

AGENDA
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, November 1, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse – Room 114

1. Call meeting to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
4. Review Correspondence.
5. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approve minutes of previous meetings
 - b. Approve bills
 - c. Receive staff activity reports
 - d. Receive committee reports
6. Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.
7. Risk and Injury Report
8. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Introduction of Joe Behlen, Ag Producer, as candidate for LCC representative on CEED Committee.
 - b. Review process and timeline for department head evaluations.
 - c. Review and approve bids for Keuffer livestock watering system project.
9. Private Sewage
10. Land Records
11. County Surveyor
12. Planning & Zoning
 - a. Review authorization to utilize unused '23 Economic Development monies.
13. Economic Development
 - a. Update from Alliant Energy on proposed project on county owned property.
 - b. Consider approval of zoning amendment for Town of Saratoga.
 - c. Broadband update.
 - d. Consider release of REDI funds for broadband matching grant.
14. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
 - b. 50% Position Funding
 - c. Extension Contract
 - d. REDI Dashboard-Kayla Rombalski
15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants
16. Schedule next regular committee meeting
17. Agenda items for next meeting
18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
19. Adjourn

Join by phone

+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll
Meeting number (access code): 2480 779 5218

Join by WebEx App or Web

<https://woodcountywi.webex.com/woodcountywi/j.php?MTID=md0e0414a7fabaf59ff9cad112cccca3>
Meeting number (access code): 2480 779 5218
Meeting password: 110123

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Dave LaFontaine, Laura Valenstein, Jake Hahn, Carmen Good

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Buttke

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, Supervisor LaFontaine expressed frustration at the Operations Committee referral of cutting 2024 Economic Development grants to the CEED Committee.
3. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to approve the vouchers and monthly department reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. UW Extension Director Solin provided a general office update.
6. Solin provided copies of the 2024 Extension contract for the committee for initial review. Approval will be sought at the next meeting.
7. Pittsville City Clerk Tami Hahn requested release of 2023 Economic Development grant dollars for \$35,000 for the resurfacing of the tennis courts in Pittsville. Motion by LaFontaine/Hahn to release the funds to the City of Pittsville. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Clerk Hahn requested the release of \$20,000 of grant funding for their building incentive program. Motion by Hahn/LaFontaine to approve the release of these funds. Motion carried unanimously.
9. County Conservationist Wucherpfennig reviewed the grazing tour held recently at Behlen Farms.

10. Wucherpennig presented a resolution requesting the state to review foreign ownership of farmland in Wisconsin. Motion by LaFontaine/Good to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Wucherpennig and Good provided an update as it relates to FSA membership on the CEED Committee. The statutes have changed in that it is not a requirement that the person be on the FSA Committee, rather a producer in the county. They will be coming up with a "job description" for this position and report back to the CEED Committee.
12. Community Educator Rombalski provided a preliminary update on the Clean Sweep held on September 9. Final numbers are not in yet but should be by the next meeting, when she will share those findings.
13. Director Grueneberg stated that the Surveyor contract is coming due soon and will need to be acted on.
14. Grueneberg provided an update on the Uniquely Wisconsin project. There are some podcasts completed already. He will work to get those uploaded on various platforms so as many people as possible can access them.
15. The Operations Committee sent back the Economic Development budget to the CEED Committee to cut the grant expenditures down to \$400,000 from the \$627,100 approved at a previous meeting. Discussion on the guidelines the committee should use to determine actual economic development; i.e. increased tax base, return on investment, etc. The following actions were taken:
 - a. Motion by Valenstein/Hahn to cut the City of Marshfield cross walk proposal in its entirety. Motion carried 3-1. Voting no was LaFontaine.
 - b. Motion by Valenstein/Hahn to cut \$5,000 from the approved amount for the Historic District Signs and Brochure Holders proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Motion by Hahn/Valenstein to cut \$10,000 from the approved amount for the Village of Auburndale Park Improvements proposal. Motion failed 1-3. Voting no were Leichtnam, LaFontaine, & Valenstein.
 - d. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to cut \$25,000 from the approved amount for the Village of Auburndale Park Improvements proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Motion by Valenstein/LaFontaine to cut \$50,000 from the Light up the Pit proposal in the City of Pittsville. Motion carried 3-1. Voting no was Leichtnam.
 - f. Motion by Valenstein/Hahn to not fund the Audio & Video equipment for the City of Marshfield. Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to cut \$25,000 from the approved amount for the Braem Park Pickle ball Court proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
 - h. Motion by Valenstein/Hahn to cut the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library proposal in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.
 - i. Motion by LaFontaine/Hahn to cut the Mill Creek Youth Foundation Complex in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

- j. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to approve a grant of \$35,000 for Upham Mansion updates, down from \$50,000. Motion failed 2-2. Voting no were Hahn & Leichtnam.
 - k. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to approve a grant of \$25,000 for Upham Mansion updates, down from \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.
 - l. Motion by Valenstein/LaFontaine to cut the C2 Makerspace proposal in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.
 - m. Motion by Valenstein/Hahn to approve not to exceed \$90,000 of 2023 Economic Grant funds for early execution in 2023 for the following 2024 requests:
 - i. Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
 - ii. Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce.
 - iii. Marshfield Municipal Airport
 - iv. South Wood County Airport Commission
 - v. Wood County Health Dept. Bike Share ProgramMotion carried unanimously.
16. Motion by LaFontaine/Hahn to approve meeting per diem and mileage for Leichtnam & LaFontaine for the CEED Tour. Motion carried unanimously.
17. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1st at 9:00 AM.
18. Motion by Valenstein/LaFontaine to adjourn. Motion carried at 11:44 AM.

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

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension Wood County

For the period of: October 2023

For the range of vouchers: 30230117 - 30230136

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30230117	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Copy Supplies	10/03/2023	\$104.70	P
30230118	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Program & Office Supplies	10/03/2023	\$47.48	P
30230119	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office & Kitchen Supplies	10/03/2023	\$46.45	P
30230120	HAZARD SKATE AND SPORTS	Apparel Order	10/03/2023	\$549.35	P
30230121	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Copy Supplies	10/03/2023	\$25.25	P
30230122	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	10/03/2023	\$58.88	P
30230123	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	10/03/2023	\$90.46	P
30230124	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office/Computer Supplies	10/10/2023	\$36.96	P
30230125	US BANK	October Credit Card Bill	10/17/2023	\$426.64	
30230126	NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL / SHOP 4-H	4-H Supplies & Curriculum	10/17/2023	\$277.75	P
30230127	NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL / SHOP 4-H	4-H Awards & Supplies	10/17/2023	\$442.30	P
30230128	4IMPRINT INC	4H Promo Items - Juntos	10/24/2023	\$1,002.28	
30230129	BROWN COUNTY TREASURER	4-H Chris Clover Mascot Kit	10/24/2023	\$100.00	
30230130	UW MADISON ACCOUNTING SERVICES	Master Gardener Course Books	10/24/2023	\$148.91	
30230131	CARBAJAL JASMINE	October Expenses	10/24/2023	\$237.29	
30230132	CARBAJAL JASMINE	October Expenses - Juntos	10/24/2023	\$70.09	
30230133	CARATTINI JACKIE	September-October Expenses	10/24/2023	\$231.22	
30230134	HUBER LAURA	August-October Expenses	10/24/2023	\$613.67	
30230135	JAMES ANNA M	October Expenses	10/24/2023	\$34.93	
30230136	ROMBALSKI KAYLA-ROSE	September-October Expenses	10/24/2023	\$845.57	
Grand Total:				\$5,390.18	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Land & Water Conservation Dept.

For the period of: October 2023

For the range of vouchers: 18230151 - 18230159

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18230151	AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	Wastewater Testing	10/05/2023	\$80.25	P
18230152	ARMAGOST RICHARD C JR	NMFE Class Reimbursement	10/05/2023	\$416.00	P
18230153	PESCINSKI BRANDON	NMFE Class Reimbursement	10/05/2023	\$286.00	P
18230154	PHEASANTS FOREVER	SEED ORDER	10/06/2023	\$123.75	P
18230155	WEILER ALAN K	Cost Share Reimb - A. Weiler	10/16/2023	\$7,900.00	P
18230156	WEILER ALAN K	Return Earnest Money -A.Weiler	10/16/2023	\$1,000.00	P
18230157	US BANK	Supplie,drill parts,Legisl.Mtg	10/16/2023	\$188.63	
18230158	WIERNIKS TRIPLE J FARMS LLC	NMFE Class Reimbursement	10/26/2023	\$1,110.00	
18230159	ROKUS MIKE	CostShare Reimb-Well Decomm	10/24/2023	\$2,400.00	
Grand Total:				\$13,504.63	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning

For the period of: October 2023

For the range of vouchers: 22230064 - 22230074 38230023 - 38230030

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22230064	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Prof Services-Other	10/01/2023	\$833.00	P
22230065	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-Sanitary Permits	10/01/2023	\$2,200.00	P
22230066	NORTH CENTRAL WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	PL-Prof Serv-Other	08/31/2023	\$9,085.50	P
22230067	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PS-Office Supplies	09/18/2023	\$250.43	P
22230068	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PS-Office Supplies	09/21/2023	\$43.98	P
22230069	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PS-Office Supplies	09/24/2023	\$31.87	P
22230070	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	PS-Prof Svc/Postage	09/30/2023	\$487.74	P
22230071	LAMERS BUS LINES INC	PS-Office Supplies	09/30/2023	\$512.00	P
22230072	WRIGHT KELLI	SL-ZONING FEE	10/18/2023	\$300.00	P
22230073	BERGEN CHARLES	SL-ZONING FEE	10/18/2023	\$300.00	P
22230074	US BANK	LR/ED/PL/PS-CREDIT CARD CHARGE	10/17/2023	\$750.79	
38230023	SOUTH WOOD CO AIRPORT COMM	ED-2023 ED Grant Funding	10/02/2023	\$15,000.00	P
38230024	CITY OF PITTSVILLE TREASURER	ED-2023 Grant	10/09/2023	\$20,000.00	P
38230025	CITY OF PITTSVILLE TREASURER	ED-2023 Grant	10/09/2023	\$35,000.00	P
38230026	MARSHFIELD AIRPORT	ED-2023 Grant	10/11/2023	\$15,000.00	P
38230027	MARSHFIELD AREA CHAMBER FOUNDATION	ED-2023 Grant	10/10/2023	\$25,000.00	P
38230028	SOUTH WOOD CO AIRPORT COMM	ED-Grants 2023	10/10/2023	\$15,000.00	P
38230029	HEART OF WIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	ED-2024 ED Grant	10/17/2023	\$25,000.00	
38230030	MARYANN LIPPERT CONSULTANT LLC	ED-REDI Funding BB	10/12/2023	\$1,439.59	
Grand Total:				\$166,234.90	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____

Committee Member: _____



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

Jasmine Carbajal, 4-H Associate Educator (Marathon & Wood Counties)

Malina Carattini, 4-H Americorps member

- An active activity for youth in Wood County to help them interact with Teen Leaders, work with a partner that they may not know, and play corn hole. *(Pictured right.)*
- A hands-on educational activity where Wood County youth in a local 4-H club learned about Hispanic Heritage Month where the goal was to make and try Mexican snacks and play a traditional Mexican game, Lotería. *(Pictured below.)*
- A radio interview on local radio (WFHR) where the listeners learn about 4-H's positive youth development programs. These interviews help reach new audiences and help garner support for overall 4-H efforts.
- An orientation for youth and adults who will be attending 4-H Fall Forum to share information about the event to help ensure everyone understands the event. The goal of the orientation is to help prepare everyone and to help ensure their success at the event.
- Meetings and discussions with potential partners where we discussed ways in which the new AmeriCorps member serving Wood County 4-H could help build capacity in their organization. The goal is to better serve the youth of Wood County.



AGRICULTURE

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator

- A field study data collection in collaboration with Colorado State University to better understand the practices and challenges associated with transportation of pre-weaned dairy heifer, dairy bull, and beef x dairy calves from the source (dairy farms), hauler, and receiver (calf raiser). Results from this study will help dairy farmers, managers, haulers, calf raisers, and the dairy community in adopting practices and improving transportation welfare to improve farm business viability and food safety.
- A research-based educational article for dairy producers and agri-business professionals, where participants will learn about sire selection index's and methods for selecting sires. The goal of this effort is to increase knowledge of dairy genetic proof terminology, and empower dairy herd managers to make selection decisions for their herds.



- Participated in pasture walks held in various locations around the state through the 2022 growing season. The goal of these events is to highlight specific methods and solutions that farmers can implement to improve their success in grazing.
- Planning for development of factsheets/articles, longer publications, and videos on nutrition, genetics, & reproduction topics. The goal of this effort is to increase farmer, nutritionist, veterinarian, and other agribusiness professionals understanding of management of these topics to help improve farm sustainability and economic viability.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kayla Rombalski, Community Development Educator

- A series of meetings with a small group [Wood County Child Care Task Force Core Team] of Wood County representatives to draft and submit funding proposals for the Wood County Child Care Access Plan. The goal of this effort is to increase access and affordability of child care for Wood County families.
- A strategic planning process [Community Economic Analysis for Rural Wisconsin Communities CEA-RWC] in which key stakeholders from the Pittsville School District conducted a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, challenges) analysis of their community and identified 3-5 strategic priorities to advance the Pittsville School District area. The purpose of this program is to develop an action plan to address issues identified by the community and expand working relationships with partners in the Pittsville School District area.

CRANBERRIES

Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Educator

- Small plot field research exploring the use of a new class of fungicides in concert with familiar registered fungicides, allowing cranberry growers to control disease while preventing fungicide resistance by using multiple modes of action, was developed.
- A large scale field research project studying the efficacy of registered and experimental chemistries against cranberry flea beetle in cranberry marshes was developed. This will enable growers to control the pest while maintaining crop health and safety.
- A research project studying the efficacy of registered and experimental chemistries against blunt-nosed leafhopper adults (the vector of an incurable disease), in cranberry marshes was developed. This will enable growers to control the pest and prevent transmission of the disease.
- A research project studying the efficacy of registered and experimental chemistries against blunt-nosed leafhopper nymphs (the vector of an incurable disease), in cranberry marshes was developed. This will enable growers to control the pest and prevent transmission of the disease.



FOODWISE

Hannah Wendels, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

Mallory McGivern, FoodWise Administrator

- A Healthy Living series for teens (grades 9-12) at the alternative high school (River Cities), where students learn basic life skills such as food preparation and cooking skills, budgeting and finance skills, and mindfulness activities to better prepare them for their future and living on their own.
- A 12-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) in Wood County (Nekoosa), for where older adults learn best practices and learn nutrition and health education. Participants engage in regular strength training exercises to improve strength, balance, and flexibility so they can stay healthy and socially connected.
- A 5-week nutrition education series for fifth grade classrooms at Howe Elementary School, where students will learn about MyPlate, making healthy food and beverage choices, and about being physically active to help them to be healthier in school and at home.
- A partnership with ADRC, United Way, 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 at least 10 pounds of pantry staples and nutritious foods. The goal of this partnership is to promote the boxes with community partners with the overall goal to improve food security.
- Monthly educational sessions and training (Adulting 101) for teens at River Cities Alternative High School. The goal of this effort is to empower teens to adopt healthier coping skills to handle stress and anxiety along with life skills such as budgeting, purchasing a car, tenant rights in WI to help prepare and ease the transition into adult life and independent living.

HORTICULTURE

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator

- An in person horticulture course where Wood County residents and potential Master Gardener Trainees learn the fundamental principles of IPM based gardening to increase awareness and knowledge of resources to address environmental contamination and pollution due to overuse of horticulture chemicals in urban and suburban environments.
- A community of practice for horticulture educators where we explore strategies and resources to expand horticulture education and outreach to underrepresented audiences. The goal of participating in this group is to dig into ways we can locally continue to grow and enhance our horticulture programs to reach more diverse audiences.
- Planning for the creation of a repository of existing horticultural resources in multiple languages for home/community gardeners of all abilities. The goal of this effort is to make this repository accessible on the Horticulture Topic Hub.
- Developing informal learning communities utilizing the Horticulture Program's social media for all Wisconsin gardeners, including underserved populations. The goal of this effort is to provide accurate, practical and up-to-date information to the public primarily through the topic hub in order to bolster educational outreach efforts in support of addressing the Horticulture Program objectives.

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONSHIPS

Jackie Carattini, Human Development and Relationships Educator

- A Healthy Living series for teens (grades 9-12) at the alternative high school (River Cities), where students learn basic life skills such as food preparation and cooking skills, budgeting and finance skills, and mindfulness activities to better prepare them for their future and living on their own.
- Monthly planning meetings to address mental health outreach with in the Hmong communities in WI. The goal is to collaborate to provide Mental Health First aid and QPR trainings to increase awareness of mental health challenges and prevention efforts.
- Monthly educational sessions and training (Adulting 101) for teens at River Cities Alternative High School. The goal of this effort is to empower teens to adopt healthier coping skills to handle stress and anxiety along with life skills such as budgeting, purchasing a car, tenant rights in WI to help prepare and ease the transition into adult life and independent living.
- A 2 hour (A Question, Persuade, and Refer, QPR, suicide prevention training for high school teachers and staff where they learned to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer help, and how to get help and save a life. This effort was designed to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training.
- A 7-session course that helps adults of all ages to make end-of-life financial, healthcare, and final wishes decisions in order to reduce the stress experienced by survivors and to ensure that their wishes are honored.
- Two online workshops ("Rent Smart" in the Wood County Jail) per month where participants gain knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. This effort is designed to encourage safe and sober housing stability.
- Financial coaching sessions with residents where we support them in setting and developing financial goals, designed to assist clients in developing the skills to meet basic needs.
- A series of monthly, in-person workshops (Rent Smart) for renters where participants gain knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. This effort is to encourage safe and sober housing stability. An online program (Money Matters) for participants who want to improve their financial knowledge, where they complete 1-12 modules on different financial topics. The goal of the Money Matters modules is to increase participants' knowledge on topics such as credit scores and reports, making a spending plan, what to do when you can't pay your bills, and identifying financial strengths so that participants can apply these skills in the future.
- An online 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, homeless populations and those who have negative rental records are able to increase their ability to find and keep safe affordable housing, thereby increasing their stability and decreasing their reliance on public supports.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Anna James, Natural Resources Educator

- Participation in the advisory panel of a local producer-led watershed group for farmers, conservationists and community members of the Big Eau Pleine watershed, by assisting with planning and facilitating activities geared toward increasing the awareness and adoption of conservation and ultimately water quality of the Big Eau Pleine and Wisconsin River watersheds.
- A station at conservation field day for fifth grade students, where they learned about where water comes from and how society utilizes water. The goal of this station was for students to become more aware of the water cycle while also recognizing individual impact on water and simple ways to improve water usage and water quality.
 - Waushara County Land and Water Conservation were in need of an educator to lead the groundwater station at their 16th annual Conservation Field Day. The field day brings together all fifth-grade students in Waushara County to learn about natural resources from an array of conservation professionals. While at the groundwater station, students engaged in hands on learning experiences that taught them about the water cycle, how groundwater moves, and ways to recognize individual impact on water quality. Students utilized what they learned at the station to develop a take home challenge where they pledged to select one way to start improving and protecting their water resources. An evaluation conducted by Waushara County Land and Water Conservation showed that all fifth-grade teachers and group leaders (20 individuals) ranked the groundwater station as being “excellent” or “very good”. The groundwater station impacted over 200 fifth-grade students by teaching them how water moves through systems and simple ways to protect and enhance water quality. Teaching students about this topic at an early stage can develop good water stewardship practices that can last a lifetime.
- A survey of agencies and organizations that support farmer-led watershed groups in Wisconsin was conducted to better understand how these groups are functioning and the nature of support they receive from their partners. Results of the survey will be used to inform decisions about what types of support are most beneficial and most needed by the farmer-led groups.
 - Wisconsin DNR and DATCP expressed an interest in learning more about the effectiveness of the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Program and how farmer-led watershed groups engaged with partner organizations, including state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and Extension. They contracted with the Regional Natural Resources Educator Program about conducting a survey of partner organizations. The Extension team developed a survey to be distributed to partner organization representatives. Forty individuals responded to the survey. Survey results are still being analyzed but a final report will be provided to WDNR and DATCP summarizing survey responses. It is anticipated that the survey results will influence both agencies' strategies for supporting farmer-led watershed groups.
- A social indicator survey for producers in the 10-Mile and 14-Mile Watersheds where producers participate in one on one interviews to share perspectives on water quality, details of production systems, and implemented conservation practices. The goal of this effort is to gain information about awareness, attitudes, constraints, capacity, and behaviors that are expected to lead to water quality improvement and protection.



Wood County, Wisconsin LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Activities Report for Barb Peeters - October 2023

- Answered phones, replied to emails and processed incoming and outgoing LWCD mail.
- The control box for my sit/stand desk was “fried” during the Riverblock power surge on 9/25/23. Submitted work order for maintenance to repair sit/stand desk; then located original paperwork so Director could determine where replacement part could be ordered from.
- Compiled LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to Oct. 5 & 19 payroll.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Responded to numerous customer inquiries about the upcoming tree/shrub/seeds sale.
- Assisted with third quarter Wildlife Damage and Abatement program reimbursement report; assembled all invoices/attachments and ran required reports.
- Verified our department had no products in stock regarding a safety recall notice from Rust-Oleum.
- Attended October 4th CEED meeting via WebEx.
- Worked with Human Services staff to update all 3 Riverblock Wellness boards with 4th quarter info.
- Completed Marti Farms soybean appraisals for the Wildlife Damage & Abatement program (170 acres)
- Completed mandatory annual employee I.T. training.
- Processed no-till drill payments & requests for use of the no-till drill.
- Scheduled, attended and typed minutes for Oct. 9 & 19 staff meetings. Rescheduled Oct. 26th staff meeting at director’s request.
- Attended Wood County Wellness Committee meeting on October 10th.
- Processed wildflower seed orders through Pheasants Forever and processed payments.
- Attended Human Resources Benefits meeting on October 11th. Completed 2024 benefit elections.
- Ordered office supplies and processed invoice(s).
- Processed journal entry for third quarter well water testing (for nitrates) by the Health Dept.
- Reviewed DATCP’s monthly report for October 2023.
- Verified wildflower/seed mixes and prices with Pheasants Forever for 2024 Tree/shrub/seed sale.
- Finalized 2024 tree/shrub/wildflower seed order forms and species descriptions.
- Finalized 2024 LWCD Newsletter.
- Added new customers to the tree/shrub sale customer mailing list.
- Updated tree program with 2024 tree/shrub/wildflower seed species, inventory and pricing.
- Emailed Land Conservation Poster Contest information & forms to teachers in Wood County (public & private – 28 schools & 384 teachers). Updated poster contest email list.
- Invoiced Northcentral Technical College for Wood County’s 1/5 split of the surplus from the 2023 Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) class tuition and deposited check received.
- Generated bid letters for pump house & solar panel project.
- Submitted 3 cost-share reimbursement requests to DATCP for completed projects totaling \$15,140.00 (manure storage closure, streambank & shoreland protection and well decommissioning.
- Updated tree shelter/tree gel information sheets & replaced revised documents on LWCD website.
- Processed five (5) DATCP cost-share reimbursement payments totaling \$73,833.20.
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk’s office for CEED packet.
- Organized County Board packet and electronically submitted to the County Clerk’s office.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-October 2023-

- **Monday, October 2.** Looked up no flow streamflow data that we entered into SWIMS in the past, that didn't show up in files because there was no data from streamflow monitor.
- **Tuesday, October 3.** Pooled stats together for Dept. of Ag Trade Consumer Protection nutrient management survey that goes to all counties, using GIS. Had to make edits to shapefile and added a large farm to GIS.
- **Wednesday, October 4.** Stopped at 6 streamflow locations in southeast Wood Co, took measurements at 2 of the 6. Added results to files and into DNR's Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS).
- **Thursday, October 12.** Prepped materials for Mill Creek phosphorus sampling. Added fields to contracts.
- **Friday, October 13.** Worked on 6 contracts to cost-share cover crops. Made map visual of contracts. Added fields in contracts to GIS. Calculated reductions using SnapPlus. Added results from SnapPlus to spreadsheets and GIS.
- **Thursday, October 19.** Attended staff meeting. Met with farmer to talk about nutrient management. Prepared more nutrient management information for next meeting.
- **Friday, October 20.** Organized and filled in pages of soil test submission forms for farmer. Prepared field maps for each form.
- **Tuesday, October 24.** Met with farmer to go over Snapplus nutrient management planning software. Made cost-share contract for cover crops for another farmer.
- **Wednesday, October 25.** Received final Mill Creek phosphorus results. Added to files and started pooling stats and averages for the year. Met with farmer to check cover crop and get contract signed.

Activities Report for Kyle Andreae – October, 2023

- October 2 – Pankratz design
- October 3 – Soybean Crop Damage
- October 4 – Weiler Construction Inspections
- October 5 – Gorst Plan Review
- October 6 – Weiler Construction Inspections, Bauer Design
- October 9 – Staff Meeting, Weiler Construction Inspections/ As-Built
- October 10 – CREP Database Update to New System
- October 11 – Weiler As-Built
- October 12 – Weiler As-Built finalized, Bauer design
- October 13 – Bauer design/ location change, Partial day off
- October 16 – NMM Inspections, Gorst Plan Review, Liquid Coin Plan Review
- October 17 – Liquid Coin Plan Review, Gorst Plan Review/ AWO Permit
- October 18 – Liquid Coin Plan Review, CREP 5 Year Aerial Monitoring
- October 19 – NMM Inspections, Liquid Coin Plan Review, Gorst Plan Update Review
- October 20 – Gorst Plan Update Review, CREP 5 Year Monument Monitoring, Weiler Site Visit, Schill Site Visit
- October 23 – CREP Monitoring Reports, Liquid Coin Plan Review, Gorst Plan Review
- October 24 – Gorst Plan Review, NMM Inspection, Rokus Site Visit
- October 25 – Liquid Coin Plan Review
- October 26 – Liquid Coin Plan Review
- October 27 – Liquid Coin Plan Review
- October 30 – Gorst Construction Inspections
- October 31 – Keuffer Bid Opening, Gorst Construction Inspections



Activities Report for Kendra Kundinger – October 2023

- Participated in the 2023 CEED Tour.
- Read and reviewed Wisconsin Legislature Chapter NR 153: Targeted Runoff Management and Notice of Discharge Grant Programs.
- Read and reviewed Wisconsin Legislature Chapter NR 154: Best Management Practices and Cost-Share Conditions.
- Read and reviewed Wisconsin Legislature Chapter NR 140: Groundwater Quality and its proposed rule changes.
- Completed Knuth and Raikowski soybean appraisals for the wildlife damage and abatement program.
- Transported no-till drill to Armagost's.
- Completed Marti Farms soybean appraisals for the wildlife damage and abatement program.
- Verified cover crops at Knuth's for cost-share contract purposes.
- Verified cover crops at Roth's Golden Acres for cost-share contract purposes.
- Participated in the October 9th staff meeting.
- Attended the Wood County open enrollment meeting.
- Created new informational publications for our pollinator seed mixes.
 - New publications will be added to our website.
- Met with Jeff Wiernik to assist with nutrient management planning.
- Took Mill Creek water quality samples.
- Transported no-till drill to Roth's Golden Acres for planting of vegetative buffers and cover crops.
- Checked a site with potential non-native phragmites.
 - Only native phragmites was found.
- CREP research and training.
- Began the process to become a certified pesticide applicator.
 - Began reading the Right of Ways & Natural Areas guide for Wisconsin pesticide applicators.
- Assisted Rod with various non-metallic mine inspections on multiple days throughout October.
- Participated in the October 19th staff meeting to discuss cost-sharing practices.
- Verified a location of non-native Japanese knotweed.
 - Location information was input into the SWIMS database.
- Attended the joint Nutrient Management Farmer Education fall all-team meeting at the Spencer NTC campus.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer – OCTOBER 2023

- Corn appraisal staff training – direction correspondence.
- *SURGERY RECOVERY – part time remote week of Oct 2 – Oct 6.*
- Review catch up on emails.
- Called all operators/mine owners for non-metallic mine sites (approx. 52 mine sites) – info on activities in past year – notes taken on all mine sites – inspection binder updates. (Approx. week to complete)
- Completed – updated new inspection spreadsheets (3) for mine sites.
- Printed pond exemption correspondence – to landowner.
- Worked with IT for lap top hard drive replacement.
- Wellness meeting – enrollment.
- Sent plan info, requirements, records request, multiple calls, correspondence to MSA engineer – for new NMM reclamation plan on mine site.
- Completed NMM inspections (approx. 52 mine sites – walk and evaluate each mine site, GPS all new active areas, GPS all reclaimed areas, complete notes on activity, update inspection spreadsheets. (Approx. 2 weeks to complete)
- Sent correspondence to DNR for mine operator with newly active permit for pumping – prior to being cleared with DNR storm water permitting.
- Sent correspondence to DNR storm water for other concerns on sites – including expansion into areas of concern.
- Completed vegetative transect field reviews on two mine sites that have been reclaimed. Including vegetation documentation survey, pictures, etc.
- Attended staff meetings on October 9th & 19th.



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT

Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig - October 2023

- October 2 – Tracking, project updates, landowner correspondence
- October 3 – Field visit, 2024 Multi-County Nutrient Management Farmer Education and Training
- October 4 – CEED committee meeting
- October 5 – Field visits, emails, phone correspondence, Database updates
- October 6 – Virtual meeting and schedule field visits with landowners
- October 9 – Roth Cover Crop checks, Farmland Preservation Plan Discussion with P&Z
- October 10 – Virtual meeting, Field visits, design work, Pond exemption request with Ryan Gruber
- October 11 – Roth Cover crop inspections, Ron Knuth Cover crop inspections
- October 12 – HC Committee meeting – WI Land & Water
- October 13 – Field visit, emails, phone correspondence
- October 16 – Virtual discussion with Golden Sands RC&D, Positions
- October 17 – County Board
- October 18 – Grazing Plan review/follow up with Luke Kueffer & Rick Armagost and Paul Daigle, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
- October 19 – Staff meeting – NM and cost-share
- October 20 – 2023 Fall Legislative Breakfast, PACRS Meeting
- October 23 – Database updates, planning virtual meeting, correspondence with DNR
- October 24 - Field visit, emails, phone correspondence
- October 25 – Zoom meeting with UW Extension- Jeromy Solin, Field Visits
- October 26 – Staff meeting
- October 27 - Field visits, Pond Exemption, NMFE meeting – Spencer
- October 30 – Field visits, CSGCC Mtg.
- October 31 – Keuffer Bid Opening



Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Emily Arndt, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
Brad Cook, Code Technician
Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant
Kayla Rautio, Program Assistant

RE: Staff Report for November 1, 2023

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

- a. **Central Wisconsin Housing Region** – On October 5th I participated in the public hearing for the Central Wisconsin Housing Region home repair program. The hearing was held to provide a status of past funding cycles by County usage, provide information on anticipated future funding, and an opportunity for public to provide input.
- b. **University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) Broadband Workshop** – On October 9th and 10th I attended a UWEX broadband workshop in Fond du Lac. The workshop was held to prepare participants for upcoming grant opportunities including the Public Service Commission Capital Projects Fund grant program, and the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment grant program.
- c. **Central Wisconsin Surge Entrepreneurial Event** – On October 12th I served as a judge for the Central Wisconsin Surge event. At the event 8 regional entrepreneurs pitched their ideas to the audience and panel of judges. The top prize was \$10,000 in addition to a \$2000 people’s choice award. The event was facilitated by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Wisconsin and Create Portage County.
- d. **Central Wisconsin Economic Development (CWED) Fund Loan Committee** – On October 13th I participated in a CWED Loan Committee meeting to review a gap-financing loan application for a grocery store purchase in the region. CWED continues to work with the bank that is a part of this proposal before a recommendation for approval is sent to the CWED board of directors.
- e. **Digital Equity Solutions Team (DEST)** – On October 19th I participated in the Wood County DEST meeting. Some of the items covered in the meeting include an update on Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (E-ACAM) that was awarded for the area that TDS covers in the County, the role of Bug Tussel providing high-speed internet and their involvement in the Local/Community Area Network(CAN), and supporting a PSC grant application for Country Wireless for the area covering the town of Lincoln.

- f. **Wood County Towns Association** – On October 20th I attended the Wood County Unit of the Towns Association meeting to talk about solar arrays, their impact on land use, and the role that towns have in permitting/regulating them.
- g. **Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Summit** – On October 23rd and 24th I attended the WEDC annual summit in Appleton. The conference covered a wide variety of current economic development issues the state is facing including community infrastructure, workforce, financial stability, and innovative sustainability and energy solutions.
- h. **North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission** – On October 25th I participated in the NCWRPC meeting. At the meeting the 2024 budget was adopted, authorization to submit the TAP grants approved, the 2024 DOT Work Program approved, and there was a presentation on the Regional Entrepreneurial Study and Portal.

2. Planning & Zoning (Emily Arndt)

- a. Attended the Heart of Wisconsin Leadership Program Retreat
- b. Created a SOP with Kayla and Victoria for map review
- c. Continued correspondence with Town of Cameron and Town of Rock
- d. Continued planning the organization of future Comprehensive Plans
- e. I have been working with other staff to ensure that questions are answered in an efficient and accurate manner

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- a. Updating Parks Maps
- b. Attending Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) Fall Regional Conference
- c. Parcel Mapping
- d. NG911 data preparation
- e. Downloading Fonts

4. **Code Technician (Brad Cook); Code Administrator (Jeff Brewbaker)**

09-27-2023- (1) mound inspections TN: 19; <24, plow, abs. cell, tanks, plan reviewd, soils review, issued sanitary permit for mound system, study for POWTS exam

09-28-2023- (1) mound inspection TN: 18; >24,plow, abs. cell, (1) HT plan reviewed, issued, (1) mound inspection TN: 18; <24, plow, abs. cell, tanks, (1) conventional insp TN: 18

09-29-2023- CEED tour.

10-02-2023- (1) mound inspection TN: 15, abs. cell, (1) shoreland insp TN 01, (1) mound

inspection TN:18; <24, plow, abs.cell, tanks

10-03-2023- (3) well permits issued TN: 15,18,13, (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued sanitary permit for A+0 mound TN :11, (1) rep. conventional inspection TN: 18

10-04-2023- (1) <24 mound inspection TN: 15; tanks, abs. cell, (1) >24 mound inspection TN: 16; plow

10-05-2023- (2) <24 mound inspections TN: 15, 22; piping, tanks, study for POWTS exam

10-06-2023- (1) Reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan review, issued permit for new conventional TN: 18, (4) well permit plans reviewed, study for POWTS exam

10-09-2023- (1) replacement conventional inspection TN: 07, study for POWTS exam

10-10-2023- (1) mound inspection TN: 22; tanks, (1) HT inspection TN: 16, (1) A+0 mound inspection TN: 06, plow, abs. cell, tanks

10-11-2023- (2) well permits issued TN: 07, 17, (2) HT inspections TN: 15, (1) >24 mound inspection TN: 15; plow, abs.cell

10-12-2023- (1) <24 mound inspection TN: 07; plow, abs.cell, tanks, (1) conventional inspection TN: 18

10-13-2023- Study for POWTS exam

10-16-2023- (1) <24 mound plan reviewed TN: 18, study for POWTS exam

10-17-2023- (1) <24 mound inspection TN: 07; plow, abs. cell, tanks, (1) HT inspection TN: 01

10-18-2023- (1) <24 mound inspection TN: 16; plow, abs. cell, tanks, (1) new conventional inspection TN: 07

10-19-2023- (2) mound inspections TN: 12, 06; plow and piping, study for POWTS exam

10-20-2023- (1) mound inspection TN: 06; abs.cell, tanks, (1) system-in-fill inspection TN 07

10-23-2023- (1) <24 mound inspection TN: 22; plow, abs. cell, tanks, study for POWTS exam

10-24-2023- (2) Reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan review, issued permit for new conventional TN: 13, 18, (2) conventional inspections TN: 18

10-25-2023- Study for POWTS exam and take POWTS exam in Weston, WI

5. **Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Kayla Rautio)**

- a. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 11 sanitary permits, 1 shoreland and 6 well permits issued in October 2023.

- b. ArcGIS Pro Software Project – Victoria continues to assist Paul with Point of Interest projects. Kayla continues to assist Paul with various GIS mapping projects.
- c. Triennial Program Fee – On October 16, 2023, 4718 triennial program fee notices were mailed out with a due date of November 17, 2023 to pay the fee. As of Tuesday October 24, Kayla and Victoria have process 1135 payments vial mail, Point & Pay and in person.
- d. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:
 - i. October 4,2023 CEED meeting (VW)
 - ii. October 16th, 2023 Citizen’s Water Group (KW & VW)

Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC) Meeting

July 24, 2023 - 10:00 am

Portage County Annex Building and via Zoom

Present: Bill Leichtnam (Chair), Bill Clendenning, Jen McNelly, Todd Wahler, Ed Hernandez, Patrick Kilbey, Dustin Ladd, Ben Jeffery, Cody Przybylski, Jean Schultz, Mark Piechowski, John Pavelski

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Statement from Chair: The chair stated that the June CSGCC Mtg had to be cancelled due to the meeting not being noticed properly by at least one County. This oversight has been fixed and all clerks are now included on a contact list.

The July Meeting location needed to be changed at the last minute due to an all day DNR meeting taking place at the Hancock Ag Research Station.

3. Approved meeting minutes from March 27, 2023 (Przybylski/Leichtnam) No additions/corrections.

Comments on the Minutes from the Chair:

- WGNHS has a new state Hydrogeologist, Amy Wiersma. It may be worth connecting with her and having her attend a CSGCC meeting in the future. It is uncertain what WGNHS is doing with Mike Parsens position.
 - Nathan Sandwick's UW-Extension Position in Portage County is being filled.
 - A question was posed to the group if other multi-County collaboratives focused on groundwater existed in the state? It was suggested that the Southwest WI group might be an example. It was also suggested that Door and Kewaunee may have something. It would be good to reach out to these groups and see what they are doing.
 - Funding the collaborative should be on the next agenda. Al Rosenthal was working on this in March, but he has unfortunately left his County Supervisor Position. Someone will need to help pick up this work/topic.
 - It appears as though funding for Natural Resource Educators with UW Extension may not be included in the newest state budget. This may be something that needs to be discussed at a future meeting.
4. Legislative Updates – There were none. However, there was a request for Katrina Shankland to attend the next meeting to provide an update.
 - The Wisconsin Counties Association has asked Dan Barr, the WCA Lobbyist, to discuss the water related legislation that was proposed during the "Year of Water" with legislators during the upcoming session.
 5. Updates to CSGCC Representatives – Dave Benson will be replacing Al Rosenthal as the County Board Supervisor Representative to CSGCC from Marquette County. Jean Schultz is the new Health Dept. representative from Juneau County. Both of these representatives will be added to the contact list.
 6. County groundwater updates

- a. Juneau: Dustin – Just over a ¼ of the ARPA funding allocated to the Department has been used. The County is continuing well testing this summer. The County is testing just over a 100 wells every year.
 - b. Adams: Cody – No beach closures yet this summer. E. Coli levels are looking good. Private well testing is being conducted in Big Flats, Richfield, and Colburn Townships in the County.
 - c. Waushara: Todd – Still rolling with the R.O program. The Land and Water Dept is making a push to purchase a no till drill utilizing ARPA funds. A County intern is working hard on shoreland and erosion control work.
 - d. Wood: Bill L.– There are known water quality concerns in Grand Rapids and the SW corner of the County. However, there have only been 4 citizen requests for water testing in this area. The LWC department has two new hires.
 - e. Portage: Jen – The Nelsonville monitoring wells have been installed and sampled. They are continuing to run the reverse osmosis program and free water testing. There has been an uptick in the number of citizens utilizing this program over the summer. Continuing to host nitrate screening events throughout the County for local residents. Working with DATCP to try and get monitoring wells installed on new solar development in Portage County.
 - f. Marquette: Pat –Started a soil health/cover crop/interseeding program this summer. However, due to the drought conditions this has been a tough time to roll out the program. Lake levels are also currently dropping. Dave Benson replaced Al Rosenthal on the CSGCC Committee.
7. Next Steps for CSGCC – The Tech Committee met a couple of times to discuss potential next steps and the needs of the Counties. What came out of the meetings was that there was not a clear consensus on what is needed for next steps. Guolong Liang volunteered to interview each of the County’s representatives on the Tech Committee. He will be compiling the responses to the interviews and sharing them. It should help provide some insight on the next steps. During one of the meetings Kyle Kettner took notes on the meeting. Pat Kilbey volunteered to share those with the chair. The tech committee will continue to report back to the CSGCC.
 8. CSGCC Handout – Bill L handed out a potential draft/mock up for a handout for CSGCC. The purpose of such a handout would be to indicated who CSGCC is, Goals and mission of the organization. Jean from Juneau Co and Ben from Wood County both said that they had individuals that might be able to help create a brochure. Todd W suggested that a brochure like this could be used as a front page for a website. There was discussion about reinvigorating the Communications group to create something and bring it back to the next month.
 9. Upcoming Meetings – The group felt that continuing with quarterly meetings would be appropriate. The next meeting would be the 4th Monday of October (October 30th) at 10 am. Bill L will reach out to the Hancock Ag. Research Station to check meeting room availability.
 10. Adjourn (Hernandez/ Przybylski)

CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday September 25, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference via WebEx

Present (In person or via WebEx): Bill Leichtnam, Ben Jeffrey, Tim Wuebben, Dave Joosten, Rhonda Carrell, Bruce Dimick, Tamas Houlihan, Lance Pliml, Sue Smith, Shane Wucherpennig, Gordy Gottbeheut, Jill Ibarra, and Cecile Stelzer-Johnson

1. Chair Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Carrell/Gottbeheut to approve the minutes from August 21st, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports on Meetings Attended
 - Leichtnam mentioned the “PFAS News” that was attached to the agenda for this meeting. Leichtnam further shared detailed information that he learned from the new Secretary of the DNR, Adam Payne, at the Wisconsin Counties Association meeting last week.
 - Leichtnam shared information about the Land & Water Committee from Juneau County. He talked about Chris Zindorf, the chair of the Land & Water Committee. He added that they have a new Health Department Director, Jean Schultz in Juneau County who is very enthusiastic about clean water. Finally, he spoke of Dustin Ladd, the County Conservationist in Juneau County who is also very active on the Land & Water Committee.
 - Bill mentioned the work of the Central Sands Groundwater Counties Collaborative. Ed Hernandez from Waushara County is the chair of the Golden Sands Committee. The collaborative has just finished with gap analysis and is moving on to “next steps”.
 - Bill spoke about five ideas he was given by Sue Smith on what can be done in regard to PFAS.
 1. Literature review to learn more about the risks of human involvement with PFA contamination.
 2. Case study. Students go out into communities that are experiencing PFA contamination.
 3. Interview three leaders from municipal water departments.
 4. Compile publicly available PFAS data in locations in Wood County.
 5. Infographic that would tie all of this together and make available to the public.
5. “WCCGG Next Steps” discussion took place.
 - Changing the name of the group was part of the discussion. Motion Dimick/Gottbeheut to alter the name of the Wood County Citizen’s Groundwater Group to “Citizen’s Water Group” (of Wood County). Motion carried unanimously.
 - Creation of an “Events Subcommittee”.
 - Leichtnam asked the participants of the meeting to give some thought as to getting the word out when the committee has speakers so citizens can hear what they have to say.
6. Plans for an Off-site, Large Group Presentation were discussed.
 - Who is the target audience? Discussion took place.
 - When would we want to have this presentation? March/April 2024 was suggested.
 - Who would moderate? Discussion took place. Peter Manly was suggested. Pliml will follow up.

- Speakers/Panel #'s. Four panelists is preferred.
- Message/Title of presentation. Discussion followed.
- Outcome-who do we want to influence.
- Suggested action by attendees. Discussion followed.
- Q & A length & procedure. Need more time for Q & A.
- Follow-Up (mailing, another meeting).
- Other. Pliml stated the meeting needs to have a focus and a desired outcome. Possibly have a meeting title such as: "Should I drink it?" to garner people's attention.

7. No upcoming meetings were mentioned.
8. Discussion took place on future speakers. Leichtnam called for volunteers for an "Events subcommittee". Carrell, Dimick, Stelzer-Johnson and Gottbeheit volunteered.
9. Next Meeting – Mon., October 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
10. Motion Carrell/Leichtnam to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Notes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office

CITIZENS WATER GROUP (OF WOOD COUNTY) MEETING

DATE: Monday October 17, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference via WebEx

Present (In person or via WebEx): Bill Leichtnam, Ben Jeffrey, Tim Wuebben, Dave Joosten, Rhonda Carrell, Tamas Houlihan, Lance Pliml, Ken Winters, Shane Wucherpennig, Gordy Gottbeheit, Scott Provost, Sandy Cain, and Bill Clendenning

1. Chair Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Carrell/Gottbeheit to approve the minutes from September 25th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports on Meetings Attended
 - Leichtnam shared informational handouts. Discussion took place. Follow this link <https://www.stcroix360.com/2023/10/forum-focuses-on-western-wisconsin-water-worries/> for a very informative article.
5. Review & possibly approve design for CWG logo (Gordy)
 - Review of logos and approval of logo. The logo choice was narrowed down from 19 logos to 3. Voting from the group was to choose logo 3a.
6. "WCCGG Next Steps"
 - Creation of "Events Subcommittee"- Bruce Dimick, Rhonda Carrell, Gordy Gottbeheit, Cecile Stelzer-Johnson, Ken Winters and Bill Leichtnam will be on the subcommittee. Selection of the chair for this committee will be tabled until all members are available.
7. Plans for Off-site, Large Group Presentation (11 bullets prioritized)
 - KEYNOTE SPEAKER & PANEL-Kevin Masarik?
 - CONTENT/MESSAGE/TITLE OF PRESENTATION-"Threats to Drinking Water"; "Who knows what can be done?"; "Citizen's Role"; "Living Downstream...Threats to Drinking Water" were all ideas for the title.
 - BREAKOUT SESSIONS THAT EVENING (nitrates, PFAS, other)-Events Subcommittee will meet November 6th. Discussion on breakout sessions took place.
 - LOCATION-McMillan Library will be contacted to see if the meeting can be held there. A suggestion to reach out to Mid-State Technical College was also made.
 - Other bullets to be addressed, time permitting-when, moderator, outcome, suggested action by attendees, (get contact info.), structure & time of Q/A, follow-up, other. When, March or April? Moderator-Peter Manley?
8. Upcoming local & regional events to be aware of - None
9. Agenda items for next meeting (next agenda comes out on week prior)- None
10. Next meeting – November 13, 2023 & schedule "Events" subcommittee mtg.
 - Events Subcommittee will meet in the McCourt room at McMillan Library on Monday November 6th at 2:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn – Clendenning/Winters made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Notes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office