

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

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

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

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of December 4, 2024, were presented. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Extension Area Director Solin updated the committee on the status of vacant positions within Extension.
6. Educator Rombalski asked the committee for guidance in the day of the week for the Spring Clean Sweep in Marshfield. The month of May tends to be harder to find folks to man it on the weekend. The consensus of the committee was to leave it on Saturday.
7. County Conservationist Wucherpennig discussed the suggested dues from the Golden Sands RC&D. Currently, Wood County contributes 75% of the suggested amount (\$1,425 out of \$1,900 suggested). With changes in leadership, the committee will decide during the 2026 budget cycle whether to increase the amount to 100%.
8. Wucherpennig reported that a new cooperative agreement between NRCS and the Wood County Land & Water Conservation Dept. has been drawn up (copy in the packet) and will be signed shortly.
9. The Wisconsin Land & Water Annual Conference will be held March 5-7 in Green Bay. Schulz expressed interest in attending.
10. Wucherpennig updated the committee on the ongoing violations for the non-metallic mining (waiting on the DNR for wetlands determination) and the manure runoff violation (court date coming up in January).
11. County Planner Arndt presented a resolution to approve a zoning amendment to the Town of Cameron Zoning Ordinance. The change does not go against any county zoning. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration.

12. Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg presented a proposal to use \$2,500 of REDI implementation funds for a consultant to help write a grant for Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD). This would be geared towards the Marshfield area where broadband has been determined to be lacking. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to fund the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Thank you from North Wood County Historical Society for their economic development grant was shared with the committee.
14. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
15. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.

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

**Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Clendinning	WCB # 15
Jason Greenberg	P+Z
DENNIS POLACH	WCB - 14
Tom Hascadok	WCB - 5
Russ Perlock	WCB #4
Shane Wucherpfennig	LWCA
Wynne Sinsky	WCB #1
Kayla Rombaliski	EXT
Victoria Wilson (WebEx)	P+Z
Barb Peters (WebEx)	LWCA
Ed Newton (WebEx)	Finance
Julie Marcel (WebEx)	P+Z
Lance Pliml (WebEx)	CB Chairman