WCB	Dist 11
Victoria Wilson	P+Z
JUSTIN CASPERSON	City of Marshfield
Staci Kivi	How Chamber
LaDae Plume	WCB
Ina Krummel	Historic Point Basse
Jeremy Sickler	Alexander Field
Kathy Borchardt	Child caring
Rachele Johnson	Child caring
Christie Buchanan	Pittsville Area Hist Soc.
Chris Neppen	" " " "
Tim Anderson	Marshfield Curling Club
Ben Jennings	Inducto Studios LLC
Dale Christman Sew	CWSF
Katie Doty (Web Ex)	County Clerk
Julie Hanel (Web Ex)	P+Z
Steve Berg (Web Ex)	C/Marshfield
Kayla Rombalski (Web Ex)	Extension
Kyle Kears (Web Ex)	City of Wisconsin Rapids
Linda Roehrborn (Web Ex)	Discovery Education Station
Jeff Duffy (Web Ex)	Marshfield Airport