

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – County Board Room #300

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

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. There was no public comment.
3. Under correspondence, Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg announced the upcoming Workforce Development Conference in Plover. If the committee is interested, they are to contact his office to register.
4. The minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting were presented. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Extension Area Director Solin presented a budget amending resolution for the Extension Projects account. The overage is being funded by excess revenues in the department. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Solin updated the committee on the status of vacant position within Extension and how the hiring maybe affected by uncertainties in federal funding.
8. Land & Water Conservation Dept. Program Assistant Peeters presented a resolution to amend the MDV budget to cover additional costs with excess program revenue. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Peeters informed the committee about the upcoming Central Wisconsin Farmers Profitability seminar being held in April. The committee was advised to let her know if attending.
10. LWCD Engineering Technician Andreae updated the committee on the ongoing manure runoff violation.
11. P&Z Code Administrator Cook presented and reviewed the annual report for Private Sewage and Zoning permits.

12. P&Z Code Technician Rautio presented and reviewed the annual report for the Well Delegation program.
13. Grueneberg presented and reviewed the annual report for Land Subdivisions within the county.
14. Documentation for the upcoming countywide aerial photography was reviewed and discussed. Grueneberg stated that a resolution on the final funding for this project will be presented at a future meeting.
15. Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg presented a proposal to use \$2,500 of REDI implementation funds for a consultant to help write a grant for Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD). This would be geared towards the Marshfield area where broadband has been determined to be lacking. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to fund the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
16. There will be training on Board of Adjustments roles and responsibilities coming up later in the month. The training will be held in Wisconsin Rapids at the River Block building. If anyone is interested in attending, they should let Grueneberg know.
17. Grueneberg presented and reviewed the annual report for Land Subdivisions within the county.
18. Grueneberg presented a resolution amending the Transportation & Economic Development budget to carryover grant funding for projects not completed in 2024. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Grueneberg requested the use of REDI funds to sponsor a Founders Network entrepreneurship event in Wisconsin Rapids coming up later this month. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the release of REDI Funds not to exceed \$500 for the above event. Motion carried unanimously.
20. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
21. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 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
George Gilbertson	
Bill Clendinning	WCB # 13
Dennis Polach	WCB 14
Jason Gouvanberg	P+Z
Paul Peters	Lweb
Tim Hovendick	WCB #5
Russ Perlock	WCB #4
Wayne Schulz	WCB #1
Jeremy Soli	Extension
Victoria Wilson (WebEx)	P+Z
Julie Mancel (WebEx)	P+Z
Ed Newton (WebEx)	Finance
Lance Pliml (WebEx)	CB Chair
Kagla Zombalski (WebEx)	Extension