

## MINUTES

### CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Courthouse – Room 114

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tom Buttke

**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. The following comments were made under public comment
  - a. Chair Leichtnam & Kayla Rombalski discussed “Science by the River” event to be held October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - b. First Pitch Event for entrepreneurs to be held at Mid-State Technical College on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
  - c. Marathon County resident Trine Spindler and Clark County Board Chair Tim Wilcox spoke in opposition to the use of the Ag Research land Wood County owns in Marathon County to be used for wind turbines/wind farm.
3. The minutes of September 4, 2024, were presented. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Extension Area Director Solin introduced Olga Meza as the new Associate 4-H educator.
6. Rombalski updated the committee on the two Clean Sweeps held in the county this year by providing feedback and weights collected at both events.
7. Solin reviewed the 2025 Extension Educator contract with the committee. The contract will need to be approved by the committee after the county board has passed their budget in November.
8. County Planner Emily Arndt presented the Town of Saratoga zoning amendment resolution to the committee. She review the various changes proposed. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. County Conservationist Wucherpennig reviewed the status of the non-metallic mine ordinance violation as well as the manure storage ordinance violations. Both are moving through the court process.
10. Wucherpennig presented the draft LWRM Plan update, taking questions from the committee. The committee will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the November meeting before it goes to the

state and full county board for approval. More work on the plan is forthcoming before approval will be sought.

11. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
12. Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed.
13. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and Katie DeKleyn, Deputy County Clerk/Program Assistant and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

**Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee  
October 2, 2024**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jeff Peter Kasper	WCB #11
Bill Clendinning	WCB #13
Buss Perlock	WCB #4
T Houendek	WCB #5
Wayne Schulz	WCB #1
Jeremy Solin	Extension
Kayla Rombalski	Extension
JOE BEHREN	CEED
Terri Spindler	Marathon Co
Tom Wilcox	Clark Co Board Chair
Lance Pliml	CB Chair
Barb Peeters (WebEx)	LWCD
Julie Mangel (WebEx)	P-3
Victoria Wilson (WebEx)	P-3
Jason Grueneberg (WebEx)	P-3
Brad Cook (WebEx)	P-3
Emily Additt	P-3