

AGENDA
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Courthouse – Room 302

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
4. Chair’s Remarks
5. Approve minutes of April 1 & 28, 2026, meetings
6. Approve vouchers, staff reports, & committee reports
7. Risk and Injury Report
8. Private Sewage
9. Land Records
10. County Surveyor
11. Planning & Zoning
12. Economic Development
 - a. Consider release of 2026 economic development grant funds for Central Wisconsin Junior Fair in the amount of \$38,000.
 - b. Consider release of 2026 economic development grant funds for Health Department Catch A Ride program in the amount of \$20,000.
 - c. Consider release of REDI Implementation funds to the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers to develop a site plan for future improvements to Red Sands Beach as Lake Wazeecha.
 - d. Update on the Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund.
 - e. Update on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation grant application to complete renovations to the Helen Connor Laird Theater at the UW-Marshfield Campus.
13. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Review and approve grassed waterway project (bids) (G. Gilbertson)
 - b. Approve budget resolution for amendment to 2026 LWCD budget for Surface Water-Nepco Lake Grant
 - c. Approve budget resolution for amendment to 2026 LWCD budget for Surface Water-Fourmile Creek Watershed Grant
 - d. DNR NR-151 Compliance Project
 - e. ARPA water quality update
 - f. 2026 Land Conservation Committee (LCC) Training on June 9th in Merrill
14. Extension
 - a. Extension Report
 - b. Discussion and possible action on Natural Resources Educator position
 - c. Position Updates – Associate 4-H Educator, Cranberry Outreach Specialist
 - d. Award Recognition – Ka Zoua Thao
15. Committee requests for per diem for meeting attendance
16. Schedule next regular committee meeting – Wednesday, June 3, 2026
17. Agenda items for next meeting
18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
19. Adjourn

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

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

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 were no public comments.
3. The minutes of the March 4, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The term of office for the Producer Member of the committee is expiring. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to recommend to the County Board Chair that George Gilbertson be reappointed for the next 2-year term. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The economic development grant request for Stemperosa Estates Garages in the Village of Vesper has been mostly completed with information given to the committee showing the progress. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the release of \$25,000 in economic grant funding for this project. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The City of Wisconsin Rapids has completed the lighting at Witter Field for which there were economic development grant funds applied for. The City is requesting release of those funds. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the release of \$20,000 to the City of Wisconsin Rapids for this project. Motion carried unanimously. A ribbon cutting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 PM at Witter Field.
8. Melissa Haack, the regional farmers market coordinator, updated the committee on the use of REDI funds that were released by the committee last fall. She highlighted the improvements to the Wisconsin Rapids market as well as the incorporation of the Marshfield Farmers Market Cooperative. She discussed work on the websites as well. More information will be forthcoming as the rest of the funds are expended.
9. Conservation Administrative Specialist Peeters reported that no bids were received for the Gilbertson grassed waterway project on the second try so this will be rebid for a third time so this will again be on the agenda for next month.

10. Peeters reviewed the current status of the ARPA funds for ground water remediation and will now be looking at expanding this out from the original footprint to hot spots within the Towns of Grand Rapids and Port Edwards with additional testing being conducted through UWSP. More information will follow.
11. There will be committee training coming up in June for all Land Conservation Committee members sponsored by North Central Land + Water Conservation Association. If interested, let Peeters know.
12. The 2025 Wood County Land & Water Conservation Dept. Annual Report was included in the committee packet. Questions in this regard can be directed at Peeters or County Conservationist Wucherpfennig.
13. Extension Area Director McNelly reported that the Cranberry Outreach Educator has resigned. The growers are currently discussing future needs of this position at this time. In addition, the funding for the Natural Resources Educator is unknown so this empty position will remain until the funding mechanism is finalized.
14. The 4H Educator was able to acquire an AmeriCorps person for the to help out the 4H during the summer months. McNelly is recommending that unused funding from vacant positions be used to fund the \$2,000 match needed to pay for this temporary position. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the reallocation of \$2,000 from unfilled/vacant positions to fund the AmeriCorps 4H position. Motion carried unanimously.
15. The next regular meeting will be determined at a later date.
16. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 9:39 AM.

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

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

TIME: 9:01 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; others listed on sign-in sheet

1. County Clerk Miner called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Miner opened the floor to nominations for committee chair. Hovendick nominated Leichtnam. There being no other nominations, Miner declared Leichtnam duly elected as committee chair.
4. Miner opened the floor to nominations for committee vice chair. Leichtnam nominated Buttke. There being no other nominations, Miner declared Buttke duly elected as vice chair.
5. By committee consensus, the meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 AM.
6. Miner declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM.

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

**Committee Organizational Meetings
April 28, 2026**

NAME	REPRESENTING
JOSEPH H. ZURFLUH	WCB-D17
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
BILL VOIGHT	WCB-7
Bill Leichtnam	WCB-19
AL BREU	WCB-5
Russ Perlock	WCB-4
Jake Hahn	WCB-8
Wayne Schindler	WCB-1
Scott C. Soik <i>list 12/1/21</i>	Congressman Van Orden's office
Victoria Wilson (WebEx)	P-3
Lance Pimpl (WebEx)	CB Chair

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension Wood County

For the period of: April 2026

For the range of vouchers: 30260027 - 30260035

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30260027	UW MADISON EXTENSION	4-H Space Camp Participant Fee	03/31/2026	\$800.00	P
30260028	US BANK	April Credit Card Statement	04/21/2026	\$301.70	
30260029	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Program Materials	04/21/2026	\$62.32	P
30260030	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Program & Kitchen Materials	04/21/2026	\$116.98	P
30260031	AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INS CO	Member Insurance	04/28/2026	\$776.00	
30260032	EBERLEIN BENJAMIN	April Expenses	04/28/2026	\$511.81	
30260033	HUBER LAURA	April Expenses	04/28/2026	\$509.68	
30260034	ROMBALSKI KAYLA-ROSE	March-April Expenses	04/28/2026	\$430.36	
30260035	SCOTT HANNAH	April Expenses	04/28/2026	\$502.80	
Grand Total:				\$4,011.65	

Signatures

Committee Chair:

Committee Member:

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Land & Water Conservation Dept.

For the period of: April 2026

For the range of vouchers: 18260019 - 18260042

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18260019	SOLINST CANADA LTD	Leveloggers and equipment	03/17/2026	\$9,073.90	P
18260020	SOLINST CANADA LTD	Leveloggers and equipment	03/17/2026	\$11,358.47	P
18260021	ADAMS COUNTY NURSERY INC	Fruit trees for annual sale	04/07/2026	\$3,800.26	P
18260022	VANWELL NURSERY	Fruit trees for annual sale	04/06/2026	\$3,452.20	P
18260023	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office supplies	04/08/2026	\$51.22	P
18260024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office & tree sale supplies	04/09/2026	\$44.18	P
18260025	HRAMOR NURSERY	Trees/shrubs	08/26/2025	\$8,346.25	P
18260026	MARQUETTE COUNTY LWCD	2026 Tree delivery fee	04/15/2026	\$325.00	P
18260027	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	04/01/2026	\$81.00	P
18260028	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	02/03/2026	\$127.80	P
18260029	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	11/20/2025	\$54.00	P
18260030	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	11/25/2025	\$105.75	P
18260031	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	01/19/2026	\$210.60	P
18260032	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	01/20/2026	\$140.40	P
18260033	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	11/20/2025	\$31.50	P
18260034	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	01/08/2026	\$258.30	P
18260035	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	01/20/2026	\$54.00	P
18260036	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	11/25/2025	\$31.50	P
18260037	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	12/11/2025	\$54.00	P
18260038	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	12/16/2025	\$173.25	P
18260039	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	11/10/2025	\$128.25	P
18260040	PHEASANTS FOREVER	Customer seed order-2026 sale	01/12/2026	\$100.80	P
18260041	US BANK	LMPN & SWG Grant supplies	04/17/2026	\$1,293.37	
18260042	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office supplies	04/28/2026	\$33.61	
Grand Total:				\$39,329.61	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning

For the period of: April 2026

For the range of vouchers: 38260006 - 38260007 22260030 - 22260035

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22260030	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract 4-26	04/01/2026	\$1,126.67	P
22260031	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-Sanitary Permit Fees	04/01/2026	\$1,000.00	P
22260032	CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL INC	LR-ARPA Funding	03/31/2026	\$16,970.60	P
22260033	WOOD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPT	PL-Office Supplies	01/23/2026	\$9.00	P
22260034	WI DEPT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (Madison)	LR-Prof Serv	04/22/2026	\$40.00	P
22260035	US BANK	LR/PL Credit Card Charges	04/17/2026	\$356.55	
38260006	CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS	ED-GRANT FUNDS	04/09/2026	\$20,000.00	P
38260007	VILLAGE OF VESPER	ED-GRANT FUNDS	04/10/2026	\$25,000.00	P
Grand Total:				\$64,502.82	

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Extension Wood County staff led, delivered, planned or collaborated on all of the following activities:

4-H POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator

Trina Bores, 4-H AmeriCorps member

- A series of lessons, Life Management, for students at River Cities High School, where we engage them in lessons around topics such as budgeting/renting, cooking, nutrition, basic home repairs, and other essential life skills to prepare them for life after high school and help support their overall health and well-being for when they are on their own.
 - **Total Reach:** 81 students
- An in-person training for summer camp counselors in grades 8-12 and adult volunteers who will serve in leadership roles at summer camp. During training, participants worked on building trust in one another so that they can work as an effective team at camp.
 - **Total Reach:** 40 participants
- An in-person performing arts and creativity festival for youth in grades K-13. Participants acted, played musical instruments, practiced public speaking, sang, and exhibited arts and crafts. Through this effort, youth learn how to express themselves through the arts and how to use criticism to improve performance.

AGRICULTURE

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator

- A career fair where high school students became more aware of the diversity and breadth of career opportunities are available to them so that they make more informed decisions and better prepare to develop successful careers locally.
 - **Total Reach:** 350 students, 20 agri-business groups, 12 school districts
- Working with the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Agri-Business Committee, a scholarship program provided an opportunity for area students interested in agriculture to increase their ability for further education.
 - **Total Reach:** 12 school districts, 8 applicants, 4 recipients
- A meeting for farm owners/ calf managers, where participants learned about calf and heifer raising strategies. Through this program, attendees learned about the importance of socialization, colostrum feeding, and forage options for their calves to make them healthier and more robust so they have long term productivity in the herd.
 - **Total Reach:** Through this program, we reached 19 individuals, and just over 59,000 calves/heifers



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kayla Rombalski, Community Development Educator

- **Central Wisconsin Housing Summit:** A day-long conference convening housing developers, municipal leaders, housing advocates, and regional partners to engage in cross-sector dialogue, share best practices, and explore innovative strategies to address local housing challenges. The summit's goal was to advance collaborative housing solutions by elevating both developer and municipal perspectives, strengthening regional relationships, and aligning efforts across sectors. As a result of this convening, Central Wisconsin is better positioned to respond to housing shortages and support sustainable community growth.
 - **Total Reach:** 134 registrants
 - **Testimonial:** *"The event, content and attendees were top notch.", "Great event! Thanks for organizing."*
- **Small Business Academy Preparation:** Ongoing preparation for the Central Wisconsin in-person session of the Lieutenant Governor's Small Business Academy, to be held Friday, May 8, 2026, at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. The Academy is a free, statewide training and networking initiative hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation that supports small business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals exploring business start-up opportunities. The program combines three days of virtual educational sessions with concurrent in-person events across Wisconsin. Current efforts are focused on coordinating logistics and local partnerships to ensure a high-quality learning experience and strengthen the small business ecosystem in Central Wisconsin.
- **Strategic Planning Support:** Continued facilitation support for the Wood County Health Department's 2026–28 Strategic Plan, which will serve as a clear roadmap for advancing the Department's mission, addressing emerging public health needs, and strengthening internal operations. An Executive Summary outlining the plan's strategic priorities was shared with staff and partners this month. The full strategic plan is scheduled for review and approval by the Health and Human Services Committee in May.
- **Planning for Grant Writing Workshops:** Continued planning for Grant Writing Basics Virtual Workshops scheduled for April 27–28, as well as an in-person workshop for the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin at its Spring Conference on April 30, 2026. These workshops support participants from across the state and beyond by building foundational grant-seeking skills and providing step-by-step guidance and practical tools for developing competitive, fundable grant proposals.



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ka Zoua Thao, Bilingual (Hmong) Community Health Worker
Hannah Wendels Scott, Health and Well-Being Educator

Behavioral Health

- A weekly virtual program for community members from across the state of Wisconsin, where participants practice healthy coping strategies, build emotional awareness, and strengthen skills for managing stress in daily life. Through this effort, community members gain practical tools that support their well-being in both personal and professional settings.
 - **Total Reach:** 47 participants
- A weekly program for incarcerated people in the Wood County Jail, where participants practiced healthy coping strategies, built emotional awareness, and strengthened skills for managing stress in daily life. Through this effort, participants gained tools that support their well-being during incarceration and increase their capacity to navigate reentry with resilience and confidence.
 - **Total Reach:** 14 incarcerated people (6 female, 8 male)
- A Tai Chi class for older adults and individuals with arthritis, where participants learn gentle, low-impact movements designed to improve balance, flexibility, and joint health. Through this activity, the program helps reduce the risk of falls and empower participants to lead healthier, more active lives, fostering independence and confidence in their daily routines.
 - **Total Reach:** 25 participants in basic class, 8 participants in advanced class
- An after-school program for elementary and middle school students, where Extension colleagues across various institutes lead engaging activities focused on their area of expertise. My focus is on teaching simple coping skills and emotional awareness. Through this effort, students will strengthen their well-being and build confidence in managing everyday challenges.
 - **Total Reach:** 25 students each time
- Building and maintaining relationships and engaging with partners to address health needs with the community of Wood County.
- The support groups serve as a monthly gathering for women and allies of women and elders to engage in discussions about often overlooked topics within their community. These monthly gatherings create a space for participants to connect with one another, learn practical ways to care for their mental and social well-being, and strengthen community bonds. Through this effort, participants build healthier habits, deepen relationships, and feel empowered to advocate for the recognition of their voices.
 - **Total Reach:** 10 elders, 7 participants
- A bi-weekly meeting for youth to engage in open conversations, cultural storytelling, and guided activities to learn about mental health, domestic violence, and sexual assault within the community. They gain tools to recognize signs of trauma, understand healthy boundaries, and access support systems - all in a safe, judgement-free environment. Through this effort, we are fostering a generation of informed, compassionate youth who feel seen, heard, and empowered to break cycles of silence and advocate for healing and change in their families and communities.



- **Total Reach:** *61 students*
7 in grades four and five
33 in grades 6-8
21 in grades 9-12
- An as needed meeting with community members, where I met one-on-one with them to listen to their needs, offer support, and help them identify and access local health and community resources. Through this effort, participants will gain personalized support, clearer pathways to services, and greater confidence navigating systems.
 - **Total Reach:** *10 one-on-one clients*
- A monthly food pantry pick-up for community members in Wood County, where I support families in choosing foods that their household needs and share information about additional local resources. Through this effort, residents gain reliable access to healthier food options and feel better connected to community supports.
 - **Total Reach:** *12 families*

HEAL (Healthy Eating and Active Living)

- A 5-week nutrition education series for kindergarten classrooms at Grove, Howe and Mead Elementary Schools, where students will learn about MyPlate, the five food groups, and try new fruits and vegetables. The goal of the series is for students to learn about how making healthy food choices will help them to be healthier in school and at home.
- A series of lessons for adults who are incarcerated participating in the STRONG Recovery Pod Program in the Wood County Jail. Through this series, participants will learn nutrition education, cooking skills, and participate in the StrongBodies program that improves their physical and mental health.
- A listening session for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity hosted at FOCUS Food Pantry by Extension Wood County and the Wood County Health Department as part of a grant award to engage community members in conversations around food insecurity to learn about the barriers in place. Through this effort we will take information gathered to implement at least one effort to reduce food insecurity in Wood County. This is the second of three listening sessions. Completed in cooperation with Wood County Health Department.
- A partnership with United Way/Hunger Coalition, FOCUS Food Pantry, and the Housing Authority of Wisconsin Rapids that provides "Stockboxes for Seniors", a monthly food box service where low-income seniors can receive around 25-30 pounds of nutritious foods to stock their pantry with. The goal of this partnership is to promote the boxes with community partners with the overall goal to improve food security.
- A 15-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults in the Nekoosa community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness. This series is led by two Extension StrongBodies volunteers.
 - **Total Reach:** *38 participants*



- A series of lessons, Life Management, for students at River Cities High School, where we engage them in lessons around topics such as budgeting/renting, cooking, nutrition, basic home repairs, and other essential life skills to prepare them for life after high school and help support their overall health and well-being for when they are on their own.
 - **Total Reach:** 81 students
- A series of after-school lessons for elementary and middle school students at Pittsville Elementary School, where students learn about the five food groups, how they benefit from their overall health and well-being, and how to make healthy food and physical activity choices both at home and at school
 - **Total Reach:** 24 students
- An ongoing series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults in the Pittsville community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness. This series is led by two Extension StrongBodies volunteers.
 - **Total Reach:** 26 participants
- A listening session for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity hosted at Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf by Extension Wood County and the Wood County Health Department as part of a grant award to engage community members in conversations around food insecurity to learn about the barriers in place. Through this effort we will take information gathered to implement at least one effort to reduce food insecurity in Wood County. This is the second of three listening sessions. Completed in cooperation with Wood County Health Department.
- Planning for a Falls Prevention Resource Fair in Marshfield in collaboration with the ADRC of Central WI, Marshfield Fire Department, and Marshfield Clinic. The Falls Prevention Resource Fair will focus on providing resources for individuals interested in learning more about how to prevent falls, offer screenings for risk of falls, and provide demonstrations of exercises one can do to improve their balance and bone density. Resource Fair will be held in October.
- A 5-week nutrition education series for 3rd grade students at Grove Elementary School, where students will learn about MyPlate, the five food groups, and how making healthy food choices will help them be healthier in school and at home.
- A listening session for individuals experiencing food insecurity hosted at the Marshfield Community Center in collaboration with the Wood County Health Department. This listening session is part of a grant award to engage community members in conversations around food insecurity to learn about the barriers in place. Through this effort we will take information gathered to implement at least one effort to reduce food insecurity in Wood County. This is the third of three listening sessions.

HORTICULTURE

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator

- The third in a series of four IPM based programs for the general public, where Arpin library constituents learned how to apply IPM concepts to disease management in backyard gardens. The goal of this effort is to reduce pesticide and fertilizer misuse in consumer landscapes.



- **Total Reach: 3**
- A recorded webinar for adults over 55 enrolled in the UWSP LIFE Continuing Education Program, where participants learned the benefits of landscaping with native plants. Through this effort, participants increased their knowledge of horticultural practices that improve biodiversity in landscapes.
- Presentation - IPM and Disease - General Public
- The fourth in a series of four IPM based programs for the general public, where Arpin library constituents learned how to apply IPM concepts to weed management in backyard gardens. The goal of this effort is to reduce pesticide and fertilizer misuse in consumer landscapes.
 - **Total Reach: 3**
- The fourth in a series of four IPM based programs for the general public, where Pittsville library constituents learned how to apply IPM concepts to weed management in backyard gardens. The goal of this effort is to reduce pesticide and fertilizer misuse in consumer landscapes.
 - **Total Reach: 14**

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

Ben Eberlein, Human Development & Relationships Educator

- A series of lessons, Life Management, for students at River Cities High School, where we engage them in lessons around topics such as budgeting/renting, cooking, nutrition, basic home repairs, and other essential life skills to prepare them for life after high school and help support their overall health and well-being for when they are on their own.
 - **Total Reach: 81 students**
- A 6-session course for renters where participants learn how to find and apply for rental housing, understand their responsibilities as a renter, how to communicate effectively with their landlords, and manage housing expenses. Through this, those with negative rental records and those new to renting are able to increase their ability to find and keep safe affordable housing, thereby increasing their stability and decreasing their reliance on public supports.
- A coaching program for families and individuals, where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goal of this program is to enable participants to prepare for and take charge of household financial situations that occur due to changes in income or unforeseen hardships.
 - **Total Reach: 1 individual**



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORTS – APRIL 2026

Barb Peeters

Conservation Administrative Specialist

- Participated in Zoom meeting with County Conservationist and Kevin Masarik (Director & Extension Specialist/Center for Watershed and Education Analysis Lab (WEAL) with UWSP Laboratory) on March 27th regarding a Wood County water sampling project utilizing ARPA grant funds. 30 random sites will be sampled in hot spot areas (15 sites in Grand Rapids and 15 sites in Nekoosa/Port Edwards). Samples will be sent to the Water and Environmental Analysis Lab (WEAL) at UWSP (\$350.00 per test) for a contract total of \$10,500.00. Wood County staff will randomly select sites using historical data, send letters to landowners and utilize the summer intern to collect samples which will be delivered to the WEAL at UWSP for testing. This will have the added benefit of providing a student project for our summer intern who will have the ability to work with the lab this fall when intern is back in college to analyze and compile the data.
- Assisted with completion of 2026 DATCP Work Plan report that is a mandatory DATCP requirement to be eligible for 2027 state funding (i.e. 2027 SWRM grant). Downloaded revised DATCP template in early February, filled in several sections of report and reminded County Conservationist on March 26th to complete remaining sections prior to April 15th submission deadline.
- Completed 2027 Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM) Joint Grant Application and submitted to County Conservationist for review/approval on March 27th. 2027 grant application submission deadline is April 15th.
- Completed three 2027-2031 capital improvement forms on behalf of the County Conservationist for replacement of the GPS unit and trucks. Obtained approval of County Conservationist via email (who was working remotely on March 30th prior to vacation) and submitted forms to Finance prior to March 31st submission deadline.
- Attended April 1st CEED meeting at courthouse and provided LWCD reports on behalf of County Conservationist.
- Finished prep for annual tree sale (customer receipts, tree labels, customer list for distribution, notified Highway Dept. of tree deliveries, printed final invoices, etc.).
- Updated Wellness bulletin board with 2nd quarter materials provided by Wellness Coordinator.
- Responded to inquiries via phone/email regarding tree/shrub/seed sale. Added customers to waiting list.
- Processed fruit tree orders and payments as received.
- Completed March sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Downloaded the April DATCP monthly report and shared with LWCD staff.
- Received notice that my Notary Commission was approved for renewal by the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (through April 5, 2030).
- Assisted Conservation Technician (who was out of the office and then working remotely while recovering from an illness) with miscellaneous follow-up and contacting landowners.
- Printed and mailed Citizens Water Group materials (agenda and 4/20/26 meeting invitation flyer) to landowners who were contacted regarding nitrates exceeding 20ppm and/or installed nitrate removal systems in late 2025.
- Verified wildlife damage general ledger and assembled all invoices and attachments for first quarter 2026 reimbursement request to the WiDNR.
- Scheduled and attended April 9th staff meeting to discuss NR 151 Compliance Review being mandated by the DNR for all Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation departments. Staff outlined draft plan to complete the compliance review and suggested CEED committee be made aware of project. Added to May 6th CEED agenda.
- Assisted with arranging/receiving fruit tree deliveries/shipments to the Forestry Garage with two different carriers (one shipment came from nursery in Pennsylvania and the other from the state of Washington).
- Notified County Conservationist of potential grant in 2027 with the Green Bay Packers Foundation grant program. Their foundation is opening up the 4-year grant cycle to include environmental focus areas in 2027.

- Submitted final 2027 Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM) Joint Grant Application to DATCP.
- Assisted in setting up forestry garage for tree distribution and finished preparations for tree sale.
- Assisted with sorting, labeling and bagging of fruit trees/trees/shrubs April 13th to 15th at the Forestry Garage.
- Worked with seed supplier regarding item that has been out of stock since fall of 2025 due to the fact we have customer orders for the item as part of the annual tree sale.
- Assisted with tree distribution at Forestry Garage on April 16th & 17th with Rod Mayer and Kyle Andreae.
- The week of April 20th contacted landowners on the waiting list to notify them of extra trees for sale; processed orders and arranged for customers to pick up orders.
- FINAL REPORT ON TREE SALE: processed a total of 226 tree/seed orders with orders for 10,905 trees (which includes 530 fruit trees sold individually), 12 pounds of root gel (sold in 4 oz packages) and 206 tree shelters. The addition of fruit trees to the annual tree sale was a huge hit with customers. Unfortunately we were unable to sell a few of the leftover Empire apple trees due to chipmunks or mice chewing the bark while they were housed in the Forestry Garage after the tree sale.
- Worked with Dan Vollert in Parks & Forestry dept. to donate the remaining extra trees/shrubs from the tree sale for planting in Wood County parks.
- Processed 14 payments for seed orders as part of the annual tree sale (supplier doesn't require payment until after tree sale is completed).
- Tallied results from customer survey regarding suggestions for trees to offer in the 2027 tree sale. We will take those suggestions into consideration when selecting species (pending availability by nurseries).
- Assisted with delivering blue work truck to Highway Dept for more repairs (A.C. not working) and processed journal entry for repairs to 4-wheel drive completed in March by the Highway Dept.
- Scheduled, set agenda, attended and took minutes at April 23rd staff meeting for follow-up by County Conservationist on agenda items from the Feb. 5th, Feb. 24th and March 18th staff meetings.
- Updated orientation checklist for summer intern (Abby Leis) who will be with our dept. May 18th to Aug. 7th (note: the intern will be out of the country for a mission trip between June 12th-30th).
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the April 2nd, 16th and 30th payrolls.
- Organized County Board packet materials and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Processed MDV payments as received. Worked with the DNR Water Resources Management Specialist regarding late MDV payment from one of the wastewater treatment plants.
- Generated two cost-share contracts for nutrient management for a Portage County landowner (C. Flaig) utilizing MDV funds (\$2,888.00) and SWRM funds (\$2,936.00).
- Worked with sales rep and Kendra Wilhelm to place order for water quality meters utilizing Surface Water grant funds.
- Generated bid letters for third re-bid of grassed waterway project (G. Gilbertson).
- Processed cash match payment for Surface Water Grant -Fourmile Watershed from Petenwell and Castlerock Stewards (PACRS) totaling \$2,000.00.
- Assisted with stuffing & mailing of informational flyers to Wood County farmers/landowners with general information about LWCD and cost-sharing opportunities available (sent to 555 farmers/landowners).
- Generated two resolutions to amend LWCD 2026 budget for unanticipated revenue from two Surface Water Grants (Nepco Lake & Fourmile Creek) and submitted to County Conservationist, Finance Director and Corporate Counsel for review/approval. Added to CEED agenda for May 6th meeting.
- Ordered department supplies as needed.
- Processed department invoices/vouchers and deposits weekly for submission to Finance/Treasurer.
- Reviewed payroll reports and verified distribution by accounts/department.
- Served as point of contact for LWCD staff while County Conservationist was on vacation March 30th through April 6th, and on partial/full days April 7, 9, 10, 21, 24 and 27.
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the CEED meeting packet and set/entered LWCD agenda items.

Emily Salvinski

Conservation Specialist

- **Wednesday, April 1.** Responded to nutrient management planners and processed nutrient management plans.
- **Thursday, April 9.** Prepared map from a list of sites for staff meeting. Attended NR 151 compliance review staff meeting. Assisted with tree sale preparation.
- **Friday, April 10.** Prepared name list and location map options for the upcoming water testing project.
- **Monday, April 13.** Reviewed a nutrient management plan and sent along findings. Helped prepare for tree sale.
- **Tuesday, April 14.** Reviewed grant application and sent along comments. Helped prepare for tree sale.
- **Wednesday, April 15.** Put together information from NMFE participants and sent to Clark Co. Helped prepare for tree sale.
- **Wednesday, April 22.** Looked into new streamflow sites. Processed NMPs, mapped. Collected extra trees for orders.
- **Thursday, April 23.** Attended staff meeting. Attended online badger crop connect webinar. Field checked some sampling sites.

Kendra Wilhelm

Conservation Specialist

(March & April 2026 Staff Reports)

- Presented poster contest winners at Auburndale’s Junior High School Assembly. The first-place poster for the grades 4-6 category was an Auburndale 6th grade student.
- Emailed all remaining teachers that had students participate in the poster contest to coordinate drop-off of posters and certificates.
- Participated in the annual Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Train the Trainer meeting.
- Submitted the new UWSP Lab project form for the two comprehensive management planning surface water grants that we recently received.
- Created a “slideshow” of the conservation poster contest winners and had it posted on the Wood County Facebook page and the Land & Water website.
 - The slideshow was also sent to participating teachers for sharing purposes.
- Sent out a press release to seven media outlets regarding the conservation poster contest winners.
- Fielded calls about the availability of fruit trees.
- Answered various questions about nutrient management plans via phone, email, and in-person while updating plans.
- Followed up with DNR on amendments to the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Scope of Work due to future maternity leave. All changes were approved.
- Followed up with DNR on creating a SWIMS database station ID for a new water quality monitoring location.
- Worked with Solinst Instruments to receive quotes on equipment that will be ordered after the March 15th start date of the two new comprehensive management planning surface water grants.
- Continued planning of future events for invasive species education and outreach with cranberry growers.
- Worked with Caleb Armstrong, Marathon County, on updating our annual nutrient management presentation for UWSP.
- Participated as the acting secretary for the Citizens Water Group of Wood County. Coordinated the agenda posting and mailing. Communicated the cancellation of the meeting due to inclement weather.
- Assisted with the Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point nutrient management farmer education courses.
 - Presented on soil testing, soil test reports, soil pH, and potassium.
- Delivered stream flow monitoring device to the UWSP Water and Environmental Analysis Lab for calibration before the field season.
- Answered multiple questions via email about healthy shorelines.
- Created a template for shoreline assessment data results for individual landowners related to the shoreline assessment that was completed August of 2025 on Nepco Lake. Sent template to board members of the Nepco Lake District for their awareness and one parcel owner who requested their results.

- Distributed all remaining conservation poster contest posters and certificates to students and/or teachers.
- Watched webinars during the National Cover Crop Summit.
- Participated in a meeting to prepare for a joint presentation to cranberry producers regarding aquatic invasive species at an upcoming field day.
- Participated in a meeting with DNR to help plan out virtual activities for virtual participants at the upcoming spring aquatic invasive species partnership meeting.
- Attended the spring aquatic invasive species partnership meeting. Led a breakout activity for virtual participants across the state on the invasive species response framework.
- Attended the April Lakes & Rivers Partnership meeting. The focus was lakes and rivers in and under water.
- Participated in a meeting to finalize a joint presentation for the Cranberry Spring Mini Clinic. Presentation was given on April 9th.
- Participated in a workshop about engaging with natural resource volunteers.
- Worked multiple days on creating a spreadsheet with farm addresses across Wood County. This is for a targeted effort to send mailers about what the Land & Water Conservation Department does and what services we provide for farmers.
 - Folding of mailer and stuffing of envelopes for 555 individual addresses occurred on April 27th.
- Shared a known contact that works for American Drone with the County Conservationist.
- Created budget tracking spreadsheets for two new comprehensive management planning surface water grants.
- Created flyers for the Nepco Lake District educational sessions that will take place this summer.
- Documented all time and costs associated with the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network grant.
- Created and shared an “intern resource document” for the summer intern as I will be on maternity leave when she starts in May.
- Communicated with Shawn O’Connell, Portage County Conservation Technician, regarding a cost-share partnership opportunity for a farmer nutrient management plan. The farmer has fields in both Wood and Portage Counties.
 - Put together field information for the cost-share contracts to be drafted by Conservation Administrative Specialist, Barb Peeters.
- Started the WebEx meeting for the Citizens Water Group of Wood County and took minutes as acting secretary.
 - Shared all secretarial materials with the new permanent secretary, Susan Ettner.
- Attended the April Nepco Lake District Board meeting to answer questions about the Clean Boats Clean Waters program as well as give updates on the water quality monitoring grants.
- Participated in a meeting regarding next steps for the outreach to cranberry producers about aquatic invasive species.
 - Drafted “prevent the spread of invasive species” signage that is specific to cranberry producers and recreators that use their water sources for hunting, fishing, boating, etc..
- Participated in the April 23rd staff meeting.
- Received Clean Boats Clean Waters educational handout material. Organized the materials into separate bags for each Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspector.
 - The Wood County LWCD intern along with the three inspectors for the Nepco Lake District will receive 50 Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers floating keychains, 75 towels to be used as giveaways during the statewide Drain Campaign, and 100 Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers magnets to be used during the regional Great Lakes Landing Blitz. Funds to purchase items came from the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Program grant.
- Coordinated the pickup of our calibrated flow meter and water sampling bottles with Conservation Specialist Emily Salvinski and Jessica Haucke from the UWSP Water and Environmental Analysis Laboratory.
- Coordinated with Fondriest Environmental to order a dissolved oxygen meter, sensors, and calibration solutions which will be used with the two new water quality testing surface water grants.
- Coordinated with Conservation Administrative Specialist Barb Peeters and Conservation Technician Kyle Andreae about the no-till drill and scheduling while I am on maternity leave.
- Prepared any documents and other materials for easy access during my time away on maternity leave.
- Attended two webinars on invasive crayfish.
- Attended a webinar on incorporating off-farm waste in nutrient management planning.
- Discussed the 2027 tree and shrub sale options with Conservation Administrative Specialist, Barb Peeters.

Kyle Andreae

Engineer Technician

- Staff report will be included in next month's meeting packet (out sick unexpectedly at report time).
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Rodney Mayer

Conservation Program Manager

- Draft 3 review for Bach (previously Mid-WI) non-metallic reclamation plan. Compared drafts, highlighted changes, etc.
 - DNR TEAMS meeting to review concerns with Bach non-metallic plan – draft issues, set up joint meeting with Quest Engineering and Bach excavating.
 - Star Environmental phone conference – extending deadline for Brehm violation application/plan submittal for Vision site. Updates to Brehm Vision timeline document.
 - Trailer prep for tree sale – unload crimper, strap pallets, etc.
 - Kolo/Scheunemann mine site correspondence. Nav. Review by DNR to prevent Chapter 30 permitting, request for updated permit boundary map, etc. Review of DNR findings.
 - Checked on Wendt winter stored crop damage.
 - Act 82 enrollment for Autumn Cranberry (Mike Brostowitz): Enrollment application, permit application, mapped lands, DNR database update, permits issued. Damage pics document created.
 - TEAMS meeting with DNR regarding Bach excavating and Quest engineering for needed changes and additions from Draft 3 plan.
 - Unloaded fruit trees from trucks. Sorted fruit trees and put into customer orders.
 - Completed Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program 1st quarter reimbursement report. Updated DNR database, submitted report to DNR (25 pages).
 - Went to Westfield to pick up and haul trees for sale. Unloaded, sorted, put into customer orders, etc.
 - Two days for tree distribution – loading trees into customers vehicles.
 - DNR discussion on Ron Bohn – Altmann site – not going active through Altmann this year – will need to get Bohn to reclaim to release permit.
 - Reviewed 4th draft of Bach non-metallic reclamation plan. Created GIS layer of permit boundary (conversion of digital layers). Issue with active area – requested revision of all maps. Contacted Bach for needed bank correspondence for financial assurance, changes in permit boundary, and road exemption form for issuance of permit transfer on site.
 - Info request to Quest Engineering for Kolo Scheunemann amendment map.
 - Reviewed Bach site road exemption app. – updated file.
 - Created preliminary GIS fence project map for Autumn Cranberry – wildlife damage.
 - Wendt farm site visit – from winter stored crop damage – picked up fox light used for abatement – etc.
 - Issued extension for Smalley pond site exemption to NMM reclamation permitting for completion of project.
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Shane Wucherpennig

County Conservationist

- No report submitted.
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Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Emmett Simkowski, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Brad Cook, Code Administrator
Kayla Koziczowski, Code Technician
Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant
Julie Mancl, Program Assistant

RE: Staff Report for May 6, 2026

1. **Economic Development** (Jason Grueneberg)

Witter Field Lighting Ceremony – On April 7th I attended the Witter Field Lighting Ceremony along with County Board Supervisors Penskover and Hovendick. Wood County contributed \$20,000 of economic development grant funds towards this project. Over time the old lights became less bright and made it difficult for night play and television broadcast of night games. New LED lighting was installed and will provide adequate lighting for night games for many years to come. Witter Field is an economic driver for the County and promotes tourism, improves quality of life, generates economic activity and tax revenue. Other contributors to this project include the Legacy Foundation, a League Park grant, an American Legion donation, and Witter Field outlay funds.

Central Wisconsin Housing Summit- On April 15th I attended the Central Wisconsin Housing Summit in Stevens Point. The conference was focused on addressing the real challenges contractors, developers, and partners face today. Some of the sessions focused on real housing solutions, expanding the contractor workforce, table discussions on key housing topics, financing options, and an assessment of the current housing market.

Blenker-Sherry Sanitary District – Recently there has been a change in leadership of the Sherry-Blenker Sanitary District. I have been working with the Commissioners to identify the boundaries of the district since the district maps that exist are incomplete or outdated. The sanitary district was established in 1981 to provide wastewater treatment for residents and businesses in the Blenker and Sherry area. At that time, many Private Onsite Waste Treatment Systems (POWTS) were non-code compliant or failing and the area was experiencing groundwater contamination.

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) – On April 22nd I attended the NCWRPC meeting. Agenda items included election of officers, presentation of the 2025 audit, 2025 Annual Report adoption, and a presentation on utility scale solar.

Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Planning – We continue to meet with city of Wisconsin Rapids officials on implementing the intergovernmental agreement for redevelopment of the area in front of the Courthouse known as the “Triangle”. We are in the process of submitting the petition to vacate Market Street and anticipate that it will be approved by the City Council by the end of June. Once the perimeter of the County-owned property is established and necessary

property transfers have taken place for the Jackson Street reconstruction project, design of the parking lot will begin.

Helen Connor Laird Theater Renovations – The \$2,000,000 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) grant application for renovations to the Helen Connor Laird Theater at the UW-Marshfield Campus is still in the underwriting process. Campus Executive Anthony Andrews and I have been working with WEDC to explain how the project meets the intent of the funding that was allocated for all branch campuses under 2023 Wisconsin Act 250. We have been assured that the application will continue to move through underwriting.

2. Planning & Zoning (Emmett Simkowski)

- **2026 Central Wi Housing Summit**
 - On April 15th Jason and I attended the Central Wi Housing Summit in Stevens Point where multiple presenters representing local municipalities, developers, realtors and financial institutions discussed housing trends, issues and opportunities in Central Wisconsin.
- **Understanding AI 201**
 - On April 22, Paul and I attended a conference on AI relating to its function in government. Overall, it was a good experience covering the good, bad and unknown functions of AI in government. The conference also had a good presentation on data centers emerging in Wisconsin and went into depth on the water and power requirements of said use. With AI as an emerging and present technology, the relationship between AI, data centers and alternative energy are not going to disappear and a land use concern communities will be exploring more in the coming future.
- **General Office Activities**
 - Survey activity is picking up and have approved a few CSM's while I am waiting on a few towns to approve and provide comments on others. The Town of Rock's 2026 Comprehensive plan is looking to be approved by the Town in early May, and I will be attending those meetings to support the Town. The Plan will hopefully be coming to CEED and County Board later this summer for approval. With POWTS notices going out and recent weather events, I have been assisting other office staff answer POWTS and flooding/floodplain questions.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- Parcel Mapping
- Address Mapping
- Custom Map Requests – Auburndale Fire Department
- Radon Dashboard
- Permit Explorer Web Mapping Application Improvements
- Reviewing DATAMARK Street Centerline improvements
- Working toward updates to our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)

4. Code Administrator (Brad Cook)

4-01-2026- (1) HS 26-006 reviewed, written, and sent to owner TN: 07, TN:21, answer, review,

and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL/

4-02-2026- Organize office room and documentation, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-03-2026- (1) well permit reviewed and issued TN:07, organize office room and documentation, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-06-2026- Answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-07-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for reconnect conv TN:07, (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new < 24 mound TN :03, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-08-2026-(1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep conv TN:13,answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-09-2026- ACE Leadership Program

4-10-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new & rep HT TN: 05, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-13-2026- Sick-Off

4-14-2026- Sick/Apt- Off

4-15-2026- (2) SF 26-002 & SF 26-003 reviewed, written, and sent to owner TN: 05, 07, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

4-16-2026- WI DNR County Well Delgation Training,(1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new conv TN:07, (1) reviewed and issued FL permit TN:13, review, answer, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-17-2026- (2) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep conv & new mound TN: 07, (2) reviewed and issued SL/FL permit TN: 07,15, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-20-2026- (1) reviewed and issued SL/FL permit TN: 18, (1) new HT Insp TN: 03, (1) new conv insp TN:18, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-21-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new HT TN:03, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-22-2026- (1) HS 26-008 reviewed, written, and sent to owner TN:02, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-23-2026-(1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rec mound TN:10 , (2) HS 26-009 & HS 26-010 reviewed, written, and sent to owner answer TN: 11, 18, review, answer, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-24-2026-(1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rec mound TN: 15, (1) SF 26-004 written, reviewed, and sent to owner TN: 07, (1) SL/FP In-person project/permit discussion TN: 07, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-27-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rec mound TN: 16, (1) HS 26-011 written and issued TN: 08, (1) soil eval TN: 12 (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep mound TN: 22,(1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new conv. TN: 18, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-28-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rec HT TN: 02, HS-26-010 call back, OR26-001 written and sent out, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

4-29-2026- POWTS Vio Onsite Visit TN: 07, OR 26-002 written and sent, HS 26-012 doc and easement drafted and sent out, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

5. Code Technician (Kayla Koziczkowski)

A. Reviewed and approved POWTS & well permit applications

B. Reviewed and approved soils evaluations

C. Studied shoreland & floodplain zoning

D. Reviewed POWTS codes

E. Assisted with daily phone calls/emails/office questions

F. Inspections/Investigations:

- 4-23-26: Conventional inspection TN: 18

G. Attended Meetings/Trainings/Etc.

- 3-31-26: Staff Meeting
- 4-16-26: POWTS Chat Update
- 4-16-26: DNR Well Delegation Meeting
- 4-29-26: Substantial Damage Training Webinar

6. Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Julie Mancl)

a. Monthly Permit Activity – There were 27 sanitary permits, 2 shoreland permits, 2 floodplain permits and 6 well permits issued in April 2026.

b. Septic Maintenance Notices – 2,911 septic maintenance notices were mailed on Monday April 20th, 2026. Due to these postcards being mailed, phone traffic has picked up significantly with property owners calling with questions about the maintenance requirements.

- c. ArcGIS Pro Software Projects – Julie & Victoria continue to assist Paul with various mapping projects.
- d. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:
 - i. April 1, 2026 CEED meeting (VW & JM)



Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 2:00pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206)

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:00 pm.
- 2.) Public Comment - None
- 3.) Approve minutes of Feb. 16, 2026 mtg
 - a. Buttke made a motion to adopt the Feb. 16, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Perlock 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) SPEAKERS – “Nitrates in Rural, Private Wells in Central Wisconsin”
 - a. Round robin introductions of meeting attendees
 - b. Bennet Goldstein discussed his research into the history of nitrates in groundwater in the Central Sands region and is attending to learn more and discuss current challenges with groundwater and private well contamination. Hall, Clendenning, Dimick, Hovendick, Carrell, Gottbeheut, and Winters shared information and stories of high nitrate contamination in their own or other’s private wells.
 - c. Ben Jeffrey discussed his position as Environmental Health Specialist in correspondence to private and public well contamination and discussed the health effects of high nitrates.
 - d. Shane Wucherpennig discussed the Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department’s history with gathering nitrate data and current ongoing projects.
- 5.) Correspondence / Updates / Handouts / Reports on meetings attended
 - a. None
- 6.) Discussion/Action from the floor
 - a. None
- 7.) Possible agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Discussion on the next steps to get education/outreach material to the public.
- 8.) Next mtg. — May. 18, 2026, 2:00 pm
- 9.) Adjourn –
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Buttke and 2nd by Carrell. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Bill Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 3:23 pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, Tom Buttke, Sandy Cain, Russ Perlock, Susie Ettner, Ken Winters, Bennet Goldstein, Shane Wucherpennig, Ben Jeffrey, Tim Hovendick, Sue Smith, Ron Hall.

Virtual: Gordon Gottbeheut, Kendra Wilhelm, Matt Zacher, Wayne Schultz

Respectfully submitted by Kendra Wilhelm on April 29th, 2026

2025 Junior Fair Financials:

1,096 Exhibitors

3,825 Exhibitors

Premiums: \$10,321.75

Judges: \$3,269

Ribbons: \$3,445

Fair Entry: \$2,500

Insurance: \$21,191

Advertising: \$11,682

Police/Fire: \$3,550

Utilities: \$5,464

Labor: \$12,151

Equipment Rental: \$4,300

Supplies: \$3,645

Manure Removal: \$3,942

Total: \$85,760.75



**Wood County Economic Development
(Planning & Zoning/Extension)**
400 Market Street/ P.O. Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Phone: 715-421-8466

Wood County (WI) ONGOING Economic Development Funding Application Instructions

About: The Wood County CEED (Conservation, Education, and Economic Development) Committee and the Board of Supervisors have made available a limited amount of economic development funds to be awarded each year to projects or proposals that seek to enhance the economic vitality of Wood County.

Ongoing Funding: The CEED Committee recognizes that the County's airports, chambers of commerce, and other entities provide a direct and ongoing contribution to economic development in Wood County. As such, these entities receive year after year ongoing funding for economic development.

This application is for those entities. Organizations with more limited program/project requests should submit an *annual* Economic Development Funding application.

Process: All applications are due by 4:30pm on Friday, July 11, 2025. Applications are reviewed in August, approved by the County Board in November and grantees will be notified following approval of the County budget. Note that funds will not be released until a project results report is presented to the CEED Committee.

Questions/More Information: Contact Jason or Victoria in Wood County Planning & Zoning with questions. 715-421-8446, jason.grueneberg@woodcountywi.gov, victoria.wilson@woodcountywi.gov.

2026 Wood County (WI) ONGOING Economic Development Funding Request

Contact Information

Organization: Central Wisconsin State Fair

Website: www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com

Mailing Address: 513 East 17th Street, Marshfield, WI 54449

Street Address: (if different)

Contact Name & Title: Dale Christiansen - Executive Director

Phone: 715-387-1261

Email: cwsfexecdir@gmail.com



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Proposal Narrative

1. Please provide a summary of your organization's actions related to economic development in Wood County. Explain how these actions support the REDI plan.

Each year, as summer begins to wind down, Wood County comes alive with anticipation for one of its most cherished and longstanding traditions: the Central Wisconsin State Fair. The Central Wisconsin State Fair brings communities across Wood County together in a vibrant celebration of tradition, talent, diversity, and agricultural heritage. With a legacy spanning over 122 years, the fair serves as a meaningful reflection of our community's identity and shared values. It provides a welcoming, family-friendly environment where visitors of all ages can experience educational exhibits, live entertainment, and interactive displays that honor both our rural roots and our evolving culture. Through widespread promotion—via advertising, an engaging website, and an active social media presence—the fair draws attendees from across the Midwest, including major cities like Chicago and the Twin Cities, establishing itself as a major tourism destination each summer.

At the heart of the Central Wisconsin State Fair is the Junior Fair, the primary inspiration and driving force behind the fair. Youth from 4-H, FFA, and other organizations across Wood County participate in this crucial program, showcasing months of preparation, hard work, and passion. The Junior Fair provides young people with hands-on educational experiences that help them build practical skills, develop strong communication, and grow in confidence. Through guidance by experienced volunteers and evaluations from certified judges, participants are challenged to push their limits and strive for excellence. These interactions foster personal growth while encouraging youth to connect with local leaders and become active members of their communities. In doing so, the fair helps nurture responsible, capable individuals who are poised to become the leaders of tomorrow.

2. Explain how your organization provides a Return on Investment (ROI) to Wood County. Please be as specific as possible. E.g. County funding will allow us to conduct 25 business prospects leading to the establishment of 2 new local businesses creating 10 full time jobs; County funding contributed to funding an entrepreneurial boot camp that led to the development of 12 business plans and the creation of 2 businesses employing 6 people

The Central Wisconsin State Fair Junior Fair has long been a valuable contributor to the economic and social strength of Wood County. Many local business owners and professionals often credit their early experiences in 4-H, FFA, and Junior Fair exhibitions as the foundation for their future success. The fair's influence extends far beyond the city of Marshfield, bringing measurable economic benefits to the wider region. With crowds totaling nearly 50,000 attendees annually, the event draws in visitors and their spending from across the Midwest. Throughout fair week, over 1,000 people, including vendors, performers, carnival teams, and staff, temporarily call Wood County home. This influx boosts business for area hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, and retailers, injecting outside dollars directly into the local economy during one of the busiest weeks of the year.

Beyond its economic impact, the fair strengthens the community by supporting local nonprofit organizations and promoting educational outreach. Groups like 4-H clubs, the Lions Club, and various local organizations rely on the fair as a central fundraising opportunity, allowing them to return those funds to the community through public services and programming. The fair also serves as a stage to spotlight one of Wood County's foundational industries: agriculture. As the connection between consumers and food production continues to widen, the fair plays a critical role in closing that gap. With events ranging from livestock shows and the Junior Market Animal Sale to hands-on displays in soil science, crop production, and small animal care, young exhibitors help educate the public about the essential work happening on farms. In doing so, the fair not only honors our agricultural legacy but also fosters a deeper appreciation for the people and practices behind our food systems.

3. Please describe any new programming you are planning for in 2026 related to economic development that you have not previously reported on.

In the future, the Central Wisconsin State Fair is planning to expand and improve the facilities to support new programming that helps grow our community and economy. The goal is to make the fairgrounds a place that can be used all year, not just during fair week. With better buildings and more space, we will be able to host a wide variety of events like trade shows, entertainment, exhibits, and community gatherings. This will bring more people to the area, create new opportunities for local businesses, and provide a steady source of income for the fair. By using the fairgrounds in new ways, we hope to create economic stability and make the fair an even bigger part of our community's success.

2024 Junior Fair Financials:

1087 Exhibitors

3663 Entries

Premiums: \$9,811

Judges: \$9,112

Ribbons: \$3,625

Fair Entry: \$2,500

Insurance: \$15,753

Advertising: \$9,350

Police/Fire: \$1,952

Utilities: \$4,150

Labor: \$11,264

Equipment Rental: \$4,100

Supplies: \$3,800

Manure Removal: \$4,136

Total: \$79,553



**Wood County Economic Development
(Planning & Zoning/Extension)**

400 Market Street/ P.O. Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Phone: 715-421-8466

Budget / Requested Funds

Please attach an organizational budget.

Project Reporting Requirement

As a reporting requirement of receiving economic development funding from Wood County, a summary report will be prepared and presented to the CEED Committee. **This report must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 1, 2026.** Funding will not be released to the applicant prior to the reporting requirement being met. Please also note that funds are not able to be carried over into the following year.

Signatures

I attest that the information in this application submitted to Wood County is true and correct.

Applicant

	Dale Christensen	5/21/25
Signature	Printed Name	Date

Highest Organization Elected Official/Board Chair

	Sandy Leonhard	5/21/25
Signature	Printed Name	Date



The Central Wisconsin State Junior Fair is a core part of the overall fair and a major focus of youth involvement. Last year, the Junior Fair included 1,096 exhibitors and 3,825 exhibits. The Junior Fair allows youth to showcase projects they have worked on throughout the year. These projects reflect dedication, learning, and hands-on experience in a variety of areas. The program encourages personal growth, responsibility, and pride in their accomplishments. It also helps youth build confidence by presenting their work to judges and the community. Overall, the Junior Fair highlights the effort of local youth while supporting skill development and education.





Sarah Hagenow, the 78th Alice in Dairyland, visited the Central Wisconsin State Fair to help youth better understand the importance of agriculture. She engaged kids by inviting them to participate by holding signs and getting involved in the presentation. She also led an interactive butter-making demonstration, which gave kids a memorable way to learn where food comes from.



The Pedal Tractor Races at our fair are a favorite among young participants. Open to children ages 4–8, the event gives kids a fun opportunity to compete and get involved. Our fairest ambassadors help run and support the races, which take place on both Saturday and Sunday during the fair.



A new community project introduced by the Fair Board is “Can-Do Fair Day,” held on the first day of the fair. Fairgoers who bring two non-perishable food items receive free admission as a thank you for their support. We encourage donations from fairgoers throughout the week. All items were distributed to food pantries across Wood County to help support local families in need. This included over 2,000 items!!

Central Wisconsin State Fair

- ▶ **\$14.9 million**
Economic impact on the local economy
- ▶ **\$5.1 million**
Wages created
- ▶ **250**
Hotel room nights generated
- ▶ **110**
Ongoing jobs sustained



62,000 visitors



236,211 yearly
website views



\$373,000
fiscal impact



Visitors from
over 26 states



In 2025, the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) partnered with Johnson Consulting to measure the economic impact of agricultural fairs and expositions in the United States of America at both national and regional levels. All 74 Wisconsin fairs participated in this study. The numbers found on these pages are from this study.



The Wisconsin Fair Industry

Making a difference in communities across the state

- ▶ **\$1 billion**
Economic impact on the local economy
- ▶ **348.7 million**
Wages created
- ▶ **48,900**
Hotel room nights generated
- ▶ **7,800**
Ongoing jobs sustained



3.4 million visitors



74 fairs in
Wisconsin

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2026 Wood County (WI) Economic Development Funding Request

Proposal Title:

Applicant Organization:

Website:

Mailing Address:

Street Address: (if different)

Contact Name & Title:

Phone:

Email:

Proposal Narrative

1. REDI Alignment (select one)

If selected other, please describe:

2. Please provide a summary of your proposal. Explain how it is consistent with and supports the Wood County REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) Plan.

3. Have you received funds through this grant in the past? (if yes, check box)

Have you applied in the past? (if yes, check box)

If yes, in which years did you receive funds and in which years did you apply?



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Funding Considerations/Request Summary
 (provide separate spreadsheet/budget if needed)

Budget Summary		Budget Detail	
Total Organization Budget	\$	Revenue/Income	
Total Proposal Cost	\$		\$
Total Amount Requested	\$		\$
Total Match *	\$	Total Revenue/Income	\$
* Please provide a match explanation in question 6.		Expenses	
			\$
			\$
			\$
		Total Expense	\$

Project Reporting Requirement

As a reporting requirement of receiving an Economic Development Grant, a one-page summary project report will be prepared and presented to the CEED Committee. **This report must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 1, 2026.** Funding will not be released to the applicant prior to the reporting requirement being met. Please also note that funds are not able to be carried over into the following year.

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Applicant

<i>Kayleigh Mengel</i>		
Signature	Printed Name	Date

Highest Organization Elected Official/Board Chair

<i>Joe Smith</i>		
Signature	Printed Name	Date

Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride Pilot Program

Wood County Economic Development Funding Request

Executive Summary

Access to transportation is a critical social determinant of health and a foundational pillar of economic development. In Wood County and surrounding rural areas, many residents, particularly those facing aging, disabilities, financial hardship, and substance use challenges, lack reliable and affordable transportation. This gap leads to missed medical appointments, lost job opportunities, and educational disadvantages, ultimately reinforcing cycles of poverty and poor health.

To address these pressing issues, Leadership Marshfield and Wood County Health Department, in partnership with Feonix Mobility Rising, propose a community-based transportation initiative that will improve the quality of life for underserved populations and strengthen the region's workforce, healthcare system, and educational institutions. The initial service area connects Marshfield to Wisconsin Rapids and rural communities in parts of Clark, Marathon, and Wood Counties. Routes outside the service area will be considered as capacity allows. Rides are prioritized for healthcare, work, and school. A local leadership circle will guide strategy, with service operating Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The program begins with three vehicles, four drivers, and one mobility manager. To ensure affordability and buy-in, the pilot program proposes a modest rider fee of \$3–\$5 for vulnerable populations. This model not only supports accessibility but also introduces a sustainable framework for cost recovery.

This proposal requests the purchase of one handicap accessible van to transport riders to various businesses. The service area connects Marshfield to Wisconsin Rapids and rural communities in parts of Clark, Marathon, and Wood Counties. Routes outside the service area will be considered as capacity allows. Rides are prioritized for healthcare, work, and school. Ridership data will be reviewed quarterly to evaluate the service. Opportunity Development Center has agreed to match \$12,000 (in-kind) in 2026 for office space and parking for the program. Nelson Jameson has agreed to donate two used fleet vehicles, valued at just over \$15,000 each, for a total match from Nelson Jameson of approximately \$30,000 (in-kind). The grand total match for this proposal is \$42,000.

Project Timeline:

- February 2026 - Additional funding from other community partners is due
- April 2026 - The vehicle from this proposal will be purchased by the end of this month.
- May 2026 - Rides will begin.

The initiative supports the REDI plan's goal of economic growth, workforce development and retention, and quality of place by helping residents maintain steady employment, providing access to health services, reducing congestion at local hospitals, enhancing attendance for rural students, and encouraging regional connectivity.

In February 2025, a stakeholder engagement session was led by Leadership Marshfield and the Wood County Health Department to identify the transportation needs and economic implications affecting residents of Wood County. The session included voices from local healthcare providers, schools, nonprofit organizations, and employers. Three primary challenges emerged:

- **Employment Instability:** Residents reported missing work or losing jobs due to unreliable transportation. For many, a single late ride puts their employment and financial independence at risk.
- **Healthcare Accessibility:** Local hospitals reported that patients often remain in hospital beds longer than medically necessary, simply because they lack transportation home. This delays care for other patients and strains healthcare resources. Local clinics also noted that patients frequently miss appointments and arrive late due to unreliable transportation.
- **Educational Barriers:** Schools and community organizations reported that students frequently miss school or enrichment programs due to a lack of transportation, particularly in rural areas.

These findings confirm that transportation barriers are contributing directly to economic stagnation, health disparities, and community disconnection.

Proposed Program and Implementation

The initiative's vision is a community where all residents, regardless of income, age, or ability, can travel safely and affordably. Feonix Mobility Rising will oversee program operations, including staffing, capital equipment, and the establishment of a local "leadership circle" to guide long-term strategy. The overall goal is to expand hours and service area in the future as funding and capacity allow.

Primary Objectives

- **Enhance mobility for vulnerable populations**, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and households experiencing financial insecurity.
- **Connect residents with employment, healthcare, education, and social services** through affordable transportation options.
- **Establish a sustainable service model** that can be scaled and adapted to meet the long-term needs of the community.
- **Foster regional economic development** by increasing access to the workforce and critical services.
- **Collaborate with current transportation providers** to address gaps and facilitate cross-agency ride coordination through the integration of technology.

Lead Partners

- **Wood County Health Department:** Program oversight, community health integration, and stakeholder engagement.
- **Feonix Mobility Rising:** A 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a successful record of implementing transportation programs for underserved populations across the nation, including the rural "Catch a Ride" service in Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Geographic Focus

- Primary route: **Marshfield to Wisconsin Rapids**

- Additional coverage: **Marshfield Area United Way service area** (includes parts of Wood, Clark, and Marathon County)
- Additional locations outside of the service area, based on capacity

Budget and Sustainability

The pilot program requires an initial investment of approximately \$580,979 in the first year to cover:

- **Personnel** (drivers, coordinators)
 - Approximately **\$290,839** for covering one Community Development Coordinator, two full-time and two part-time drivers, driver dispatch, call center management, business management, and fringe benefits.
- **Operational Costs** (vehicle maintenance, fuel, software)
 - Approximately **\$115,992** for vehicle maintenance and insurance, Catch a Ride booking platform, language translation service, dispatching platform, vehicle phones and tablets, volunteer mileage reimbursement, and vehicle safety equipment.
- **Capital Equipment** (vehicles)
 - Approximately **\$156,750** for 3 vehicles (2 ambulatory, 1 accessible), office space, and vehicle registration.

Feonix Mobility Rising will be responsible for securing long-term sustainability through grants, partnerships, and local engagement. In addition to the in-kind donations from Opportunity Development Center and Nelson Jameson, we are awaiting responses from local businesses and both local health systems regarding pending funding requests for operating and personnel expenses. Community buy-in and public-private support are essential to covering pilot phase costs and demonstrating program viability. To date, we have collected thirteen letters of support from the following:

1. Opportunity Development Center
2. Aging and Disability Resource Center
3. Soup or Socks
4. Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union
5. Centergy
6. Family Health Center
7. Inclusa
8. Personal Development Center
9. United School District of Marshfield
10. Forward Bank
11. North Central Community Action Program
12. Marshfield Area United Way
13. Marshfield Area Respite Care Center

Economic Development Impact

This transportation initiative supports Wood County's economic growth by:

- **Strengthening the local workforce:**
Helping residents maintain steady employment increases productivity and income stability.
- **Reducing public service strain:** Faster hospital discharge reduces system congestion and costs.
- **Improving educational access:**
Dependable transportation enhances attendance and achievement for rural students.
- **Enhancing regional connectivity:**
Linking surrounding towns to Marshfield encourages commerce and access to essential services.

In short, this is not just a transportation program; it is a community-wide investment in economic opportunity, health for all, and social interaction. The proposed transportation initiative is a transformative opportunity to address long-standing mobility barriers that limit economic and personal growth in Wood County. Through strong collaboration, local leadership, and evidence-based strategies, this program will help ensure that no resident is left behind due to a lack of transportation.

We invite stakeholders, funders, and community members to join us in building a healthier, more connected, and more prosperous future for all.



May 8, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Centergy, I am writing to express our full support for the Central Wisconsin Catch-A-Ride Pilot Program, an initiative led by Leadership Marshfield in partnership with the Wood County Health Department and operated by Feonix Mobility Rising.

As a regional economic development organization, our mission is to advance prosperity and vibrancy in the five-county region of Central Wisconsin: Adams, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage, and Wood Counties. Reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation is critical to the economic infrastructure needed to achieve these goals. The Catch-A-Ride Pilot Program directly addresses this need by bridging transportation gaps that currently prevent many individuals from fully participating in the regional economy.

A lack of transportation is more than a personal inconvenience—it is a barrier to employment, workforce retention, and upward mobility. Businesses across our region report difficulty hiring and retaining employees due, in part, to transportation challenges. This program offers a practical and scalable solution, ensuring that workers can reliably get to their jobs, students can attend school and training programs, and residents can access the services they need to remain healthy and productive contributors to the local economy.

The success of the Catch-A-Ride model in neighboring Waupaca County demonstrates its potential to deliver measurable economic outcomes. We are investing in a stronger, more prosperous workforce by replicating and expanding this model into Wood County and the Marshfield Area United Way service region. This initiative will reduce absenteeism, increase job access, and improve economic mobility for underserved populations—factors that contribute directly to our region’s competitiveness and prosperity.

We applaud the collaborative leadership behind this initiative and are proud to support the Central Wisconsin Catch-A-Ride Pilot Program. It represents a vital step toward ensuring our communities have the transportation infrastructure necessary to support current and future economic growth.

Sincerely,

Angelnia Laidlaw

Angelnia (Angel) Laidlaw
President & CEO
Centergy

Return on Investment Analysis for Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride

Program Budget: \$1.5 million over 3 years

Service Area: Wood County, Wisconsin and surrounding rural communities

Service Purpose: Healthcare, Employment, and Education Access

Overview

The Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride program is a three-year, \$1.5 million investment designed to address transportation barriers for rural and underserved households in Central Wisconsin. With a fleet of three vehicles, staffed by two full-time and two part-time drivers operating Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, the program will provide reliable transportation for approximately **350 unique riders**—an estimated **350 households** and **801 individuals**, based on Wood County’s average household size of 2.29 persons [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts, 2023](#).

The transportation service is projected to facilitate access to three critical domains:

- **Healthcare (50% of rides)**
- **Employment (40% of rides)**
- **Education and other essential services (10%)**

To accurately evaluate the program’s public value, we provide a three-part **Return on Investment (ROI) analysis**: (1) Financial ROI, (2) Taxpayer ROI, and (3) Social ROI. Each model incorporates conservative assumptions and is informed by Wisconsin-specific labor market data and national economic research on transportation and employment interventions.

1. Financial ROI: Increased Earnings for Workers

While 350 riders will receive mobility services, we conservatively estimate that only **30% (105 individuals)** will secure or retain employment solely due to this transportation support. This assumption mirrors best practices for conservative public investment modeling, focusing only on directly attributable outcomes.

Wage Estimates

Employment access is projected to primarily support roles in **healthcare, manufacturing, and support services**.

According to the **Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD)** and the **Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)**:

- Average wages in Wood County:
 - **Healthcare Support Occupations:** ~\$19/hour
 - **Manufacturing/Production Occupations:** ~\$25/hour
 - **Education and Support Services:** ~\$20/hour

Weighted average wage = **\$21.50/hour**

With benefits (25%), total compensation = **\$26.90/hour**

- Annual full-time compensation: $\$26.90 \times 2,080 \text{ hours} = \mathbf{\$55,950/year}$

Total Earnings Impact

- $105 \text{ workers} \times \$55,950/\text{year} \times 3 \text{ years} = \mathbf{\$17,586,750}$ in total earnings directly tied to program access

ROI Calculation

- Financial ROI = $\$17.6\text{M} \div \$1.5\text{M} = \mathbf{11.7:1}$

Conclusion:

For every dollar invested, **\$11.70 is generated in worker wages and employer-paid benefits**, contributing to household economic stability, increased consumer spending, and reduced poverty risk.

2. Taxpayer ROI: Public Revenue and Cost Savings

Increased Tax Revenue

Newly employed individuals generate revenue through income taxes, payroll taxes, and sales taxes. [CBO and the Urban–Brookings Tax Policy Center](#) report average total tax burdens for low- to middle-income households of approximately **10–13%** (federal income and payroll taxes), rising to **15–20%** when state and local taxes are included. Marginal tax rates on additional income are higher (~30%).

- $105 \text{ workers} \times \$55,950 \times 20\% = \$1,118,000/\text{year}$ in new taxes
- Over three years: **\$3,354,000 in tax revenue**

Reduced Safety Net Dependence

While SNAP benefits average about \$1,600 per recipient annually, when combined with other forms of public assistance such as Medicaid, housing aid, and unemployment insurance, **total support for unemployed low-income individuals often reaches several thousand dollars per year.**

We conservatively assume:

- 40% of significantly impacted riders (42 individuals) avoid \$5,000/year in benefits
- $42 \times \$5,000 \times 3 \text{ years} = \mathbf{\$630,000 \text{ in taxpayer savings}}$

Total Taxpayer Benefit

- $\$3.35\text{M (taxes)} + \$630\text{K (cost savings)} = \mathbf{\$3.98 \text{ million}}$

ROI Calculation

- Taxpayer ROI = $\$3.98\text{M} \div \$1.5\text{M} = \mathbf{2.65:1}$

Conclusion:

Each dollar invested yields **\$2.65 in fiscal returns** through increased tax contributions and reduced public benefit expenditures.

3. Social ROI: Health, Safety, and Economic Ripple Effects

Social ROI captures broader public value, including community health, reduced criminal justice involvement, and economic multiplier effects.

A. Health Savings

Reliable transportation reduces missed appointments and promotes access to preventive and chronic care. According to a [randomized evaluation published in a research journal for Internal Medicine \(2022\)](#), addressing unmet social needs—including transportation—led to an **11% decrease in hospital admissions** and a **4% reduction in emergency department (ER) visits** among Medicaid patients who received social needs case management for one year (Annals of Internal Medicine via Axios).

While this study was conducted in an urban California setting, the results are highly applicable to rural programs where transportation barriers are often more severe and alternatives more limited. To remain conservative in our estimate, we assume that **8 riders avoid costly emergency events** valued at **\$10,000 per occurrence**, generating:

- **\$240,000 in health system savings over 3 years**

B. Criminal Justice System Avoidance

Evidence indicates that stable employment and correctional education reduce recidivism and incarceration. A [RAND meta-analysis](#) found that investment in correctional education **returns \$4–5 in incarceration cost savings per \$1 spent**, primarily through reduced reincarceration costs over a three-year period

Estimate:

- 2 incarcerations avoided = $2 \times \$40,000 \times 3 = \mathbf{\$240,000}$

C. Economic Multipliers

Local income leads to local spending. [The Economic Policy Institute's 2019 study](#) demonstrates that durable manufacturing acts as a catalyst in regional economies: *for every 100 direct jobs in durable manufacturing, approximately 744 indirect jobs are supported*. We use a **conservative multiplier of 0.5**:

- $\$17.6\text{M in wages} \times 0.5 = \mathbf{\$8.8 \text{ million in induced economic activity}}$

Total Social Benefit

- Participant earnings: \$17.6M
- Taxpayer benefit: \$3.98M
- Health + justice savings: \$480K
- Local economic ripple: \$8.8M

- **Total: \$30.86 million**

ROI Calculation

- Social ROI = $\$30.86\text{M} \div \$1.5\text{M} = \mathbf{20.6:1}$

Conclusion:

Every \$1 invested produces **\$20.60 in total societal value**, capturing economic, health, and safety impacts for the region.

ROI Models for Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride

ROI Model	Key Components	Total Benefit (3 years)	ROI Ratio
Financial ROI	Increased wages + benefits for significantly impacted workers	\$17.6 million	11.7 : 1
Taxpayer ROI	Tax revenue + reduced public assistance usage	\$3.98 million	2.65 : 1
Social ROI	Full community impact: health, safety, economy	\$30.86 million	20.6 : 1

Conclusion

This return on investment analysis confirms that the Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride program is a **high-yield, low-risk public investment**. Even under conservative assumptions, the initiative demonstrates the potential to:

- **Empower residents with job access**
- **Reduce emergency healthcare and justice costs**
- **Circulate millions in wages through the local economy**
- **Deliver more than 20 times its value in public good**

These findings are aligned with national studies that demonstrate transportation access as a social determinant of health, economic stability, and educational attainment. With a modest investment of \$1.5 million over three years, the program delivers a compelling case for funding based on sound economic principles and proven public returns.



Point of Beginning

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April 22nd, 2026 - **REVISED**

Aqua Skiers Inc.
ATTN: JT Sachs - President
2894 N Biron Dr
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

RE: Lake Wazeecha, Site Improvements – Wisconsin Rapids, WI – Survey and Civil Engineering
Services Proposal

Dear JT:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a proposal for the above referenced project.

We have prepared a scope of services in accordance with our understanding of the project and corresponding to our areas of expertise.

We're looking forward to working with you on this project! Please call me anytime to discuss this proposal or the project in general. Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jim Lundberg, PE
Director of Engineering

Enclosure

SURVEY & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

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START here.

I. Project Description

We understand the project will consist of Survey and Civil Engineering Services located at Lake Wazeecha - 2894 N Biron Dr, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

The proposed project scope includes adding a two story building along with pedestrian walkways.

II. Administration and Coordination

- Owner: Aqua Skiers, Inc. (Client)
- Engineer: Point of Beginning, Inc. (POB)
- Municipality: Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County

III. Scope of Services

Based on our discussions, we understand the scope of services will consist of the following:

A. Site Evaluation

- Communicate with the Municipality to perform a zoning & permit review including zoning/land use compliance, setbacks, parking, green space, utilities including sanitary, water and storm sewer; access, storm water preliminary review and access to public right of ways.
- Review geotechnical information provided by Owner.
- Perform a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) web site review to include wetlands and navigable waters. We will also communicate by phone or email to the local DNR representative to discuss the aforementioned items.
- Review FEMA web site to determine if site may be affected by flood plain.
- Review USDA Soils maps.
- Review existing land survey information provided by others.
- Review 7.5-minute USGS mapping to become familiar with stormwater flow over the site.

B. Private Utility Lines Locates Coordination

- Private Lines Locator and Mapping for this site is highly recommended.
- Obtain costs from accredited Private Line's firm.
- Receive and answer any questions from vendors.
- Coordinate and schedule the private lines locator.
- Private Utility Lines Locates Coordination is included in this proposal. The subcontracted Private Utility Lines Locates services will be contracted direct with the Owner.

➤ **Private Utility Lines Disclaimers**

- **Locating private utilities within the construction limits is not required, but recommended. When this information is available it helps contractors avoid unforeseen conditions / unknown utilities that could potentially be hit during the drilling of the borings or construction.**
- **Point of Beginning is not responsible for any damage to inaccurately marked, unmarked or marked private utilities.**

C. Topographic Survey and Mapping – See Attached Map for Survey Limits

➤ Topographic Survey to include:

- **General Map Information**
 - ✓ Title of survey, location sketch, certification and date.
 - ✓ Scale, North arrow and legend of symbols and abbreviations used on the drawing(s)
 - ✓ Drawing sheet size shall be 24"x36".
- **Property Survey**
 - ✓ Perform a complete research of the public and private records, including but not limited to: deeds, existing survey maps, and county surveyor's records.
 - ✓ Subject property lines within the project limits, giving length and bearing (including reference or basis for bearings) on each straight line, curve information for all curved lines, monumentation at boundary corners whether found, set or computed.
 - ✓ Names and locations of all road right-of-ways, on or adjacent to the property.
- **Feature/Elevation Survey**
 - ✓ Benchmarks (minimum of 2) established within the project limits and referenced to North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVID 88). If client prefers an alternative vertical datum it must be requested prior to the start of our field work.
 - ✓ Location of all substantial features within the project limits, including but not limited to existing structures, buildings, foundations, bridges, wells, walls, fences, steam pits, signal pits, primary electric pits, etc.
 - ✓ Location of roads, drives, curbs, gutters, steps, walks, and paved areas (hard surfaces) indicating types of materials or surfacing.
 - ✓ Location of streams, drainage ditches or swales, lakes, springs, and other bodies of water, culverts.
 - ✓ Location of individual trees (deciduous/coniferous) with a diameter of 3-inches or greater, edges of heavily wooded areas, and other pertinent features.
 - ✓ Topographic contour lines and representative spot grades within the project limits, at an appropriate interval, depending on steepness of the site, necessary and in sufficient detail for engineering site design.
 - ✓ Finished floor elevations at all open and accessible entry ways and or critical entry ways requested in writing by the Owner, Architect or Contractor during the field survey.
 - ✓ Location of test borings if ascertainable, and the elevations of tops of holes, if applicable. Compilation of test bore information if available.

- ✓ Frequency of survey shots (data points) should be at a maximum of 50', closer in distance when needed to show break points, or to accurately depict the terrain.
- Utility Survey
 - ✓ Utility information. The following information is to be shown based on observed evidence together with evidence from plans obtained from utility companies or provided by client and markings by utility companies ('Diggers Hotline') and other appropriate sources (with reference as to the source of information). Inadequate record data requiring the Surveyor to employ techniques of subsurface exploration to locate utilities will be an additional service subject to Owner approval.
 - ✓ Location and size of water mains serving, or on, the property.
 - ✓ Location of power and communications systems above and below grade.
 - ✓ Location, material, size, depth and direction of flow of sanitary sewers, storm sewers and culverts serving, or on, the property; location of catch basins and manholes, and inverts of pipe at each.
 - ✓ **Utility Disclaimer/General Note:** The locations of all above ground utilities and appurtenances (i.e. manhole rims, valve box covers, hydrants, transformers, etc.), of which can be visually inspected, are shown on the map based on actual surveyed location. Rim elevations of sanitary sewer and storm sewer manholes, of which can be visually inspected, are provided based on actually surveyed elevation. Depths, sizes, and material types of pipes, which can be visually inspected, entering and exiting sanitary sewer and storm sewer manholes, will be shown based on visual inspection, field measurements, and as-built mapping, if available. If depths, sizes, and material types of pipes are shown based on as-built mapping only, and will be noted on the map accordingly, and are considered approximate. (Note: Visual inspection means what can be seen from the ground surface. Entering into manholes to complete visual inspection underground (i.e. within the manhole), is outside of POB's scope, and considered additional services.)

The locations of all underground utilities and appurtenances, unable to visually inspect and/or field measure, shown on the survey map are only approximate. These utilities and appurtenances will be shown based on plans obtained from utility companies or provided by the Owner/Client, and markings by utility companies and municipalities ('Diggers Hotline') and other appropriate sources (with reference as to the source of information). Additional utility lines not discovered, marked, or shown on as-built plans available to us, during the search of records and the field survey, may exist. Any contractor using the information shown on the survey map will be forewarned that any excavation upon this site may result in the discovery of additional underground utilities not shown on the survey map. POB makes no warranty of any kind, express or implied, with respect to the existing underground utilities and appurtenances, of which are unable to visually inspect and/or field measure, whether shown on the survey map, or not. Prior to construction, it is the contractor's responsibility to field verify locations, depths, sizes and types of underground public and private utilities or substructures within the construction limits and shall bring forward, in writing to the Engineer and/or Surveyor of Record, all discrepancies that do not align with the existing conditions as shown on the survey map provided.

D. Construction Documents

- Develop construction document plan set on a 24" x 36" or 30" x 42" sheet at a scale not exceeding 1" = 30' which includes the following sheets:
 - **Demolition Plan:** Prepare a demolition plan showing items to be removed from the site.
 - **Layout Plan:** Prepare a layout plan showing the locations and dimensions of buildings (supplied by Client) and pertinent site features such as parking, driveways, building corners, etc.
 - **Grading Plan:** Prepare a grading plan showing existing and proposed contours to 1-foot intervals, direction of drainage flow arrows, proposed spot grades to finished grade, storm sewer structure locations with the size, rim and invert elevations, slope of the pipe and storm pond (or other devices) configuration and grades.
 - **Erosion Control Plan:** Prepare an erosion control plan showing erosion control feature locations (details shown on the Details Sheets). Erosion control features will follow the WDNR Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control Conservation Practice Standards and the Wisconsin Construction Site Best Management Practices (BMPs) Handbook. Water quality standards require an 80% reduction in sediment transport.
 - **Structural Design Plan:** Prepare structural design for site features.
 - Point of Beginning will subcontract these services.
 - **Architectural Design Plans:** Prepare architectural plans and specifications for bidding to include structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
 - Point of Beginning will subcontract these services.
 - **Detail Sheets:** Prepare the necessary detail sheets for the plan features including erosion control, etc.
 - **Specifications:** Prepare specifications including general notes, erosion control, earthwork, and other special provisions.

E. Permit Preparation

- Prepare and submit a WDNR Chapter 30 permit. The permit will be submitted once the site layout plan, grading plan and erosion control plan is prepared. The Owner will need to provide a proof of ownership for the application. Also, this permit may take up to 60 working days or longer once submitted for WDNR review.
- Prepare and submit the site plan to the Municipality for their review. Provide detailed design plans to the Client for review prior to submittal to the Municipality. Upon receipt of the Client's review, submit plans to Municipality for review per their Site Plan Approval process. Upon receipt of Municipality review comments, revise and submit plans for final approval by Municipality if needed. One re-submittal is included in the fee estimate.

F. Construction Services

- Construction Administration
 - Provide one (1) final walk through to verify compliance with project plans & specifications and prepare a report with findings.

G. Meetings/Site Visits Summation

- Construction Administration
 - One (1) final walk through with Point of Beginning is included.
- All meetings with Point of Beginning will be included.

H. Assumptions & Additional Services

Items of work not specifically noted in the above scope of work are not included in this proposal. All work not mentioned would be considered additional services. Please refer to Exhibit A for hourly rates to be charged if additional services are required or requested.

- The Civil Design Services referred to in this proposal do not include the design Site Communications, Site Electrical, Site Lighting or Site Mechanical Services.
- Bidding and Contract Administration is considered additional services, however, answering questions during the bidding phase of this proposal would not be considered an additional service.
- Geotechnical investigations would be considered additional services.
- It is assumed no wetlands will be impacted by the project. ACOE/WDNR coordination for Wetland Impacts, 404 permit, 401 Water Quality Certification, Alternative Analysis, Mitigation Plans, Chapter 30 Permit, and Trans 207 are not required and would be considered additional services, if necessary. WDNR coordination is limited to initial coordination and Notice of Intent Submittal.
- Wetland delineations would be considered additional services.
- Artificial Wetland Exemption Requests would be considered additional services.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment would be considered additional services.
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment services would be considered additional services.
- Phase III Environmental Site Assessment would be considered additional services.
- Architectural/historical investigations services would be considered additional services.
- Archaeological Investigation services would be considered additional services.
- Floodplain may affect the construction site. If the filling of the floodplain is required and the municipality or FEMA requires any permitting or elevation certificates, this would be considered additional services.
- In preparing construction documents, we assume that we will be able to use a recorded floodplain elevation. If this is not available, a floodplain study may be required and would be considered additional services.
- Our price is based on providing one preparation of construction documents. Should the project be broken into multiple phases requiring the preparation of multiple sets of construction documents, these additional phasing documents would be considered additional services.
- All sanitary and storm sewers shall drain by gravity flow. Lift station design for Sanitary and Storm Sewer is not required and would be considered additional services.
- If the topographic survey is provided by another firm, Point of Beginning takes no responsibility for errors and omissions regarding existing conditions shown on said survey, including, but not limited to, underground utilities.
- Water main pressure and flow from the existing water main system will be adequate for the proposed project. Booster pump design and coordination would be considered additional services.
- Existing water main system pressure and flow data adjacent to the proposed site will be provided by others. Water system testing shall be done by others and would be considered additional services.
- It is assumed that sanitary sewer and water service is available, and no public main extension will be necessary. Designing and developing construction plans for public utility extensions or public street improvements would be considered additional services. Additionally, this proposal does not include the design of a septic system and/or well, if public service is not available. Point of Beginning will only show location of proposed septic system(s) and well(s) on the Construction Documents.
- It is assumed that sanitary sewer and water service is available to the building. If service extensions are required, this would be considered additional services.
- If requested in writing, Point of Beginning will provide a layout and grading plan to the utility companies that affect this project for their review. All other utility coordination for installation and or removal will be coordinated by others and would be considered additional services.
- A topographic survey of the subject property, prepared by a licensed land surveyor, will be provided to Point of Beginning, Inc. by the ARCHITECT or OWNER.
- Flood plain may affect our project site. If the filling of the flood plain is required and the municipality or FEMA requires any permitting or elevation certificates, this would be considered additional services.
- Private utility line locates coordination is included in this proposal. The subcontracted private utility line locates services will be paid for by the Owner or as a direct reimbursable to Point of Beginning.
- In preparing construction documents, we assume that we will be able to use a recorded floodplain elevation. If this is not available, a floodplain study may be required and would be considered additional services.
- Our price is based on providing one preparation of construction documents. Should the project be broken into multiple phases requiring the preparation of multiple sets of construction documents, these additional phasing documents would be considered additional services.
- All sanitary and storm sewers shall drain by gravity flow. Lift station design for Sanitary and Storm Sewer is not required and would be considered additional services.
- Existing water main system pressure and flow data adjacent to the proposed site will be provided by others. Water system testing shall be done by others and would be considered additional services.
- It is assumed that sanitary sewer and water service is available to the building. If service extensions are required, this would be considered additional services.
- If requested in writing, Point of Beginning will provide a layout and grading plan to the utility companies that affect this project for their review. All other utility coordination for installation and or removal will be coordinated by others and would be considered additional services.
- The location accuracy of the building corners mapped on surveys conducted by Point of Beginning are within two inches of their true location. If more accurate standards are required, they would be considered additional services.
- The location and elevation of possible retaining wall(s) will be provided in the construction documents. Structural design of the retaining wall, however, shall be provided by others and would be considered additional services.
- All lot combinations and/or lot splits, re-zoning of property, and annexation of property would be considered additional services.
- Any requests for the creation of new easement legal descriptions and new easement exhibit maps would be considered additional services.
- Title searches along with 60 year easement searches are not included and would be considered additional services.
- Utility information will be based on information provided by others. Any private utilities will need to be made known to the Surveyor so that they may be shown on the map. Point of Beginning, Inc. takes no responsibility for errors and omissions regarding underground utilities.
- Point of Beginning will prepare the design based on a Final Site Plan (provided by others in .dwg format). If the Owner or Contractor requests substantial modifications, changes, revisions, or additions (i.e. revision to building or parking size, shape or orientation), those revisions will be done under the explicit understanding that the time expended for the revisions would be considered additional services.
- Notice of Intent submittal to the Department of Natural Resources is not included in this proposal. This proposal is based on the area of disturbance being under one (1) acre (43,560 sf). If after the survey and preliminary design is completed, and it is determined that the project will disturb more than one (1) acre we will need to prepare a storm water management plan and prepare the required permit applications. These services are not part of this proposal and would be considered additional services.
- Construction means, methods, & site safety will be the responsibility of each contractor that holds a contract or agreement with the CLIENT or OWNER. Point of Beginning will not be providing these services of responsibility for any errors as they relate to the construction means, methods, & site safety.


IV. Schedule of "Hourly - NTE" Fees Total

Task A	Site Evaluation	Included
Task B	Private Utility Lines Locates Coordination	Included
Task C	Topographic Survey and Mapping	\$ 2,500.00
Task D	Construction Documents	\$ 4,750.00
	Structural and Architectural Design <i>(See attached proposal)</i>	\$ 7,218.75
Task E	Permit Preparation	\$ 1,500.00
Task F	Construction Services	Included
Task G	Meetings/Site Visits Summation	Included
Total "Hourly - NTE" Fees:		\$ 15,968.75
DIRECT REIMBURSABLES ALLOWANCE		
Task B	Private Utility Lines Locates Coordination	
	Private Utility Lines Locates	\$ 695.00
Task E	Permit Preparation	
	Chapter 30	\$ 1,000.00
	Municipality	\$ TBD

V. Contract Agreement

- We have attached to this proposal our Terms and Conditions (Exhibit B), which are expressly incorporated into, and are an integral part of, our contract for professional services. Please indicate your acceptance of this proposal by having an authorized representative of your firm execute one copy, and return it to our office.
- Your acceptance of our proposal confirms that the terms and conditions are understood, including payment to Point of Beginning, Inc. upon receipt of an invoice, unless specifically arranged otherwise in writing.
- We appreciate this opportunity to assist you with this project. If you have any questions regarding this proposal or if you need additional assistance, please contact us.

Point of Beginning, Inc.



 Jim Lundberg, PE
 Director of Engineering

4/22/2026
 Date

Aqua Skiers, Inc.

 TJ Sachs
 President

 Date



EXHIBIT A

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE

Engineering Division

Design Engineering

Principal	Per Hour	\$ 250.00
Director of Engineering	Per Hour	\$ 185.00
Design Engineer I	Per Hour	\$ 135.00
Design Engineer II	Per Hour	\$ 125.00
Design Engineer III	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
Design Engineer IV	Per Hour	\$ 80.00
Design Engineer V	Per Hour	\$ 65.00
Landscape Architect I	Per Hour	\$ 125.00
Landscape Architect II	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
Landscape Architect III	Per Hour	\$ 80.00
Project Manager	Per Hour	\$ 120.00
Project Coordinator	Per Hour	\$ 80.00

Construction Engineering

Principal	Per Hour	\$ 250.00
Director of Construction Engineering	Per Hour	\$ 170.00
Director of Material Testing	Per Hour	\$ 110.00
Construction Engineer I	Per Hour	\$ 125.00
Construction Engineer II	Per Hour	\$ 100.00
Construction Engineer III	Per Hour	\$ 80.00
Construction Engineer IV	Per Hour	\$ 65.00
Construction Technician I	Per Hour	\$ 100.00
Construction Technician II	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
Construction Technician III	Per Hour	\$ 80.00
Construction Technician IV	Per Hour	\$ 65.00
Project Manager	Per Hour	\$ 120.00
Project Coordinator	Per Hour	\$ 80.00

Surveying Division

Principal	Per Hour	\$ 250.00
Director of Land Surveying	Per Hour	\$ 160.00
Professional Land Surveyor	Per Hour	\$ 115.00
Survey Office	Per Hour	\$ 115.00
Survey Crew Chief	Per Hour	\$ 135.00
Survey Crew Assistant	Per Hour	\$ 55.00
Transportation Survey Crew	Per Hour	\$ 175.00
Transportation Survey Crew Assistant	Per Hour	\$ 55.00

Testing Fee Schedule

Concrete Testing & Reporting	Per Hour	\$ 75.00
HMA/Nuc Density Testing & Reporting	Per Hour	\$ 75.00
Soil Observation & Reporting	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
Steel Inspection & Reporting	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
FRM Inspection	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
FRM Reporting	Per Hour	\$ 90.00
Concrete Cylinders	Per Cylinder	\$ 25.00
Sample Pick-up & Cylinder Pick-Up	Per Hour	\$ 75.00

Testing Fee Schedule Cont.

Proctor - Sand, Silt 4 Inch Mold	Per Test	\$ 120.00
Proctor - Sand, Silt 6 Inch Mold	Per Test	\$ 140.00
Proctor - Base Course 6 Inch Mold	Per Test	\$ 165.00
Proctor - Clay Soil 4 Inch Mold	Per Test	\$ 175.00
Proctor - Clay Soil 6 Inch Mold	Per Test	\$ 200.00
Organic Content - Loss of Ignition	Per Test	\$ 150.00
Atterberg - Liquid & Plastic	Per Test	\$ 100.00
Base Coarse Aggregate	Per Test	\$ 155.00
Gradations (sand & stone)	Per Test	\$ 125.00
P200 Test	Per Test	\$ 70.00
Mortar - 2 x 2 Inch Cube	Per Test	\$ 40.00
Technician (prep time)	Per Hour	\$ 75.00
Openers	Per Cylinder	\$ 30.00
Masonry Prism Compression Test	Per Test	\$ 270.00
Grout Specimens & Box	Per Test	\$ 180.00
Levelness & Flatness Testing (per section)	Per Test	\$ 500.00
Concrete Moisture Test Kits	Per Kit	\$ 55.00
Dynamic Cone Penetrometer	Per Test	\$ 125.00

3D Construction Technology

Machine Control Tech I	Per Hour	\$ 125.00
Machine Control Tech II	Per Hour	\$ 115.00
Machine Field Support I	Per Hour	\$ 135.00
Machine Field Support II	Per Hour	\$ 55.00
Drone Data Collection	Per Hour	\$ 200.00
Drone Data Processing	Per Hour	\$ 150.00
Scanner Data Collection	Per Hour	\$ 300.00
Scanner Data Processing	Per Hour	\$ 150.00

Administrative & Expenses

Administrative Services	Per Hour	\$ 110.00
Mileage	Per Mile	\$ 0.67
Direct Reimbursable	Each	\$ Cost

NOTES

¹ Transportation Survey Crew rate reflects prevailing wage rate pay.

² Any delays or cancellation of work on site for material testing will be charged at the appropriate hourly rates for time spent.





EXHIBIT B

TERMS AND PROVISIONS

POINT OF BEGINNING, INC. ("POB") ("Client")

The following terms and provisions are applicable to the Agreement between POB and Client to which this Exhibit is attached:

1. PAYMENT TERMS

All invoices submitted by POB are due upon receipt of invoice.

If for any reason not the fault of POB, POB does not receive a progress payment from the Client within fifteen (15) days after the date of the POB invoice, POB, upon giving seven (7) days' written notice to the Client, and without prejudice to and in addition to any other legal remedies, may stop its services until payment of the full amount owing to POB has been received.

Payments due but unpaid, unless disputed and compromised or resolved in favor of Client, shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month, which is an annual rate of eighteen percent (18%), until paid in full. Client shall be responsible for all costs and expenses, including POB's attorney fees, related to collection of the amounts due under this Agreement.

2. USE OF POB DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

A. Use of POB Materials. All drawings, specifications, shop drawings, product data and samples, computations, sketches, photographs, renderings, models and other materials prepared by POB or any of its subcontractors or consultants ("POB Materials") shall be the property of POB and shall be available to the Client for its use in connection with the services provided by POB for the Client's Project described in this Agreement. Both POB and Client shall be entitled to the non-exclusive use of the POB Materials and may reuse the same at any time without further compensation to POB or Client and without any restrictions on such use and reuse, except Client shall not transfer, assign, sell or permit the use of POB Materials by any third party for any purpose unrelated to the interests and use of the Client.

B. Electronic Transmission of POB Materials. All documents including drawings, data, plans, specifications, reports or other information recorded on or transmitted as electronic files are subject to undetectable alteration, either intentional or unintentional, due to transmission, conversion, media degradation, software error, human alteration, or other causes. Electronic files are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not a finished product or an original POB Material. POB makes no representation regarding the accuracy or completeness of any accompanying electronic files. POB may, at its sole discretion, add wording to this effect on electronic file submissions. The Client waives any and all claims against POB that may result in any way from the use or misuse, unauthorized reuse, alteration, addition to, or transfer of the electronic files. The Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless POB, its officers, directors, employees, agents, or subcontractants, from any claims, losses, damages or costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which may arise out of the use or misuse, unauthorized reuse, alteration, addition to, or transfer of electronic files.

3. POST-PROJECT COPIES OF POB MATERIALS

If the Client requests copies of POB Materials following the completion of the Client's Project, POB will provide such copies subject to Client's obligation to pay POB the expense of such post-Project services upon receipt of an invoice for the same.

4. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR OPINIONS OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

POB's opinions of probable construction cost provided under this Agreement for the Client's Project are made on the basis of POB's experience and qualifications, and represent POB's best judgment as an experienced and qualified professional generally familiar with the industry. However, since POB has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over a contractor's methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, POB cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable construction cost prepared by POB.

If the Client wishes greater assurance as to probable construction costs, the Client agrees to employ an independent cost estimator.

5. CHANGES IN SERVICES

A. Change in Scope of POB Services. The Client or the Client's Architect, may, from time to time, by written instructions or drawings issued to POB, make changes in POB Materials or other engineering services required of POB for the Client's Project. Such changes shall be effective upon POB's written acceptance of the same. Reimbursement of POB for charges and expenses incurred as the result of changes made by the Client or the Architect shall be invoiced in accord with POB's Professional Services Fee Schedule, Exhibit A to this Agreement, plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred by POB to accomplish such changes charged at 110% of such expenses.

B. All Changes in Writing. No oral changes shall be made to this Agreement. This Agreement may not be changed, terminated, or discharged except by an instrument in writing expressly referring to this Agreement and signed by the party or parties to be charged.

C. Factors which May Precipitate a Change. As the Client's Project progresses, facts uncovered may reveal the necessity for a change in the scope of services provided under this Agreement. POB will promptly inform the Client in writing of such situations so that changes in this Agreement can be negotiated as required.

6. INSURANCE

While providing services required by this Agreement, POB will maintain insurance coverage of the type and amounts stated below:

Workers' Compensation	In such amounts required by applicable laws
General Liability	
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Operations/Injury	\$1,000,000
Motor Vehicle Liability	
Liability/Injury	\$1,000,000
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Liability Insurance	\$3,000,000

7. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

A. POB will perform its services under this Agreement in a manner consistent with that degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by members of POB's profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. POB makes no other warranties or representations, either expressed or implied, regarding the services provided under this Agreement.

B. POB will correct deficiencies in services or POB Materials provided under this Agreement without additional cost to Client, except to the extent that such deficiencies are directly attributable to deficiencies in information or drawings furnished by the Client, the Client's Architect or the Client's contractors.

C. Unless otherwise specifically indicated in writing, POB shall be entitled to rely, without liability, on the accuracy and completeness of information provided by (i) Client, (ii) Client's Architect, consultants and contractors, and (iii) public records, without the need for independent verification.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR FIELD SERVICES

A. Right of Entry. Client agrees to furnish POB with right-of-entry and a plan of boundaries of the site where POB will perform its services. If Client does not own the site, the Client represents and warrants that it will obtain permission for POB's access to the site to conduct site reconnaissance, surveys, borings, and other explorations of the site pursuant to the scope of services in the Agreement. POB will take reasonable precautions to minimize damage to the site from use of equipment, but POB is not responsible for damage to the site caused by normal and customary use of equipment. The cost for restoration of damage that may result from POB's operations has not been included in POB's fee.

B. Underground Structures. The Client will identify locations of buried utilities and other underground structures in areas of subsurface exploration. POB will take reasonable precautions to avoid damage to the buried utilities and other underground structures noted. If locations are not known or cannot be confirmed by the Client, then there will be a degree of risk to the Client associated with conducting the exploration. In the absence of confirmed underground structure locations, the Client agrees to accept the risk of any damages and losses resulting from the exploration work.

9. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

The Client understands and agrees that if POB's services under this Agreement include engineering design and do not include construction related services, then the Client:

- Assumes all responsibility for interpretation of the construction contract documents;
- Assumes all responsibility for construction observation and review; and
- Waives any claims against POB that may be in any way connected thereto.

For purposes of this Agreement, construction related services include, but are not limited to: construction observation; review of the construction contractor's technical submittals; review of the construction contractor's progress; or other construction-phase services.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Limitation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total liability, in the aggregate, of POB and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and independent professional associates and consultants, and any of them, to Client and any one claiming by, through or under Client, for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses, or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to POB's services, the Project or this Agreement, will not exceed the total compensation received by POB under this Agreement, or available proceeds from POB's insurance, whichever is less. This limitation will apply regardless of legal theory, and includes but is not limited to claims or actions alleging negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract, breach of warranty of POB or its officers, directors, employees, agents or independent professional associates or consultants, or any of them. Client further agrees to require that all contractors and



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subcontractors agree that this limitation of POB's liability extends to include any claims or actions that they might bring in any forum.

C. Waiver of Consequential Damages. POB and Client waive consequential damages, including but not limited to damages for loss of profits, loss of revenues, and loss of business or business opportunities, for claims, disputes or other matters in question arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

11. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF SERVICES BY POB

A. Termination for Work Stoppage. Upon seven (7) days' written notice to Client, POB may terminate this Agreement if the work on Client's Project has been stopped for a thirty (30) day period through no fault of POB for any of the following reasons: (a) under court order or order of other governmental authorities having jurisdiction; (b) as a result of the declaration of a national emergency or other governmental act.

B. Termination or Suspension for Nonpayment. Upon seven (7) days' written notice to Client, POB may terminate the Agreement or, in the sole discretion of POB, suspend performance of services if the Client fails to pay POB in accordance with this Agreement and POB has complied with the notice provisions of this Exhibit.

C. Other Termination Events. Upon seven (7) days' written notice to Client, POB may terminate the Agreement if the Client does any of the following: (a) assigns this Agreement over POB's reasonable objection; or (b) otherwise materially breaches this Agreement.

Upon termination by POB pursuant to this Agreement, POB shall be entitled to recover from the Owner payment for all services executed to the date of termination.

12. TERMINATION BY CLIENT

Within seven (7) days of receipt of a notice to cure, the Client may notify POB that it intends to terminate this Agreement for default absent appropriate corrective action within fourteen (14) additional days. After the expiration of the additional fourteen (14) day period, the Client may terminate this Agreement by written notice absent appropriate corrective action. Termination for default in performance is in addition to any other remedies available to the Client. The Client shall make reasonable efforts to mitigate damages arising from POB's default.

13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS

A. Dispute Resolution by Discussions. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement or its breach, the parties shall endeavor to settle the dispute through direct discussions. The parties' representatives who possess the necessary authority to resolve such matter, shall conduct direct discussions and make a good faith effort to resolve such dispute.

B. Governing Law. This Agreement and any dispute related to this Agreement shall be governed by the laws in effect in the state of Wisconsin.

C. Legal Actions. If a dispute between the Client and POB cannot be resolved by direct discussion, the parties shall resolve such dispute by legal action commenced in the Portage County Circuit Court in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTIONS, WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING, AND WHETHER SOUNDING IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ANY OF THEM MAY FILE A COPY OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE KNOWING, VOLUNTARY AND BARGAINED-FOR AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES IRREVOCABLY TO WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY AND THAT ANY PROCEEDING WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THEM RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTIONS SHALL INSTEAD BE TRIED IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION BY A JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY.

14. NOTICES

All notices, consents, waivers and other communications required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given to a party when (a) delivered to the appropriate address by hand or by commercial delivery service (costs prepaid); (b) sent by facsimile or email with confirmation of transmission by the transmitting equipment; or (c) received or rejected by the addressee, if sent by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, in each case to the mailing addresses, facsimile numbers or email addresses set forth in the Agreement (or to such other address, facsimile number, email address or person as a party may designate by notice to the other party).

15. FACSIMILE TRANSACTIONS AND SIGNATURES

A. Any signed copy of this Agreement or other record or document pertinent to the transactions described herein and transmitted by facsimile machine ("fax") or by Internet email where the original signature appears in facsimile form on the fax transmission or on an email attachment document in portable document format (".PDF") shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original document; and the signature of any party upon such document transmitted by fax or email shall be considered an original signature.

B. This Agreement and any document pertinent to the transactions described herein may be transmitted in electronic form (by facsimile or email) with facsimile signatures of one or more parties. Each party acknowledges that the party can access facsimile documents if sent as above provided to the party's fax number or email address set forth herein. Each party agrees to keep all other parties informed by a written notice of any change in the party's fax number, email address or mailing address.

16. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree

will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

B. Waiver, Remedies Cumulative. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement are cumulative and not alternative. Neither any failure nor any delay by any party in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement or any of the documents referred to in this Agreement will operate as a waiver of such right, power or privilege, and no single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege will preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, (a) no claim or right arising out of this Agreement or any of the documents referred to in this Agreement can be discharged by one party, in whole or in part, by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless in writing signed by the other party; (b) no waiver that may be given by a party will be applicable except in the specific instance for which it is given; and (c) no notice to or demand on one party will be deemed to be a waiver of any obligation of that party or of the right of the party giving such notice or demand to take further action without notice or demand as provided in this Agreement or the documents referred to in this Agreement.

C. Assignments, Successors and No Third-Party Rights. No party may assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will apply to, be binding in all respects upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and permitted assigns of the parties. Nothing expressed or referred to in this Agreement will be construed to give any person or entity other than the parties to this Agreement any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or with respect to this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement, except such rights as shall inure to a successor or permitted assignee pursuant to this section.

D. Entire Agreement and Modification. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties with respect to its subject matter and constitutes a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter and the contemplated transactions. This Agreement may not be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified except by a written agreement executed by the party to be charged with the amendment.

E. Survival. All express representations, indemnifications, or limitations of liability included in the Agreement will survive its completion or termination for any reason. However, in no event shall indemnification obligations extend beyond the date when the institution of legal or equitable proceedings for professional negligence would be barred by an applicable statute of repose or statute of limitations.

F. Certifications. POB shall not be required to sign any documents, no matter by who requested, that would result in POB having to certify, guaranty, or warrant the existence of conditions or the suitability or performance of POB's services or the Project, that would require knowledge, services or responsibilities beyond the scope of this Agreement.

G. Third Parties. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Client or POB. POB's services hereunder are being performed solely for the benefit of the Client, and no other person or entity shall have any claim against POB because of this Agreement or POB's performance of services hereunder.

H. Jobsite Safety and Hazardous Conditions. Neither POB's professional activities nor POB's presence on the jobsite relieves the contractor of full responsibility for construction means, methods, sequence and techniques. POB has no authority to exercise any control over any construction contractor or its employees in connection with their work or any health or safety programs or procedures. The contractor is solely responsible for jobsite safety.

In performing this contract, the Contractor shall ensure that no laborer shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his/her health and/or safety as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor by regulation.

Aqua Skiers - Lake Wazeecha
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Approximate Survey Limits

■■■ TOPO - 2.25 Acres +-

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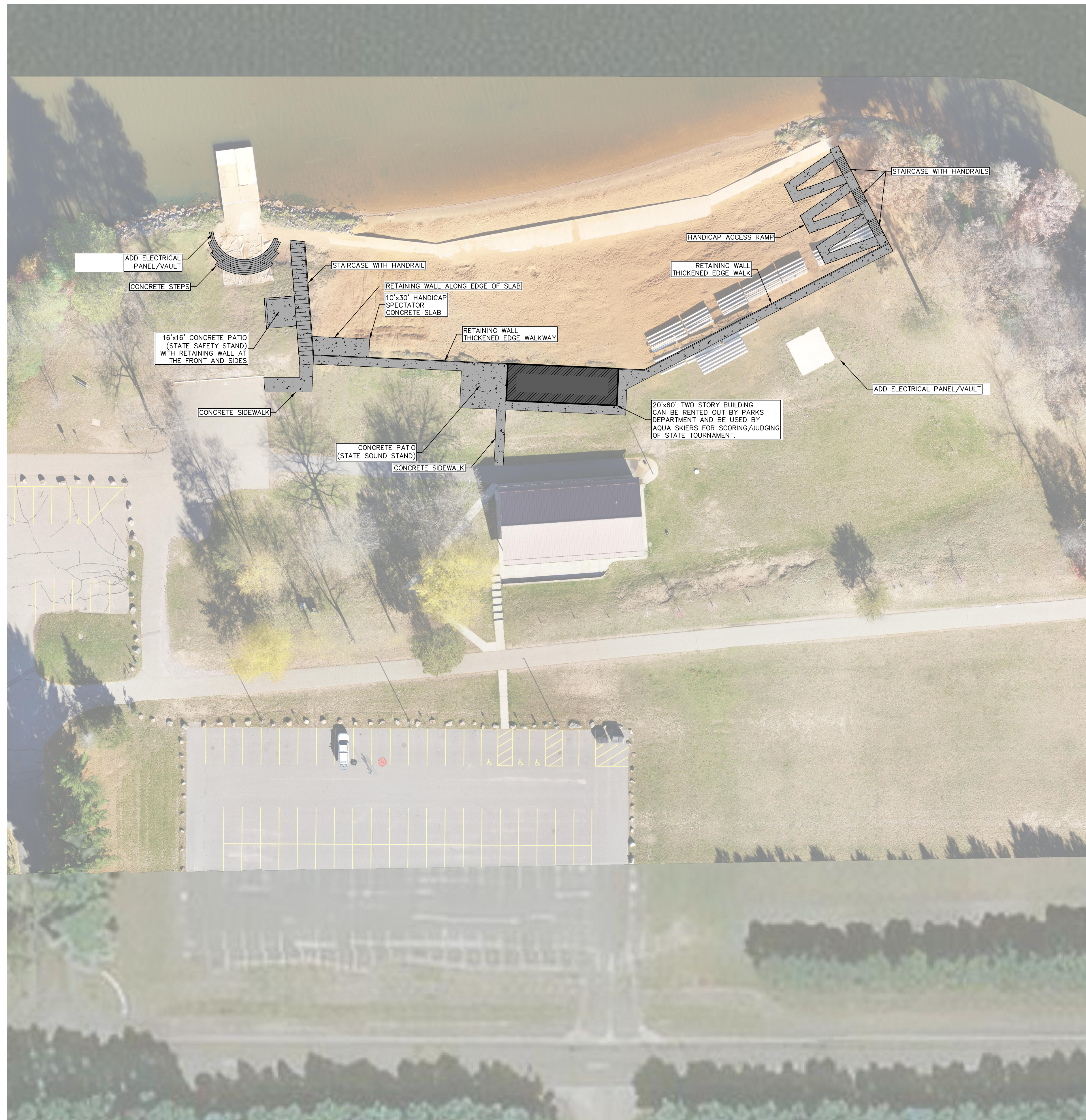
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BENCHMARK:

ELEVATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO NAVD 88 DATUM.
BENCHMARK #1
BENCHMARK INFO FROM SURVEY

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GENERAL NOTES:

- CONTACT DIGGER'S HOTLINE 5 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION.
- GRADE, LINE, AND LEVEL TO BE REVIEWED IN THE FIELD BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.
- ALL REQUIRED EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL MUNICIPAL AND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGULATIONS.
- SEE SHEET _____ FOR ALL REQUIRED EROSION CONTROL ELEMENTS.
- ANY EXISTING UTILITIES NOT SHOWN ON THIS DOCUMENT WHICH NEED TO BE REMOVED, RELOCATED AND OR ADJUSTED SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SITE GRADING CONTRACTOR AND INCLUDED IN THE BASE BID CONTRACT.
- VERIFY THE LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES PRIOR TO THE START OF DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION.
- BIDDERS SHALL VISIT THE SITE AND REVIEW EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE BID DATE.
- PRIOR TO STARTING WORK, VERIFY WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES THAT ALL REQUIRED PERMITS HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED.
- COORDINATE CONSTRUCTION IN THE RIGHT OF WAY WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- PROVIDE PROPER BARRICADES, SIGNS, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TO MAINTAIN THRU TRAFFIC ALONG ADJACENT STREETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS.
- SIDEWALK JOINTS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS INDICATED OR AS APPROVED BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.
- ALL CONCRETE SAWCUTS SHALL BE AT AN EXISTING JOINT.
- ALL NEW CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND CURB ON ADJACENT STREET SHALL BE TIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAIL ___ ON SHEET ____.
- ALL GENERAL LANDSCAPE AREAS SHALL BE SEEDED, FERTILIZED, AND CRIMP HAY MULCHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS.

KEYNOTES:

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| 1. THICKENED EDGE WALK | | 21. BIKE RACK (SEE SPECIFICATIONS VERIFY FINAL LOCATION WITH ARCHITECT) | |
| 2. 12"x18" CONCRETE CURBING | | 22. CONCRETE TRANSFORMER PAD | |
| 3. 6"x18" CONCRETE CURBING | | 23. TEMPORARY LAY-DOWN AREA (SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR DETAILS) | |
| 4. 12"x18" TO 6"x18" CONCRETE CURBING TRANSITION POINT | | 24. DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE (12'x22' CONCRETE PAD) (SEE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS) | |
| 5. 18" CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER | | 25. FLAG POLE | |
| 6. 18" CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER (REJECT) | | 26. DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE | |
| 7. 24" CURB & GUTTER | | 27. LIGHT POLE | |
| 8. 6" CURB TAPER SECTION | | 28. CONCRETE BOLLARD | |
| 9. STANDARD CURB TO REJECT CURB TRANSITION POINT | | 29. EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN | |
| 10. CONCRETE DRIVE APRON | | 30. FUTURE ADDITION | |
| 11. HANDICAP RAMP | | 31. DOUBLE-SIDED ELECTRIC DIRECTIONAL SIGN | |
| 12. PARKING LOT STRIPING | | 32. PROPOSED RETAINING WALL | |
| 13. DIRECTIONAL ARROW | | 33. STOP SIGN | |
| 14. HANDICAP PARKING STALL | | 34. ONE WAY SIGN | |
| 15. HANDICAP PARKING SIGN | | 35. DO NOT ENTER SIGN | |
| 16. 8" PARKING STOP | | 36. DOWEL CURBING TO EXISTING WITH 2-#5 AT 18". EMBEDDED 6" TYP. | |
| 17. ADA ACCESS ROUTE | | 37. CONCRETE FLUME W/ RIP RAP | |
| 18. LOW-EMITTING/FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARKING SIGN | | | |
| 19. LOW-EMITTING/FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARKING STALL | | | |
| 20. MONUMENT SIGN (SEE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS) | | | |

PAVEMENT HATCH PATTERNS:

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| PROPOSED STANDARD ASPHALT PAVEMENT | | |
| PROPOSED HEAVY DUTY ASPHALT PAVEMENT | | |
| PROPOSED STANDARD CONCRETE PAVEMENT | | |
| PROPOSED REINFORCED CONCRETE PAVEMENT | | |
| PROPOSED GRAVEL DRIVE | | |

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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REVISIONS	
CHECKED:	JHB
DRAWN:	JHB
DATE:	8/19/2025
PROJECT NO.:	21.058

LAYOUT PLAN

**SOUTH WOOD CITY PARKS
LAKE WAZECHA
SITE IMPROVEMENTS
GRAND RAPIDS, WI**

Civil Engineering
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Landscape Architecture
4941 Kirschling Court
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715.344.9999 (PH) 715.344.9922 (FX)

POB
Point of Beginning

SHEET **C2.0**



DOORS FULLY CLOSED



Doors Fully Open



Stone Column Bases
(All 4 Matching)



Manual Chain Hoists
(Each Door)



Secure Stair Gate
(Closed)



Secure Stair Gate
(Clareg)

PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES
Architectural Design and State Approval

To: Jason Sachs
(715) 459-9322
jtsachs@nexthomepartners.com

1.0 Project Description

1.1 This proposal is for architectural services to provide plans and documentation for construction of a new pavilion and judging platform for the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua skiers at Red Sand Beach, 5811-5821 South Park Rd, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. Arc Central LLC will provide architectural drawings, calculations and services to obtain the necessary approvals from State and local authorities.

2.0 Scope of Services

2.1 Design Phase:

Purpose: To establish preliminary project size, scope and cost.

- 2.1.1 Review site information to understand the parameters, restrictions, utilities etc.
- 2.1.2 Conduct ordinance & code review of local and State requirements
- 2.1.3 Review and modify proposed site plan as necessary.
- 2.1.4 Determine site utility locations and requirements with respect to new plans.
- 2.1.5 Create new floor plans
- 2.1.6 Review schematic plans with the Client for approval to proceed

2.2 Design Development Phase:

Purpose: To finalize design, construction systems and cost estimate.

- 2.2.1 Develop architectural site plan, floor plans & building elevations
- 2.2.2 Prepare building sections
- 2.2.3 Product research of materials for construction
- 2.2.4 Prepare exterior 3D images
- 2.2.5 Develop requirements for plumbing, electrical and structural systems

2.3 Construction Documents Phase:

Purpose: To prepare a set of drawings, details and calculations to be used for approval and by bidders. These drawings will contain information for bidding the construction work.

- 2.3.1 Architectural site plan including site accessibility details
- 2.3.2 Life safety plan and details
- 2.3.3 Floor plans
- 2.3.4 Roof plan
- 2.3.5 Elevations for the building exterior
- 2.3.6 Building sections & wall sections
- 2.3.7 Door Schedule

- 2.3.8 Construction Details
- 2.3.9 Footing and foundation plans and details
- 2.3.10 Floor & roof framing plans and details
- 2.3.11 Accessible construction details
- 2.3.12 Structural calculations for vertical and lateral loads
- 2.3.13 Prepare & submit documents for approval by State authorities.

2.4 Construction Observation & Administration Phase:

Purpose: To provide on site observation and document submittal as required by DSPS.

- 2.4.1 Assist with local permitting and approvals.
- 2.4.2 Address construction questions
- 2.4.3 Provide site observation
- 2.4.4 Accompany owner during final building walk-thru
- 2.4.5 Submit required shop drawings and compliance statement to the State.
- 2.4.6 Represent the owner's interest during construction.

3.0 Services Provided by Client

- 3.1 Although **Arc Central, LLC.** is available for additional services, for the purpose of this proposal, it is our understanding that you shall provide the following:
- 3.2 All available information describing the existing site, CSM, utility locations, and property boundaries.
- 3.3 Program information during Schematic Design. This is a list of rooms, spaces, features, and ideas to be incorporated in the final product.

4.0 Exclusions

- 4.1 Although **Arc Central, LLC.** is available for additional services, for the purpose of this proposal, the following have been excluded:
 - 4.1.1 Environmental studies, stormwater management plans, hazardous material testing, investigations, public hearing representation, easements, detailed studies, or other investigations arising as the project develops.
 - 4.1.2 Permits and fees for approval by authorities having jurisdiction.

5.0 Owners Responsibilities

- 5.1 The Architect shall coordinate the services of consultants with those services provided by the Architect. Upon the Architect's request, the Owner shall furnish copies of the scope of services in `of consultants other than those designated as the responsibility of the
- 5.2 The owner shall provide prompt written notice to the Architect if the Owner becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project, including errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's Instruments of Service.
- 5.3 Arc Central's services are for architectural building plan review and approval. Additional approvals will be required for the HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Suppression & Alarm systems. Approvals

other than the Building plans are the responsibility of the owner or sub-contractor performing the work. Arc Central will provide Revit files for consultant use in their submittals

6.0 Copyrights and Licenses

6.1 The Architect and the Owner warrant that in transmitting Instruments of services, or any other information, the transmitting party is the copyright owner of such information or has permission from the copyright owner to transmit such information for its use on the project.

6.2 The Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective instruments of service, including the drawings and specifications. And shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. Submission and distribution of instruments of service to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the reserved rights of the Architect and the Architect's consultants.

6.3 The Architect grants the owner a nonexclusive license to use the Architect's Instruments of services solely and exclusively for the purpose of evaluating, constructing, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project, provided that the owner substantially performs its obligations under the agreement, including prompt payment of all sums due pursuant to Article 5 and Article 6. The Architect shall obtain a similar nonexclusive license from Architect's consultant consistent with the Agreement. The license granted under this section permits the Owner to authorize the Contractor,

subcontractor, and suppliers, as well as the Owners consultants and to reproduce applicable portions of the instruments of service solely and exclusively for use performing services or construction for the project. If the architect rightfully terminates the agreement for cause the license granted in Section 6 shall terminate.

6.4 The Owner shall not assign, delegate, sublicense, pledge or otherwise transfer any license granted herein to another party without the prior written agreement of the Architect.

7.0 Mediation

7.1 Any claim, dispute, or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be subject to mediation as conditions precedent to binding dispute resolution. If such matter relates to or is the subject of a lien arising out of the architect's services, the architect may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines prior to resolution of the matter by mediation or by binding resolution.

7.2 The Owner and Architect shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes, and other matters in question between them, by mediation, which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its construction industry mediation procedures in effect on the date of this agreement. A request for mediation shall be in writing, delivered to the other party to this agreement and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation.

7.3 The parties shall share the mediators fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in Wood County, Wisconsin where the architect is located. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

7.4 If the parties do not resolve a dispute through mediation pursuant to this Section the method of binding dispute resolution shall be arbitration.

7.5 The award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and judgement may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

8.0 Termination

8.1 If the owner suspends the project, for any reason, the architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to notice of such suspension.

8.2 Either party may terminate the agreement upon not less than fifteen days written notice.

9.0 Miscellaneous Provisions

9.1 The Architect shall have the right to include photographs or artistic representations of the design of the Project among the Architect’s promotional and professional materials.

10.0 Cost of Services

10.1 We propose providing services in two payments. First payment shall be 25% of the total service cost as down payment to begin. The final payment is to be received upon delivery of State Approved documents. Payments accepted are checks and credit card payments online (3% credit fee to be applied). Invoice to be paid upon receipt. Checks can be mailed to the address below. The proposed cost of services described above shall be:

Item	Phase		
2.1	Schematic Design	1,143.75	
2.2	Design Development	1,906.25	
2.3	Construction Documents	2,668.75	
2.4	Construction Observation	0.00	\$150/hr as required.
	State Submittal and Approval	1,500.00	
	Total Fees	<u>\$7,218.75</u>	
	25% Down to Start	\$1,804.69	

10.2 Arc Central LLC is pleased to be part of this project, we like to support local nonprofit organizations and want to contribute financially to your effort. Our office will donate the down payment to the project. We will get started on drawings with a signature on this page if the rest of the proposal is acceptable. Thanks for considering Arc Central.

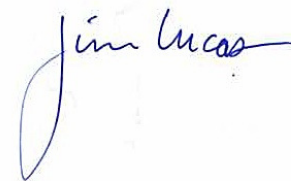
11.0 Execution

If this Proposal is acceptable to you, please sign and return one copy of the document to **Arc Central, LLC**. This proposal is valid for 30 days.

Client

Architect

Jason Sachs
(715) 459-9322
jtsachs@nexthomepartners.com



James Lucas, President
Arc Central, LLC.
1408 Strongs Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Date _____

March 24, 2026

Jason Grueneberg

From: Jason Sachs <jtsachs@nexthomepartners.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 7:41 AM
To: Jason Grueneberg
Subject: REDI Grant Request – Red Sands Beach Improvements
Attachments: 2026-04-22 JL Aqua Skiers - Lake Wazeecha Site Improvements - REVISED.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning Jason,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers, in coordination with the Wood County Parks Department and HERC Committee, we are requesting REDI Grand Funds in the amount of \$16,663.75.

These funds will be used to develop a site plan for improvements to the Red Sands Beach area at Lake Wazeecha. The Aqua Skiers have engaged Point of Beginning and ARC Central to create a bid-ready design, which will allow us to establish a detailed project cost.

Once the site plan and project cost are finalized, we intend to apply for grant funding through the Legacy Foundation to complete the improvements. Please see the attached proposal from Point of Beginning, which outlines the scope of work. Planned improvements include ADA accessibility to the lower stage and dock area, a multi-use building, a concrete boardwalk, and restoration of the hillside above the main dock.

These enhancements will help position the Aqua Skiers to continue hosting the world's largest water ski show tournament while also ensuring a high-quality experience for both participants and spectators.

In addition to supporting the Aqua Skiers and the annual tournament, these improvements will benefit the broader community. The new building could be utilized as a rental space, generating additional revenue for the county. Improved ADA accessibility will create new opportunities for individuals who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the beach area. The addition of concrete walkways and retaining walls will enhance the overall appearance while also improving erosion control and long-term maintenance.

I look forward to attending your meeting on May 6th to discuss this request in more detail. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JT Sachs- Aqua Skier President

Jason - JT - Sachs
Realtor, NextHome Partners

Call/Text 715-459-9322
jtsachs@nexthomepartners.com



RESOLUTION#

DATE May 19, 2026

Effective
Date

Upon passage & posting

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**Conservation, Education and Economic Development
Committee and Operations Committee**

Introduced by _____

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2 nd _____	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____ Yes: _____ Absent: _____		
Number of votes required:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To seek County Board approval to amend the 2026 Wood County Land & Water Conservation budget for unanticipated State of Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) Surface Water -Nepco Lake Grant monies and to appropriate those monies to the Land & Water Conservation budget for expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated revenue from a DNR Surface Water Grant. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
56121	Land & Water Cons.		\$37,531.80
43586	State Grants Surf. Water	\$37,531.80	

WHEREAS, the Land & Water Conservation Department will receive additional grant funds in the amount of \$37,531.80 to disburse for water quality testing at the inlets and outlets of Nepco and Wazeecha lakes; and,

WHEREAS, additional funds were not expected to be obtained and therefore were not included in the 2026 budgeted amount; and,

WHEREAS, the \$37,531.80 will have no impact on the county tax levy; and,

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Wood County Land and Water Conservation budget (56121) by appropriating \$37,531.80 from unanticipated State of Wisconsin DNR Surface Water Nepco Lake Grant funds (43586) for the purpose of water quality testing at the inlets and outlets of Nepco Lake and Wazeecha Lake; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to §65.90 (5), Wisconsin Statutes, the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within fifteen (15) days.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, May 19, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To seek County Board approval to amend the 2026 Wood County Land & Water Conservation budget for unanticipated State of Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) Surface Water Fourmile Creek Watershed Grant monies and to appropriate those monies to the Land & Water Conservation budget for expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated revenue from a DNR Surface Water Grant. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
56121	Land & Water Cons.		\$37,631.00
43586	State Grants Surf. Water	\$37,631.00	

WHEREAS, the Land & Water Conservation Department will receive additional grant funds in the amount of \$37,631.00 to disburse for water quality testing in the Fourmile Creek watershed; and,

WHEREAS, additional funds were not expected to be obtained and therefore were not included in the 2026 budgeted amount; and,

WHEREAS, the \$37,631.00 will have no impact on the county tax levy; and,

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Wood County Land and Water Conservation budget (56121) by appropriating \$37,631.00 from unanticipated State of Wisconsin DNR Surface Water Fourmile Creek Watershed Grant funds (43586) for the purpose of water quality testing in the Fourmile Creek watershed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to §65.90 (5), Wisconsin Statutes, the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within fifteen (15) days.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, May 19, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
WOOD COUNTY

April 27, 2026

To: Wood County CEED Committee

RE: May CEED Committee Agenda Items on NRE Position, Associate 4-H Educator Position, and Cranberry Specialist Position

The May CEED Committee Agenda includes an item for discussion/possible action regarding potential approval of taking the two Natural Resources Educator positions that were funded partially by Wood County and partially with federal funding and combining them into one full-time position solely funded by Wood County.

The UW-Extension Wood County budget currently has funding from Wood County to fund half of two full-time Natural Resources Educator positions in Wood County. The funding for the other half of those two NRE positions came from federal funding that the UW-Extension Natural Resources Institute had secured from the federal government (NRCS). The current federal funding is set to expire in 2027 and there are no additional funds available at this time.

Due to the uncertainty in future funding for the NRE positions, the Natural Resources institute has recommended the hiring of one NRE in Wood County. The proposed one NRE position in Wood County would take the current partial funding for two NRE positions and combine it into one full-time NRE position funded entirely by Wood County. By combining two partially funded positions into one fully funded position we can better guarantee future funding, while having no additional costs to the County.

The NRE position would have a broad focus on:

- Facilitating local water related organizations
- Providing assistance with local watershed related projects
- Serving as a resource on surface water, groundwater, watershed, and shoreland related projects and issues.
- Supporting and serving as a resource for local producer-led watershed groups
- Providing informational and educational programming on water-related topics

Wood County will also be moving forward with the hiring of the Associate 4-H Educator position that was included in the last County budget. The hiring of this position had been put on pause to figure out what the future of the NRE position would be.

The focus of the Associate 4-H Educator position will be:

- In school and after school 4-H clubs (prioritizing southern half of county)
- Summer outreach programs, including day camps and summer school programs

The justification for this position focus is that Wood County 4-H has just under 600 youth members in 4-H with unequal geographic distribution. 78% of participants are in northern Wood County and 21% are in southern Wood County. As part of this position, Port Edwards, Nekoosa, and Wisconsin Rapids elementary schools would be prioritized for in-school programming. In school & after school 4-H members will be invited to all 4-H programs, extending positive youth development opportunities beyond the classroom.

Extension Wood County

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715-421-8440 (phone) <https://wood.extension.wisc.edu>

The last update is that the Cranberry specialist position is slated to be filled late May/early June, aiming for an August/September start.

The broad focus of the cranberry specialist position will be:

- Collaborate with Extension colleagues, industry, and other stakeholders to identify needs and develop and maintain robust, high-quality outreach programs that address solutions to the most critical cranberry/commercial fruit issues facing Wisconsin agriculture.
- Provide input to UW researchers to guide research and expertise in cranberry/commercial fruit management.
- Develop outreach programs to highlight research findings and support on-the-ground implementation of innovative approaches and best practices.
- Build trust-based relationships with stakeholders and a strong technical understanding of cranberry production systems to assess needs within the state and develop programming to meet those needs.
- Work with the Program Manager to facilitate programmatic efforts, maintain strategic direction, build partnerships, and seek a diverse funding portfolio to support the work.

We are looking forward to filling these positions and being fully staffed. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with any additional questions you might have. I look forward to discussing this item with you at the May CEED Committee meeting.

Sincerely,



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UW-Madison Division of Extension
jennifer.mcnelly@wisc.edu
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