

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Tim Hovendick, Russ Perlock, Wayne Schulz, Joe Behlen (arrived 9:06 AM)

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. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Wucherpennig stated his department had an injury in the past month and reviewed the circumstances surrounding it.
6. Representatives from Light Up the Pit – Pittsville Ball field presented and highlighted the work done so far as it relates to their Economic Development request. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to release the \$50,000 Economic Development grant funding to that organization. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Central Wisconsin State Fair Executive Director, Dale Christensen, presented the financial report of the Junior Fair and requested the \$38,000 budgeted amount be released to the Junior Fair. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the releasing of \$38,000 to the Junior Fair. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The committee reviewed the possibility of a Sustainability Committee, and what function it might serve. A representative of Clean Green Action stated they would look into other municipalities/counties that have a similar committee and bring information back to this committee for review. This item will be put on the October agenda for review.
9. Area Extension Director Solin reviewed the current 0.5 FTE 4H Associate Educator position that is shared with Marathon County. There is a vacancy in this position, so Solin is looking to replace it with a 0.5 FTE for just Wood County.

10. Solin presented the Extension Partnership Agreement for review. It is being updated at the state level and any comments/suggestions in regard to this document should be directed to him.
11. Wucherpennig presented to the committee an exhaustive review of the various functions in his office for the new, and returning, committee members.
12. Wucherpennig presented a timeline for the update of the LWRM Plan. A Citizen Advisory Committee meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 19th at 1:00 PM. Final approval is scheduled for December.
13. Wucherpennig reviewed a substantial non-compliance Non-metallic mine operation in the Town of Dexter. There is currently a stop work order placed on this mine but mining is continuing. The DNR and other entities are involved. Wucherpennig will keep the committee apprised.
14. Wucherpennig requested that a committee member be appointed as a representative to the North Central Land & Water Conservation Association. Schulz & Behlen expressed interest. This item will come back for action at the next meeting.
15. Wucherpennig reviewed upcoming training for committee members presented by Wisconsin Land & Water. Committee members were instructed to let the Conservation Administrative Assistant know if they were interested in attending, and she will work with the County Clerk's office to ensure proper open meetings law compliance.
16. Land Records Coordinator Bernard presented a possible CIP request for aerial photo of the county. There is a grant opportunity to help pay for double the photo resolution. The subject will be brought back next month with a firmer plan of funding.
17. Leichtnam requested committee approval of his attendance at the Golden Sand Resource Conservation & Development meetings. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
18. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd at 9:00 AM.
19. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

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

**Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee
June 5, 2024**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Clardennig	WCB # 15
JEFF PERKINS	WCB # 11
DENNIS POLACH	WCB- # 14
Dale Christensen	CWSF
Jeremy Solin	Extension
RUSS PERLAK	WCB # 4
Jason Greenberg	P+Z
Bill Urban	Grant
Lee Garrels	Pittsburg Light up the Pit
LANCE PLIML	WCB
Shane Weichertennig	LWCD
Claire T.ares	LWCD
Elizabeth Whelan	Public.
Wayne Schuck	WCB # 1
Joe Behler	WCB # 5
Victoria Wilson (WebEx)	Pv3
Barb Peeters (WebEx)	LWCD
Sarah Christensen (WebEx)	Emergency Mgmt
Paul Bernard	Pv3
Emily Arnett	Pv3