

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Tim Hovendick (WebEx), Russ Perlock, Wayne Schulz, Joe Behlen

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. Under correspondence, Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg reminded the committee of the upcoming CEED Tour, scheduled for Friday, September 13th, leaving the courthouse at 7:45 AM. Those interested should let his office know of their intentions.
4. The minutes of July 3 & 31, 2024, were presented. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Extension Area Director Solin informed the group that interviews for the 4H Associate Educator position will be held next week, with the goal of a start date around the time schools start.
7. Extension Educator Rombalski highlighted the results of the Clean Sweep recently held in Marshfield. Over 2017 lbs. of household waste and 438 lbs. of agricultural waste was collect from 51 participants. The fall clean sweep will be held in the Town of Saratoga on Saturday, September 7th.
8. NRCS District Conservationist, Roy Diver, provided a 2024 update of his office, including programs being worked on and assistance being offered for various functions of his office. He highlighted the report that was included in the committee packet.
9. County Conservationist Wucherpennig, along with Corp Counsel Kastenholz, reviewed the current violations of the Non-metallic mining ordinance in the Town of Dexter, as well as the manure violation in the NE portion of the county. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to direct Wucherpennig to contact a sheriff's deputy, as well as a veterinarian, to explain the situation occurring at this farm and have them accompany him to said farms. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Wucherpennig presented bids for the Strobel waste storage facility closure. Motion by Buttke/Behlen to approve the low bid of \$6,813.50 from Jeff Ertl Trucking for the basis of cost share. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Wucherpennig presented an update on the progress of the LWRM Plan update. A draft plan will be available soon and will be posted to the LWCD website.
12. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley provided an update on the site plan for South Wood County Park and requested the economic development grant funds of \$15,000 be released. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the release of \$15,000 of economic grant funding to the Parks & Forestry Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Main Street Marshfield Executive Director, Kaelie Gomez, provided an update on the Downtown Welcome Back project and requested the economic development grant funds of \$21,100 be released. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the release of \$21,100 of economic development grant funding to Main Street Marshfield. Motion carried unanimously.
14. City of Marshfield Administrator Steve Barg provided an update on the Historic Preservation Commission's sign and brochure holder project for historic areas in the City of Marshfield and requested the economic development grant funds of \$5,000 be released. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the release of \$5,000 of economic development funding to the City of Marshfield. Motion carried unanimously.
15. CENTERGY President & CEO, Angel Laidlaw presented a report on what her organization does and recent successes they have had in promoting Central Wisconsin. She highlighted their website, <https://centraltosuccess.com/>, and the many resources available to those looking to relocate to our area. CENTERGY covers, Adams, Wood, Portage, Marathon, and Lincoln Counties.
16. Grueneberg & Rombalski presented a request for REDI Implementation Grant funding for providing scholarships to students completing the Entrepreneurial Foundations course at Midstate Technical College. This is a one credit course, and the scholarship would only be available to Wood County residents. Midstate Technical College would release the funds and would report back to the committee on its usage. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve \$5,000 of REDI Implementation Grant funding for the above mentioned purpose. Motion carried unanimously.
17. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:00 AM. Schulz will be excused.
18. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 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 Clendenning	wCB #15
Angel Laidlaw	Centergy
DENNIS POLACH	wCB-14
Jason Greenberg	P#2
Russ Perlock	wCB #4
Kayla Rombalski	EXTENSION
Jeremy Solin	
CHAD SCHOOLEY	PARKS & FORESTRY
Wayne Schultz	wCB #1
Katie Gomez	Main Street Marshfield
JOE BUEHLER	
Peter Rastenholtz	Corp Counsel
Steve Barry	City of Marshfield
Victoria Wilson (WebEx)	P#3
Barb Peeters... (WebEx)	LWCA
Ed Newton (WebEx)	Finance
Lance Pliml (WebEx)	County Board Chair