

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY BOARD ROOM, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Laura Valenstein

Members Excused: Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Barb Peeters

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Leichtnam called the CEED meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Leichtnam declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*).**
Shane Wucherpennig noted cost share practices through DATCP follow NR 151 coding, but a new practice for prescribed grazing will require action by the CEED committee to establish the rate per acre (approximately \$215.00 per acre). A recommendation will be included on the agenda for discussion and possible action at the June 7, 2023 CEED Committee meeting.
4. **Review and approve Armagost Grazing Project (bid) & Randy Schill Grass Waterway (bid).**
Shane presented bid for the Rick Armagost grazing project (fencing). Two bids were received from Real Fence LLC; electric fence (\$30,446.60) and barbed wire fence (\$43,821.85). Bids submitted were based on footage and were in line with estimates. Recommendation to accept bid for electric fence (\$30,446.60).

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to accept the bid most advantageous to Wood County. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane presented bid for the Randy Schill grass waterway project from Kolo Trucking & Excavating, Inc. for \$15,331.00. The cost estimate for the project was less than anticipated. It was noted the cost represents 100% rate of total cost for which the county pays a portion and the landowner pays remaining cost.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to accept the bid most advantageous to Wood County. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adjourn.**

Chairperson Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.