

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday April 3, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Dave LaFontaine, Jake Hahn, Laura Valentstein, Tom Buttke and Joe Behlen

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant-Planning & Zoning; 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. Grueneberg shared information about a ribbon cutting that took place in Marshfield for the Yellowstone Industrial Park certified site.
4. The minutes of the previous March 6th, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Buttke/LaFontaine to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by LaFontaine/Buttke to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Solin introduced Jen McNelly, Natural Resources Educator and Ka Zoua Thao, Community Health Worker.
7. Solin stated the UW Extension office remodel will begin the second week of April.
8. Solin reminded the committee to sign up for the Northwoods Forum coming up on Tuesday May 7, 2024 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM in Lac du Flambeau.
9. Hannah Wendels-Scott gave an overview of the Bike Share Program over 2023 and into 2024. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein to release \$5,000 in Economic Development funding to the Bike Share Program. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Grueneberg mentioned staffing changes in the Planning & Zoning office. Brad Cook has been promoted to Code Administrator and Kayla Rautio has been promoted to Code Technician. This leaves the Program Assistant position vacant. This position is currently posted.

11. Grueneberg asked for the release of up to \$2,500 in REDI Implementation funding for a program called "Homegrown" that focuses on the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Motion by Buttke/LaFontaine to release up to \$2,500 in REDI funds for "Homegrown". Motion carried unanimously.
12. Approval of Economic Development Grant application forms and process. Motion by LaFontaine/Valenstein. Discussion followed. Motion by Hahn/Buttke to amend the motion to change the scoring rubric to reflect the removal of 5 points for "1st time applicant". Discussion followed. Motion carried with Valenstein voting no. Motion to amend the amended motion to reflect an increase of points for ROI to 25. Motion carried with Valenstein and Leichtnam voting no.
13. The Bauer waste transfer system project bids were reviewed. Motion by Buttke/LaFontaine to accept the low bid of \$22,167 from Fox Valley. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Slattery waste facility closure project bids were reviewed. Motion by Valenstein/LaFontaine to accept the low bid of \$10,274 from Dvoran. Motion carried unanimously.
15. The next meeting will be held tentatively Wednesday May 1st, 2024 at 9:00 AM.
16. Chair Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Minutes taken by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Program Assistant and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

**Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Clendenning	WCB # 15
Jason Greenberg	P+Z
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
Jeremy Solis	Extension
Joe Hethen	
Hannah Wendels Scott	WCHD / Bike Share
KaZoua Thao	Extension
Sen McNelly	Extension
Shane Wucherpfennig	L & WCD
Jeff Penzkover	WCB # 11
Angel Laidlaw	Webex - Centergey
Victoria Wilson	P&Z
Barb Peeters	Webex - L & WCD
Emily Arndt	Webex - P&Z
Kayla Rombalski	Webex UW Ext.