

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, June 7, 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. Discuss and possible action on designating supervisor as Wood County representative on North Central Land & Water Conservation Association
 - b. Discuss and possible action to establish rate per acre for permanent pasture for prescribed grazing.
9. Private Sewage
10. Land Records
11. County Surveyor
12. Planning & Zoning
 - a. CEED Tour date, discuss and select.
13. Economic Development
 - a. Presentation on *Uniquely Wisconsin* marketing campaign by Discover Mediaworks.
 - b. Update from C2 Makerspace and consider release of 2023 Economic Development funds in the amount of \$10,000.
 - c. Update from Marshfield Municipal Airport and consider release of 2023 Economic Development funds in the amount of \$15,000.
 - d. Update from Central Wisconsin State Fair and consider release of Junior Fair grant funds in the amount of \$32,000.
 - e. Discuss inquiry to place wind turbines on Wood County property.
14. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
 - b. Clean Sweep
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

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MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Laura Valenstein, Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wuchterpfennig, Barb Peeters
Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Paul Bernard, Victoria Wilson, Kayla Rautio
Extension Staff: Jeremy Solin, Laura Huber

Others Present (for part or all of the meeting): Dist. #11 Supervisor Jeff Penzkover, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning, County Board Chair Lance Pliml (WebEx), Justin Casperson (WebEx), Kevin Boyer (WebEx), Ray Bossert (WebEx), Reuben VanTassel

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Leichtnam called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Leichtnam declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)**
 - Jason Grueneberg introduced Kayla Rautio as the new Program Assistant in Planning & Zoning. The CEED Committee welcomed Kayla.
 - Regarding the public hearing for battery storage in Wood County, Jason Grueneberg noted battery storage in Saratoga does not generate revenue for the county. It was also noted battery storage was part of the initial PSC approval of the Wood County Solar Project for which the county will receive \$350,000.00 per year with payments starting in December.
 - Shane Wuchterpfennig shared that Rick Georgeson was the recipient of the 2023 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award for excellence in building partnerships at the Lakes and Rivers Conference in Stevens Point.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: a) minutes of the April 5, 2023 CEED meeting; b) bills from Extension, Land & Water Conservation and Planning & Zoning; c) staff activity reports from Laura Huber, Jasmine Carbagal, Matt Lippert, Kayla Rombalski, Allison Jonjak, Hannah Wendels, Mallory McGivern, Janell Wehr, Jackie Carattini, Anna James, Barb Peeters, Caleb Armstrong, Emily Salvinski, Kyle Andrae, Rod Mayer and Shane Wuchterpfennig, Jason Grueneberg, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker, Victoria Wilson and Kayla Rautio.
 - a. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - b. **Approve bills.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - c. **Receive staff activity reports.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - d. **Receive committee reports.** Chairman Leichtnam noted that the Citizen's Groundwater Committee met April 25th at Conservation Lobby Day but had no secretary so there were no meeting minutes for the packet. The Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative Committee (CSGWCC) and the Golden Sands RC&D both meet every other month so there were no April meetings to include in the packet.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept the April 5, 2023 CEED minutes; bills from Extension, Land & Water Conservation and Planning & Zoning; and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Laura Valenstein. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.** None.

7. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.

8. **Land & Water Conservation Department**

a. Discuss and possible action on RC&D membership dues.

Discussion regarding what percentage of RC&D voluntary membership dues should be paid.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to approve 75% contribution of \$1,900.00 Golden Sands RC&D voluntary membership dues. Second by Laura Valenstein. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discuss designating supervisor as Wood County representative for the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association. Shane Wucherpfnig shared that per bylaws, there is an obligation for both a county and LCC representative on the North Central Land & Water Conservation Association. Shane serves as the county conservation representative. The association meets approximately 2-4 times per year and each of the 9 counties in the association hosts a summer tour as part of the summer meeting on a rotating basis. Supervisor LaFontaine tentatively volunteered to serve as the LCC representative pending further information regarding responsibilities of the representative and requested the agenda item remain on the June agenda for further discussion.

9. **Private Sewage.** None.

10. **Land Records**

a. Review Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) ARPA funding request to supplement and continue the collaborative effort between various county departments and municipalities.

Paul Bernard reported phase 1 of LiDAR entailed buying into project with significant support from Land & Water Conservation, County Highway Dept. City of Marshfield and City of Wis. Rapids, with completion in 2022. Phase 2 entailed CFIP request for additional deliverables (contours, culverts and online application) with completion in 2022. Moving on to phase 3, ARPA funding seen as an opportunity to increase phase 3 deliverables for water quality, specifically for impervious surfaces to make the program more robust. The itemized quote from Cloudpoint Geospatial for impervious surface layers (roads, parking lots, alleys, sidewalks, driveways and patios/courtyards) ranges from \$125,342.00 to \$217,425.00 and would give ARPA the option to approve any or all of the layers for impervious surfaces. The ability to view layers for all impervious surfaces would be very beneficial to multiple county departments, municipalities, surveyors and landowners.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to send request for ARPA funding to supplement LiDAR with range of \$125,342.00 to \$217,425.00. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bill Leichtnam to amend original motion for up to \$217,425.00. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **County Surveyor**

a. Review and recommend proposals for Wood County Highway Transportation Project Plat (TPP). Kevin Boyer is in discussions with the county highway dept. regarding right of way location issues throughout the state with the largest concern identified as County F through Sherry. Mr. Boyer's estimate through Sherry affects 28 parcels. The next step is to determine from a mapping standpoint where the right of way is as well as who owns the right of way. This affects the Register of Deeds and Treasurer's office for tracking property descriptions and taxation and will save both the county and taxpayers money long term. The

project will monument exactly where right of way is and will be a shared cost project with the county surveyor's budget covering \$10,000.00 and county highway dept. covering up to \$15,000.00. Bids were submitted by Quest Civil Engineers, LLC for \$24,000.00 and Gremmer & Associates, Inc. for \$32,600.00. Mr. Boyer noted both are very qualified and his recommendation would be to accept the \$24,000.00 bid from Quest Civil Engineers, LLC.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve \$24,000.00 for the Wood County Highway Transportation Project Plat (TPP). Second by Laura Valenstein. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Planning & Zoning

- a. Consider resolution approving zoning ordinance amendments for the Town of Sigel. Jason Grueneberg noted solar energy systems and wind energy systems were added to the zoning ordinance. Neither section conflicts with any county ordinances in effect.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve zoning ordinance amendments for the Town of Sigel. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Economic Development

- a. Consider request for release of REDI implementation funding for Central Wisconsin State Fair feasibility study. Justin Casperson, Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Marshfield, is working closely with the Central Wisconsin State Fair committee to address the aging fairground buildings. It would be beneficial to the county as well as surrounding communities to build a large expo building as an indoor option for year-round seasonal activities, i.e. farm shows, RV events, weddings, fundraisers, home & garden shows, etc. The funds would be used to hire a firm to complete a feasibility study on the costs and location (to be built on fairground property) for a large expo building. The expo building would be managed and operated by the fair committee.

There was some concern with releasing \$50,000.00 of the remaining \$63,000.00 REDI implementation funding, but it was noted that some of the approved 2023 grant projects may not occur this year with an estimated \$75,000.00 that could potentially be used to fund economic development. It was also noted there are currently no formal requests to other parties to request funds to support this project.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve release of \$50,000.00 in REDI funding for a Central Wisconsin State Fair feasibility study. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Discussion followed.

Motion by Laura Valenstein to amend original motion to release \$25,000.00 in REDI funding for a Central Wisconsin State Fair feasibility study. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Voting Aye: Bill Leichtnam, Laura Valenstein. Voting Nay: Jake Hahn, Tom Buttke, Dave LaFontaine. Motion Failed.

Motion to amend original motion by Tom Buttke to approve release of up to \$50,000.00 in REDI funding for a Central Wisconsin State Fair feasibility study. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Voting Aye: Tom Buttke, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine. Voting Nay: Laura Valenstein, Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried.

- b. Update from Village of Port Edwards Bike Trail project and consider release of 2023 Economic Development Grant Funds. Ray Bossert reported that the north section of the bike trail extension has been completed. Ongoing collaboration continues with Saratoga and Grand Rapids to expand the network. The \$20,000.00 in economic development grant funds will be used to focus on the south side of trail for bike trail signs, pavement marking, additional

concrete work and trail extension into the village of Port Edwards in conjunction with the DOT. The DOT will assist with the bike trail crossing by the train tracks as part of the DOT's project to replace highway 54 through the village. It was noted the Riverwalk bike trail extension section is being funded by a Legacy grant.

Suggestion for either a site visit to occur at June CEED meeting or dept. head/supervisor to tour project for proof of progress.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve release of \$20,000.00 in 2023 Economic Development Grant Funds for the Port Edwards Bike Trail Project. Second by Laura Valenstein. Voting Aye: Dave LaFontaine, Laura Valenstein, Bill Leichtnam. Voting Nay: Jake Hahn, Tom Buttke. Motion carried.

- c. Update on broadband and Bug Tussel projects. Jason Grueneberg reported:
- All towers are live with the exception of one in the Meadow Valley State Wildlife Area. Some residents have reported access issues. Bug Tussel clarified bandwidth areas between Marshfield and Wis. Rapids should provide sufficient access. It was noted each tower's service provides coverage in a 6 mile diameter.
 - The highway dept. has had more requests for fiber in the ground over the past 2 months than for all of the requests submitted last year. A meeting has been scheduled on May 10th to discuss reason behind increase in requests and provide advice to municipalities on best practice for fiber installation and right of way issues.
 - Looking towards RFI (request for information) process in August to meet with all providers to get idea of what their plans are for the county, provide basic permit forms for contractors to fill out for installs and potentially support applications next year for federal funding. Residents have expressed frustrations with lack of coordination between providers but it is an unregulated sector. Please let Jason know of any positive or negative comments from residents.
 - The county is working on a broadband strategy due to the difficulty in providing broadband in the county when providers are sharing little to no information.
 - The county Broadband team will kick off with a meeting scheduled in mid-June in Pittsville in anticipation of federal broadband funds being released next year.

14. Extension

- a. General Office Update: Jeremy Solin reported:
- DATCP released an announcement of funding for the Nitrogen Optimization Project which is a new program. Extension staff are working on a Cranberry Creek project for a \$50,000.00 grant that was received.
 - Interviews are scheduled next week for the Healthy Communities Coordinator position.
 - Reports of unanswered phone calls in the Extension office were related to the Outlook email suffix change that directly affected voice mails not forwarding appropriately. The issue has been resolved by I.T.
 - Laura Huber, 4H Educator for Wood County, presented six entries for the 2023 Wood County Plat book cover and asked those present to help decide on the cover by submitting votes. The plat books are sold as a fundraiser which directly supports youth programs. Laura noted there are 100 youth registered for summer camp with 35 youth in 3rd to 5th grades from Wood County. Dexter County Park will be also be used for a one-day outdoor adventure camp this summer to promote youth getting in the outdoors.

15. Sustainable & Renewable

- a. Discuss structure of sustainable and renewable oversight. Chairman Leichtnam noted any agenda items for Sustainable & Renewable require prior discussion with the CEED Chairman or one of the 3 department directors in order to be included on the meeting agenda.
- b. Solar options for Jail Project. Reuben VanTassel distributed copies of the Solar Power System Design and Installation Proposal from Northwind Solar for the Wood County Jail. The design for the roof of the jail was designed to support solar panels to tie into the electrical system. Solar panels would offset 10% of the annual consumption of electricity. The total cost of the proposal for solar panels is \$525,000.00 with an ROI of 12 years based on preliminary data and a service life of 25-35 years. It was noted potential donations and/or grant opportunities were discussed at the last county board meeting. The next step would be to determine what grants are available. It was noted after pricing incentives and tax credits, the estimated cost for the project is \$347,369.00.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to recommend further investigation and to pursue solar panels on the roof of the Wood County jail by the Properties & IT (PIT) Committee and the Jail Adhoc Committee. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discuss Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and consideration for Jail Project. Reuben VanTassel shared that LEED certification was previously discussed with county board input on design and development but did not elect to move forward with the LEED certification during that process due to the high expense. We are not aware of any tax benefit for LEED certification. The new jail will be more efficient than the current jail and Reuben is consistently considering long-term effects for value versus cost. The general consensus was to not pursue LEED certification at this time.

16. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants. None.

17. Schedule next regular committee meeting. The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Wood County Courthouse, Room #114.

18. Agenda items for next meeting. *Agenda items are due by Wednesday, May 31st.*

- Discuss implementation of request for progress report/proof of progress completion report
- Presentation by Uniquely Wisconsin regarding their program as potential use of REDI funds
- Discuss designating supervisor as Wood County representative for the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association

19. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None.

20. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes by Barb Peeters – Land & Water Conservation – Wood County

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY BOARD ROOM, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Laura Valenstein

Members Excused: Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Shane Wucherpennig, Barb Peeters

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chairperson Leichtnam called the CEED meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Leichtnam declared a quorum.

3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*).**

Shane Wucherpennig noted cost share practices through DATCP follow NR 151 coding, but a new practice for prescribed grazing will require action by the CEED committee to establish the rate per acre (approximately \$215.00 per acre). A recommendation will be included on the agenda for discussion and possible action at the June 7, 2023 CEED Committee meeting.

4. **Review and approve Armagost Grazing Project (bid) & Randy Schill Grass Waterway (bid).**

Shane presented bid for the Rick Armagost grazing project (fencing). Two bids were received from Real Fence LLC; electric fence (\$30,446.60) and barbed wire fence (\$43,821.85). Bids submitted were based on footage and were in line with estimates. Recommendation to accept bid for electric fence (\$30,446.60).

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to accept the bid most advantageous to Wood County. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane presented bid for the Randy Schill grass waterway project from Kolo Trucking & Excavating, Inc. for \$15,331.00. The cost estimate for the project was less than anticipated. It was noted the cost represents 100% rate of total cost for which the county pays a portion and the landowner pays remaining cost.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to accept the bid most advantageous to Wood County. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adjourn.**

Chairperson Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Minutes by Barb Peeters – Land & Water Conservation – Wood County

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Land & Water Conservation Dept

For the period of: May 2023

For the range of vouchers: 18230080 - 18230093

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18230080	KATZNER DAVE	LWC-refund 35 tree shelters	05/03/2023	\$113.73	P
18230081	MARQUETTE COUNTY LWCD	2023 TREE DELIVERY FEE	05/03/2023	\$434.00	P
18230082	PLANTRA	TREE SHELTERS	04/27/2023	\$5,572.80	P
18230083	PLANTRA	LWC-REFUND 2 BUNDLES TAMARACK	05/03/2023	(Voided)	P
18230084	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LWCD MAY PRE PAY	05/11/2023	\$87.99	P
18230085	FULLER CURT & ANGELA	Cost-Share Nutrient Management	05/02/2023	\$4,776.00	P
18230086	FULLER CURT & ANGELA	Cost-Share Nutrient Management	05/02/2023	\$576.00	P
18230087	GOLDEN SANDS RC D	2023 Dues-75% per CEED Comm.	01/01/2023	\$1,425.00	P
18230088	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	Kauth Fence Supplies	05/05/2023	\$525.19	P
18230089	ZURFLUH KEITH	LWC-Refund 2 bundles tamarack	05/03/2023	\$73.85	P
18230090	FULLER CURT & ANGELA	Cost-Share Nutrient Management	05/18/2023	(Voided)	P
18230091	FULLER CURT & ANGELA	Cost-Share Nutrient Management	05/18/2023	(Voided)	P
18230092	AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	Wastewater Testing	05/23/2023	\$107.00	P
18230093	US BANK	Wood lath for grade stakes	05/17/2023	\$14.98	P
Grand Total:				\$13,706.54	

Signatures

Committee Chair:

Committee Member:

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning

For the period of: May 2023

For the range of vouchers: 22230026 - 22230033 38230005 - 38230008

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22230026	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Services Per Contract	05/01/2023	\$833.00	P
22230027	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-April Permits	05/01/2023	\$1,700.00	P
22230028	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PL-Office Supplies	04/18/2023	\$17.29	P
22230029	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PL-Office Supplies	04/15/2023	\$7.55	P
22230030	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PL-Office Supplies	04/30/2023	\$69.49	P
22230031	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	PS-Prof Services-Other/Postage	04/30/2023	\$94.56	P
22230032	OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	PS-Prof Services-Other	04/30/2023	\$480.51	P
22230033	US BANK	LR/PL Credit Card Charges	05/17/2023	\$91.48	P
38230005	MARYANN LIPPERT CONSULTANT LLC	ED-REDI-Broadband	05/01/2023	\$270.00	P
38230006	TOWN OF RICHFIELD	ED-Mileage	05/10/2023	\$150.00	P
38230007	GRUENEBERG JASON	ED-Mileage	05/10/2023	\$10.58	P
38230008	VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS TREAS	ED-2023 Grant Funding	05/18/2023	\$20,000.00	P
Grand Total:				\$23,724.46	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

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Activities Report for Barb Peeters - May 2023

- Answered emails and calls regarding extra trees for sale from the Wood County Tree & Shrub sale.
- Processed orders and payments for 29 bundles of extra trees from Tree & Shrub sale (725 trees).
- Processed refunds for Tree & Shrub sale (due to shortage from nursery caused by deer damage).
- Worked with I.T. to have tree sale information and documents updated on the Wood County Land & Water Conservation web page.
- Attended May 3rd CEED meeting as minute recorder; drafted & finalized CEED meeting minutes.
- Answered phones and replied to emails.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Compiled LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to May 4th and May 18th payrolls.
- Updated LWCD newsletter mailing list.
- Wrapped up 2023 Tree and Shrub sale.
- Published the 2022 Wood County LWCD Annual Report and worked with I.T. to upload report to the LWCD web page.
- Updated contact list for annual report.
- Attended May 11th and May 31st staff meetings and typed minutes.
- Processed no-till drill payments.
- Contacted DNR Wastewater Engineer regarding Multi Discharger Variance (MDV) payment discrepancy and a past due MDV payment.
- Logged and deposited MDV payments as received.
- Attended Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Conservation Partnership Training on May 18, 2023 in Madison. It was *very* beneficial training with information/overview of programs/grants.
- Completed cost-share reimbursement requests for nutrient management and forwarded to DATCP for reimbursement.
- Created soil probe rental agreement form.
- Processed department invoices/check requests.
- Placed order for tree root gel and processed invoice.
- Attended May 23rd special CEED meeting as minute recorder; drafted & finalized meeting minutes.
- Assisted with the mailing of wildlife damage fence inspection letters.
- Assisted with orientation of LWCD summer intern (Clinton Sabers).
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk's office for CEED packet.
- Organized County Board packet and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.

Staff Report for May

Caleb Armstrong

- Distribution of left over trees from our tree sale, all extra trees were sold to people who were put onto waiting list for the trees.
 - Cleaned up the forestry garage after the sale was complete to rearrange and get stuff ready for the growing season.
- Collected information from other counties as well as researching to create an appropriate cost-share rate, for pasture renovations for farmers who are interested in rotational grazing, and will be taking crop land out of production and into grass.
 - Will be on the June 7th CEED meeting for approval
- Worked with Luke Kueffer on doing some adjustments to proposed grazing plan to add more gates for easier access for machinery to be put into fields.
 - Gave him the cost breakdown according to the bids we received back and moving with it in the future.
- Worked with Rick Armagost on some adjustments he'd like on the grazing fence.
 - Received his bids back and got them approved.
 - Just waiting on the pasture renovation cost-share approval and fences will be getting placed as soon we get confirmation as both he and contractor are ready to move forward with it.
- Assisted Rod Mayer in the annual fence inspections on the all the Wildlife Damage Abatement fences, we inspected around 15 fences.
 - Most of these fences are located in the southern part of the county around cranberry marshes.
- No-Till Drill has been slow to begin the year as the ground was too wet for most of the beginning of May.
 - Peter Feltz used the drill to interseed into his pastures on some sand ground on the western part of the county.
 - Roth's Golden Acres used the drill to interseed some alfalfa into old stands as well as clover. They also no-tilled in cereal rye into some fields for forage base for their cows.
- Begin our research project at Dustin's Albert we are going to try and plant green for soybeans with roller crimping and no-tilling into a standing winter rye field that was cover cropped.
 - I was able to get some tractor time with him one night and take photos/videos of him planting into the fields.
- Working with Curt Eastling on getting into our programs.
 - Curt will be putting his acres into Nutrient Management.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-May 2023-

- **Monday, May 1.** Worked on adding Mill Creek attachments into BITS (DNR reporting system).
- **Tuesday, May 2.** Finished adding 2022 info into BITS.
- **Wednesday, May 3.** Worked on adding 2022 well nitrate results into GIS. Answered DNR's questions on farmer's NMP.
- **Wednesday, May 10.** Sent out multiple emails looking for more NMP checklists. Looked into reimbursing NMFE participant who didn't register. Attended badger crop connect.
- **Thursday, May 11.** Attended staff meeting. Took streamflow measurements at 6 locations in SE Wood County.
- **Monday, May 15.** Added streamflow measurements to spreadsheets and DNR's monitoring website (SWIMS). Attended citizens groundwater group meeting.
- **Tuesday, May 16.** Took water samples from 4 spots in the Mill Creek to be analyzed for total phosphorus and total suspended solids.
- **Wednesday, May 17.** Looked at individuals who didn't turn in a NMP's history with cost-sharing and waste storage to see if they should get an enforcement letter. Sent out a handful of letters.
- **Thursday, May 25.** Updated Mill Creek sampling spreadsheets, added May Mill Creek sampling results to spreadsheets. Started updating wild parsnip brochure (updated map in gis for brochure).
- **Friday, May 26.** Finished adding 2022 well nitrate test results from health department to GIS (There were 58 from Wood Co). Updated the % tests over 10 ppm by municipality map using the new info.

Activities Report for Kyle Andreae – May, 2023

- May 1 – Gust plan and permit review, Tree sale
- May 2 – Schill plan review, Prepare Armagost bid packets
- May 3 – PFAS webinar, Keuffer site visit
- May 4 – Keuffer re-design/ cost estimate, Armagost bid pack
- May 5 – Armagost bid pack complete/ out for bid, No till drill repair
- May 8 – Keuffer cost estimate, Mrozek plan review
- May 9 – Mrozek cost estimate, Keuffer site visit
- May 10 – Mrozek contact, Pankratz site visit, Pankratz design
- May 11 – Staff Meeting, Pankratz design
- May 12 – Pankratz, Gust, Schill site visit, contractor coordination
- May 15 – Borchert site visit, No till drill repair
- May 16 – Borchert site visit, North Central Land and Water Conservation Spring Meeting, No till drill repair.
- May 17 – Armagost site visit, Weiler site visit and investigation.
- May 18 – Weiler site investigation, Schill site visit
- May 19 – Pankratz site visit, Weiler site visit, Weiler design
- May 22 – Contractor coordination, Weiler contact and design, Schill Site visit
- May 23 – Schill Design modification
- May 24 – Schill Design modification
- May 25 – Keuffer, Armagost, Marti Site visits
- May 26 – Schill Design modification
- May 29 – Holiday
- May 30 – Schill Design Modification
- May 31 – Staff Meeting, Schill Site visit, Gust Site visit

Activities Report for Rod Mayer – MAY 2023

- Worked with landowner for modification to wildlife fence under contract: created maps, pictures, contact with DNR, field visit with owner, etc.
- Sold & packaged additional trees leftover from tree sale. Cleaned up shed area from tree sale.
- Completed Gardner Act 82 ag tags for cranberry crop. Enrollment & permit paperwork, sent to DNR, updated database.
- Reported 2022 tags issued to member of deer committee.
- Correspondence, review, edits needed, approval letter, spreadsheet, file updates for Damman pond build for exemption to mining.
- Fanning financial assurance for mine site review, file-spreadsheet-database updates.
- Review inactive mine site file – correspondence with operator for starting up again.
- Put fence inspection binder together. Spreadsheet, inspection maps, route list, last year notes, etc.
- Contacted all fence owners for inspections.
- Correspondence, review, approval, letter, file update, spreadsheet for Joling pond exemption to mining.
- Completed wildlife fence inspections on all fences remaining under contract. (15 fences)
- Met with landowner for enrollment in wildlife damage program – fields in both normal enrollment and Act 82 – delivered paperwork to cropowner.
- Correspondence for Totten pond build exemption to mining – contact with DNR and landowner with concerns.
- Worked on finalizing fence inspections. (Letter, Inspection form, Map with comments, file form completed, DNR database updates with attachments, spreadsheet, file copies, binder update, etc.
- Field visit to Eisenhower mine site with new landowner to go over what needed for final reclamation and closing of permit. Informed what needed to transfer permit currently.
- Discussion with DNR storm water on changes in mine sites that will need to be addressed this summer.
- Completed first crop wildlife damage alfalfa appraisals on Marti farm. (7 fields)
Completed alfalfa damage acre maps, calculations, forms, database updates, and file updates.



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpfennig – May, 2023

- **May 1** – Virtual meetings
- **May 2** – CSGCC meeting - virtual
- **May 3** – Virtual meetings, Webinar
- **May 4** – Project database updates
- **May 5** – PACRS meeting, Correspondence with summer intern, Conservation Administrative Specialist 30 day Evaluation
- **May 8** – Virtual meeting, phone correspondence, project updates
- **May 9** - Landowner project designs
- **May 10** – Database management updates, Summer intern correspondence
- **May 11** – Chris Hoffman Farm Site visit to follow up with manure spill reported to the DNR hotline, Staff meeting, Virtual meetings
- **May 12** – Virtual meeting, project updates, phone correspondence
- **May 15** – WCGWG meeting, meetings, field work
- **May 16** – NCLWCA meeting (virtual)
- **May 17** – Virtual meetings, Manure storage database updates, Landowner project designs
- **May 18** – Virtual meetings, Webinar
- **May 19** – Iworq proposal zoom meeting, field visits
- **May 22** – NR151 Cost-share rate correspondence with DATCP, Project updates
- **May 23** – Special CEED meeting – open bids, County Board, Virtual meetings, field visit
- **May 24** – Department Head meeting
- **May 25** – RC&D meetings, Leg & Admin. committee meeting (WI Land & Water)
- **May 26** – Field visit, Data base updates
- **May 29** – Holiday
- **May 30** – Summer Intern first day – orientation/field visits,
- **May 31** – Virtual meetings, landowner designs

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Roundtable

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 at UWSP at Marshfield & C2 Makerspace



Attendance:

- **Angel Whitehead** - Centergy (v)
- **Anthony Andrews** - UWSP at Marshfield
- **Betsy Wood** - Incourage (v)
- **Bobbi Damrow** - Mid-State Technical College
- **Craig Bernstein** - Mid-State Technical College
- **Denise Sonnemann** - Marshfield Area Chamber
- **Jason Grueneberg** - Planning & Zoning
- **Kaelie Gomez** - Main Street Marshfield
- **Karen Olson** - Marshfield Area Chamber
- **Kayla Rombalski** - Extension Wood County
- **Kelly Borchardt** - Childcaring, Inc (v)
- **Kyle Kearns** - City of Wisconsin Rapids (v)
- **Maggie Marquardt** - CREATE Portage County
- **MaryAnn Lippert** - MaryAnn Lippert Consulting
- **Meredith Kleker** - Wisconsin Rapids Area CVB
- **Mike Hobbs** - Pittsville
- **Patrick Gatterman** - SBDC
- **Sam Wessel** - NCWRPC (v)
- **Staci Kivi** - Wis Rapids Chamber
- **Tari Jahns** - United Way of S. Wood & Adams

Minutes:

- I. **Introductions** were shared. Thanks to MACCI for pastries and water. Dr. Anthony Andrews, Campus Executive of UWSP at Marshfield, provided welcoming remarks.
- II. **REDI Strategy Group Updates**
 - **Broadband/Digital Equity Solutions Team**
 - A [kickoff meeting](#) is scheduled for Thursday, June 15 from 8-10 AM at the Pittsville Community Hall located at 5291 3rd Ave. in Pittsville.
 - The purpose of this meeting is to reconnect with what is happening with broadband in Central WI and Wood County. Invitations are being sent to a cross-sector group. All are welcome to attend, even if you do not plan to be an active member of the group. Looking specifically for a few more business representatives located in rural communities.
 - Have had conversations regarding whether DEST is an advisory or action group. Leaning toward more action. There's a lot of activity with broadband: RFI process will begin in August. Jason has completed a broadband informational survey, sessions with Highway Commissioner for towns/municipalities on permitting for broadband.
 - Future conversation will also focus on equity and access. Broadband is more than the infrastructure and fiber cables in the ground. It's also devices to access, affordability, etc. Some people have access and can get it, but can't afford it. Some can pay for it, but can't get access.
 - PSC is hosting "Internet For All Listening Sessions" across the State. Mid-State in WR on June 1, there is a virtual session also. Details here: [Central Wisconsin Event](#), [Internet for All Wisconsin Listening Tour](#).
 - **Branding oversight committee & Outdoor Recreational Mapping Team**
 - More to come on this group in June/July
 - **Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Steering Committee**
 - More to come on this group in June/July
 - Lots of excitement for EESC - Mid-State has some things in the works, and will have tasks for this group.
 - **Housing Task Force**
 - A big part of the focus for Centergy's developer tour will be housing. Update from Angel: mixed housing is a large priority area. Will also include certified properties in Wisconsin Rapids, and an industrial park in Marshfield. Seven companies have registered, hoping for 10 attendees. Tour is June 27-28. Invite list is very limited. Karen Olson and Kyle Kearns are supporting.
 - North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission will be working on a housing study this summer. Currently working on a project in Juneau County. Sam can share examples of what has been done in the past.
 - **Child Care Task Force**

- Waiting on grant/funding decisions from three proposals. Hosting employer roundtables to give businesses an opportunity to share workforce challenges including child care. Events scheduled in Marshfield and WI Rapids. Next meeting is June 8 at Noon via Zoom.

III. Roundtable Updates

- **Kelly Borchardt** - *Childcaring, Inc.*: In addition to Child Care Task Force update - tomorrow is deadline for [Partner Up! grant](#) for businesses. Childcaring is hosting a provider event today and getting a visit from Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Secretary Emilie Amundson. Had 15 providers register/confirm attendance - only 8 are actually able to attend because of staffing pressures on child care administrators needing to be in classrooms, in kitchens, etc.
- **Sam Wessel** - *NCWRPC*: Currently working on Portage County's comprehensive plan. Will begin work on housing and comprehensive plan for Wood County soon.
- **Meredith Kleker** - *Wisconsin Rapids Area CVB*: [Great Pinery Heritage Waterway](#) project has been selected for a grant. It is the 40th year of National Travel and Tourism Week. Tourism is up, looking forward to summer.
- **Kyle Kearns** - *City of Wisconsin Rapids*: Finalizing paper mill redevelopment plan. Final draft in front of Council in June. Working with Centergy on Developer Tour. Several building permits and new projects.
- **Angel Whitehead** - *Centergy*: Working with CESA 8 on career pathways and Inspire. Looking to present to Chamber boards, committee boards, etc. [Competitive Wisconsin Accelerator](#) program with rural resurgency. Working with Jim Wood. Save the date to come out next week. Recently hosted a WEDC rep from Germany on importing and exporting from that area. Gamber-Johnson was the host and shared their updates on exports. Centergy will host EDO & municipality meeting tentatively on June 8.
- **Jason Grueneberg** - *Planning & Zoning*: Mark Rose from Discover WI will be at County Conservation, Education, and Economic Development (CEED) meeting in June. Looking at how we can leverage and partner? [Economic Development grants](#) are open and due July 7. Grants can be submitted from any project that is ED related and helps move REDI implementation forward. CEED committee is very motivated to find projects for those funds. Opportunity for ARPA funds is starting to close. Jail project is coming together and moving forward. Partnering downtown with the City on a few things.
- **Tari Jahns** - *United Way of S. Wood & Adams*: New [ALICE report](#) is available. ALICE is Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. It is a statewide report on underemployment and poverty. In 2018, 32% of Wood County residents were at or below the ALICE threshold. In 2021 that has risen to 40%. Nearly half of Wood County families are struggling and the challenges are with the topics covered here, i.e. child care, broadband, etc. Portage County and Marathon Counties did not jump up quite as much but did increase. Details (including a breakdown for townships/municipalities, and the confidence intervals of the data) can be found on the [ALICE WI website](#). This increase in ALICE includes many factors - wages do not match expenses, the federal poverty guideline is incredibly low, some organizations will indicate they serve people at 200% of the federal poverty guideline. It has not been adjusted since the early 70s. [Info sessions to learn more held in WI Rapids on June 22.](#)
- **Bobbi Damrow & Craig Bernstein** - *Mid-State Technical College*: Graduation is on Saturday at WR campus for nearly 700 graduates (263 are walking). Work on AMITA Center in Stevens Point is moving forward. Held a Nonprofit Leadership Series last Spring and will run again this fall in the Marshfield area. Have partnered with Create on [Startup Sprint series](#) which is a great collaboration. Mid-State on Central is a second location, outreach center, in Marshfield right next to Festival Foods. Accreditation program for dental care can be done in two terms (winterim and spring, fall and winterim) and then those students go right to work.. Partnering with Family Health Center.
- **Mike Hobbs** - *Pittsville*: WEDC is coming to the next City Council meeting. School did not purchase property for the trail. DNR's "Green Team" looking at an old gas station. There is a private group that wants to develop a mixed use building on that site. School District has started their strategic planning process. CEA-RWC strategic plan is also being written. New grocery

store opening in the old Baum's on May 22. Family that owns it has a store in Stratford. Committed to community involvement- partnering, hosting Farmer's Market.

- **Kaelie Gomez** - *Main Street Marshfield*: [Hub City Days](#) is biggest activity currently. Will include a new craft show run by one of the downtown businesses. Restaurant consultant with SBDC visiting four downtown businesses, using that as a retention tool for downtown restaurants. Also recently hosted Retailworks for window displays.
- **Karen Olson & Denise Sonnemann** - *Marshfield Area Chamber*: Partnering/involved in many of the things we've already talked about (working with Angel on Developers Tour, Create on Surge, Child Care Task Force, certified sites) Just hosted Small Business of the Year Breakfast with award given to Heinzen Printing. Working with Mission Wisconsin initiative to bring veterans to the area. Dairyfest 2023 is June 2-3.
- **Staci Kivi** - *Wis Rapids Chamber*: For Nekoosa, a 501c3 entity has been started. They're a community driven group that will handle riverside lights and santa visit events. Chamber is moving from an event focus to being more workforce driven. If interested in For Nekoosa contact Heather Sairs or Tricia Ferkey. Port Edwards has had a TIF district by the mill site since 2008 and have now introduced a TIF incentive program. They are moving forward with developing Port Edwards. Coffee With The Chamber May 2023 is with Evan Umpir; Director of Tax, Transportation & Legal Affairs. Gearing up for graduation for adult and teen leadership programs. Completely redesigning Teen Leadership program to focus on community and leadership pieces, and also align with Mid-State career clusters. Cranberry Blossom Fest is June 15-18. Lunch By The River starts June 1 and is still looking for food truck vendors.
- **Maggie Marquardt** - *CREATE Portage County*: CREATE is not expanding but rather creating a shared resource and learning network in a 10 county region. Calling this the basin (derived from the Upper Wisconsin River Basin that connects our communities). Purpose is to elevate small and rural communities. Connect people and resources in communities that are not that far apart. CREATE is a staff of 3. Partnering on many projects: With SBDC and UWSP on [Surge](#) pitch competition. Applications are due May 31. 12 total contestants. 4 spots reserved for UWSP, Mid-State, and NTC. \$10,000 award, In courage is also sponsoring a \$2000 audience choice award. Other non-cash awards (Chris Klesmith - KIVA microlending platform). Patrick Gatterman is also working with Jeff Ebel on pitch training. Partnering with UWSP and others on a Strategic Doing workshop in Merrill. Startup Sprint series: continue to register throughout the run of the program. Everything has been recorded. Collaborating with Centergy, Mid-State, UWSP, Chris Klesmith at City of SP for Center on Rural Innovation's cohort process. Tech ecosystem. Central WI is one of the rural innovation network communities that was selected.

IV. New/Other Business

- Mark Bowie provided a **tour of the [C2 Makerspace](#)** and spoke about their plans for public programming and more coming this summer.
- A discussion was had on **future meeting locations**. Suggestions included: downtown Marshfield, Mid-State Simulation Center at Aspirus Riverview, an outside/recreational space, etc.

- V. **Adjourn.** Next meeting is **Thursday June 8, 2023** in the meeting/training room on the second floor of McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids. A tour of the makerspace will follow the meeting. Please plan on two hours. 9:30-11:30. Kayla will ensure better quality audio for Zoom participants.

Upcoming Meetings:

Second Thursday from 9:30-11:30 AM. **June 8** @ McMillan Library [Makerspace](#) / **July 13** @ (tentative) [Powers Bluff](#) County Park / August 10 / September 14 / October 12 / November 9 / December 14

FYI: [Wood County REDI Plan FINAL April 2021.pdf](#)



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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

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

RE: Staff Report for June 7, 2023

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

Central Wisconsin Economic Development (CWED) Committee – May 31st I participated in a CWED Executive Committee meeting. Agenda items included review of a bylaw change request, scheduling a strategic planning session, and review of other regional loan fund operations.

Department Staffing – In the past month I have been working with Human Resource on filling the Planner and the Code Technician positions. An offer has been extended to a Code Technician candidate, and interviews have been set up for the Planner position.

Solar Meetings – In the past month I've met with 2 solar companies, Next Era Energy, and Scout Energy. Both companies have been meeting with property owners in the County to discuss possible land leases for solar arrays. The purpose of the meetings was for the solar companies to introduce themselves, and provide general information about the projects.

Broadband Planning – In the past month there have been numerous meetings held to prepare for Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) planning initiatives. Wood County will be creating a broadband plan using BEAD Funding under the coordination of Centergy and the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The process will be led by the Digital Equity Solution Team that Wood County has assembled.

REDI Implementation Funding Update – At the April 5th CEED Committee meeting \$20,000 of REDI implementation funding was approved for the purchase of property for park and trail use. The City was not able to purchase the property so the \$20,000 will not be released for this project.

2. Planning & Zoning-Vacant

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- Securing Funding for ARPA funding for LiDAR Deliverables
- Working with DNR, local fire departments to create new Emergency Service Atlas
- Digitizing Hydrology
- Digitizing Driveways

- Working towards NG911 GIS data readiness
- Various custom mapping requests

4. Code Administrator (Jeff Brewbaker)

04-26-2023- Reviewed (2) soils evaluation, hydrograph, plan, and issued permit replacement conventional TN: 07 and one new conventional TN: 07, Replacement well permit, variance required due to landfill setback TN: 07.

04-27-2023- Reviewed A+4 soils report TN: 21, Soils evaluation, hydrograph, plan new conv TN: 07, Soils evaluation, plan, permit issued replacement A+0 mound core TN: 01.

04-28-2023- Issued new well permit TN: 07, Reviewed soils, hydrograph, plan for new storm shelter 900 gpd TN: 18, Reviewed soils, plan, and issued permit replacement holding tank TN: 21, Replacement inspection pumped conventional TN: 07, Reconnect mound inspection TN:12.

05-01-2023- Issued replacement well permit TN: 07, Issued new well permit TN: 18

05-02-2023- Issued shoreland permit for storm shelter Lake Wazeecha TN: 07, Inspection report for replacement PL-525 filter TN:08, Re-connect inspection & report for mound TN: 12.

05-03-2023- Pumped conventional inspection report TN: 07.

05-04-2023- Inspection new conventional TN: 07.

05-05-2023- Issued shoreland permit for new shed on riparian lot TN: 07, Issued replacement well permit TN: 07.

05-08-2023- Inspection replacement conventional TN: 18, Issued RV privy permit TN: 21, (2) Inspection reports TN: 07 & 18.

05-09-2023- (2) Failing system orders Discharge to Squaw Creek TN: 21 & 11.

05-10-2023- Soils evaluation A+0 mound soils TN: 10, Permit verification TN: 06, Holding tank violation investigation TN: 15, Tank with no use reported TN: 15, Shoreland impervious surface violation TN: 07

05-11-2023- out of office

05-12-2023- out of office

05-15-2023- out of office

05-16-2023- out of office

05-17-2023- Soils evaluation A+0 mound TN: 22, On-site meeting with Enbridge TN: 09, Soils eval, hydrograph, plan, and issued permit for IGP Geo-mat TN: 07.

05-18-2023- Reviewed soils evaluation for A+4 mound in floodplain site TN: 09, Replacement well permit TN:07, Reviewed A+4 soils TN: 16 , Reviewed (2) holding tank sites soils and plans TN: 15, Dollar General village of Rudolph. Reviewed soils, plan , and permit for replacement mound TN: 02. Shoreland permit for an addition TN: 18.

05-19-2023- out of office

05-22-2023- Reviewed soils eval, hydrograph, plan, and permit TN: 18, Soils eval, plan, and permit for new A+4 mound TN: 16, Issued new well permit TN: 18, Reviewed soils evaluation and interpretive determination report TN: 01.

05-23-2023- Soils eval, plan, and issued permit, new A+4 Eljen pod mound TN: 19.

05-24-2023- Holding tank site inspection TN:16, Mound plow and install TN:01.

05-25-2023- Reviewed soils eval new A+0 mound, Order letter for pump found in holding tank TN:15, Reviewed soils for (2) sites TN: 18 & TN: 02.

05-26-2023- out of office

5. Code Technician (Vacant)

6. Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Kayla Rautio)

- a. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 6 sanitary permits, 3 shoreland and 5 well permits issued in May 2023.
- b. TRIP - Our office received \$288.40 in TRIP funds from previous court cases during the month of May.
- c. GIS Mapping – Kayla is updating the POWTS inventory on GIS. Victoria is updating specific Point of Interest information on GIS.
- d. Scanning – Victoria and Kayla will be working on scanning sanitary permits prior to 1982. These permits were not scanned due to the frailty of the papers.
- e. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:
 - i. May 3rd CEED meeting (VW & KR)
 - ii. May 15th Citizen's Groundwater Group meeting (VW & KR)

CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, May 15, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wood County Riverblock Building, Conference Room 206 & Teleconference via WebEx

Present (In person or via WebEx): Bill Leichtnam, Bill Clendenning, Shane Wucherpennig, Ben Jeffrey, Ray Bossert, Tim Wuebben, Rhonda Carrell, Tamas Houlihan, Tracy Hames, Sandy Cain, Emily Salvinski and Tom Rayome

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:**
None
3. **Speaker—Tracy Hames from “Wisconsin Wetlands”:**
Topic – “The Little Plover River Project” & efforts in conjunction with local producer-led watershed groups.
 - Tracy gave a presentation about the Little Plover River Watershed Enhancement Project.
 - Little Plover is a five mile long river that is 80-90% groundwater fed.
 - Little Plover River is one of the most studied rivers in Wisconsin and has been the subject of a great deal of controversy.
 - This river dried up from 2005-2009.
 - A watershed enhancement project was started to increase river flow, enhance habitat and improve quality of life by means of voluntary solutions.
 - Things that changed the flow of the Little Plover River are irrigation development, wetland loss and degradation, drainage ditch construction, floodplain disconnection, channel alteration and grassland and forest alteration.
 - The enhancement project to increase flow included water conservation, wetland restoration, ditch removal, floodplain reconnection, floodplain forest management, channel restoration, grassland restoration and restoration of pine and oak barrens. UWSP professors and students continue to monitor and manage the effects of the work done. Work will continue on this project.
 - Questions and answers followed the presentation.
4. **Approve Minutes of Verbal April 25th, 2023 meeting:**
Bill Clendenning shared what took place on April 25th at Lobby Conservation Day in Madison. Eight people from Wood County went to Madison. Testin and Krug were not in office but they did stop and see Donna Rozar.

Motion by Bill Clendenning to approve the verbal minutes from April 25th. Second by Rhonda Carrell.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports on Meetings Attended:**
 - Bill mentioned he saw a short clip on News Channel 7 about Wisconsin Act 5.
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/related/acts/5.pdf>
 - Bill asked if anyone attended the Portage county Citizen’s Groundwater meeting and had any updates on the seven monitoring wells at Gordondale Farms.
6. **Future Speakers** – Suggestions welcome – summer months open-Bill Leichtnam working on prospects.
7. **Agenda Items for next meeting** (next agenda comes out one week prior.)
8. **Next Meeting** –Monday June 19, 2023; 2:00pm

Rhonda suggested the meeting be moved back to the courthouse due to problems with getting connected at Riverblock. Bill Leichtnam will check into this.

9. **Adjourn:**

Rhonda Carrell made a motion to adjourn. Bill Leichtnam seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Notes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office

SECTION 2.2

COST-SHARE FUNDING SOURCE TABLE AND NR 151 CODING

The following will help you in signing cost-share contracts and completing reimbursement requests. It consists of two parts:

- (1) A table listing all conservation practices cost-shareable under ch. ATCP 50, the source of funds you must use for cost-sharing the specific practice, and the units of measurement to quantify each cost-shared practice, and
- (2) Guidance for completing the column on the reimbursement form related to the NR 151 compliance.

COST-SHARE PRACTICE/FUNDING SOURCE TABLE			
PRACTICE or ACTIVITY	ATCP 50 Reference	Funding Source	Units of Measurement
Land taken out of agricultural production (Cost-share contract must list the new or existing farm practice that takes land out of production)	50.08(3)	Bond	Acres
Riparian land taken out of agricultural production (CREP Equivalent) (Cost-share contract must list the new or existing farm practice that takes land out of production)	50.08(4), 50.42(1)	Bond	Acres
Manure storage systems	50.62	Bond	Number
Manure storage closure	50.63	Bond	Number
Barnyard runoff control systems (specify components including heavy use area protection)	50.64	Bond	Number
Access road	50.65	Bond	Linear Ft.
Trails and walkways	50.66	Bond	Linear Ft.
Contour farming	50.67	SEG ¹	Acres
Cover crop	50.68	SEG ¹	Acres
Critical area stabilization	50.69	Bond	Number
Diversions	50.70	Bond	Linear Ft.
Feed storage runoff control systems	50.705	Bond	Number
Field windbreaks	50.71	Bond	Linear Ft.
Filter strips	50.72	Bond	Acres
Grade stabilization structures	50.73	Bond	Number
Livestock fencing	50.75	Bond	Linear Ft.
Livestock watering facilities	50.76	Bond	Number
Milking center waste control systems	50.77	Bond	Number
Nutrient management for cropland or pasture	50.78	SEG ¹	Acres

¹ While DATCP awards SEG funds primarily to cost-share nutrient management plans, a county may use up to 50 percent of their annual cost-share allocation, unless otherwise allowed in the allocation plan for that year, if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The landowner agrees to remain in compliance with the soil erosion control standard (NR 151.02) and the nutrient management standard (NR 151.07) for as long as the land is farmed;
- (2) The landowner submits a nutrient management plan checklist covering the cropland where the soft practice is installed.

COST-SHARE PRACTICE/FUNDING SOURCE TABLE			
PRACTICE or ACTIVITY	ATCP 50 Reference	Funding Source	Units of Measurement
Pesticide management	50.79	Bond	Number
Prescribed grazing	50.80		
1. Management plan	50.80(1)	No Funds Available	Number
2. Fencing (not permanent)	50.80(2)	No Funds Available	Linear Ft.
3. Fencing (permanent)	50.80(3)	Bond	Linear Ft.
4. Establish permanent pasture (seeding)	50.80(4)	Bond	Acres
Relocating or abandoning animal feeding operations	50.81	Bond	Number
Residue management	50.82	SEG ¹	Acres
Riparian buffers	50.83	Bond	Acres
Roofs	50.84	Bond	Number
Roof runoff systems	50.85	Bond	Number
Sediment basins	50.86	Bond	Number
Sinkhole treatment	50.87	Bond	Number
Stream bank and shoreline protection	50.88	Bond	Linear Ft.
Stream Crossing	50.885	Bond	Linear Ft.
Strip-cropping	50.89	SEG ¹	Acres
Subsurface drains	50.90	Bond	Number
Terrace systems	50.91	Bond	Linear Ft.
Underground outlet	50.92	Bond	Number
Waste transfer systems	50.93	Bond	Number
Wastewater treatment strips	50.94	Bond	Linear Ft.
Water and sediment control basins	50.95	Bond	Number
Waterway systems	50.96	Bond	Acres
Well decommissioning	50.97	Bond	Number
Wetland restoration	50.98	Bond	Acres
Engineering services provided in connection with a completed cost-share practice for which bond revenue may be used (also refer to 50.40(7)).	50.34(4)	Bond	
Other practices with DATCP's written approval	50.40(3)(a)		

Guidance for Completing NR 151 Codes on DATCP Certification and Cost-share Reimbursement Request Form

A completed form must indicate whether the reimbursement request involves practices installed to achieve compliance with NR 151 performance standards and prohibitions. Not all practices are installed for the purpose of achieving compliance with NR 151 (see below for examples). If no compliance is achieved, the “00” code should be used on the form. Where compliance is achieved, staff completing the form should use their professional judgment to identify the specific NR 151 standard or prohibition that was met, and then insert the code number that corresponds to that NR 151 standard or prohibition (the code numbers in the form match the sections in NR 151 where the standard or prohibition are referenced). The following chart can help you complete this part of the form.

<u>NR 151 Code</u>	<u>Compliance Achieved through Practice Installation</u>
02	Control soil erosion (sheet, rill and wind) to meet tolerable soil loss (T) calculated by RUSLE 2 (now includes pastures)
03	Tillage setback of 5 to 20 feet
04	Phosphorous Index
05	Construct, maintain and close manure storage facilities to prevent manure overflows and leaks.
055	Process wastewater discharge to waters of the State
06	Divert clean water from feedlots, manure storage areas and barnyard areas within a water quality management area.
07	Apply manure and fertilizer in conformance with a nutrient management plan to control nutrient runoff into waters of the State.
08	No overflow from manure storage facilities.
08	No unconfined manure stacks within the Water Quality Management Area.
08	No direct runoff from feedlots and manure storage facilities.
08	No unlimited access of livestock to waters of the state that prevents maintenance of adequate sod or self-sustaining cover.

Guidance on Compliance Determinations Involving Specific Practices

To receive 70% cost-sharing, the practices listed below must be associated with a NR 151 performance standard. If a NR 151 performance standard code is not assigned to the practice, then the project will only receive funding at a 50% cost-share rate. This table lists possible codes that might be associated with a particular practice to receive the higher cost-share rate.

Practice	NR 151 Code Options
Access Roads (50.65)	05, 08
Roof Runoff Systems (50.85)	05, 055, 06, 08
Stream Bank and Shoreline Protection (50.88)	03, 08
Stream Crossing (50.885)	02, 03, 08
Wetland Restoration (50.98)	02, 07

ATCP 50.80 Prescribed grazing.

- (1) **DEFINITION.** In this section, "prescribed grazing" or "rotational grazing" means a grazing system which divides pastures into multiple cells, each of which is grazed intensively for a short period and then protected from grazing until its vegetative cover is restored.
- Note:** Prescribed grazing systems can prevent degradation resulting from other pasturing practices. Prescribed grazing systems should replace summer dirt lots when they result in water quality degradation.
- (2) **ELIGIBLE COSTS.** A cost-share grant under s. ATCP 50.40 may reimburse the cost of replacing animal lots or pastures, or establishing a prescribed grazing system on croplands, that contribute sediments, nutrients, or pesticides to a water resource. This may include any of the following costs:
- (a) The cost to establish or repair livestock access lanes and stream crossings to prevent instability and erosion.
 - (b) The cost to establish permanent boundary and main paddock fences. This may include perimeter fencing, lane fencing, portable fencing, and gates.
 - (c) The cost to establish good seeding stands for pasture and hayland planting.
 - (d) The cost to establish a livestock watering facility. This may include pipeline and pasture watering systems, wells, spring developments, and portable watering systems such as pumps, pipes, and tanks.
 - (e) The costs for practices that would remediate streambank erosion and streambank habitat degradation.
 - (f) The costs for practices that would exclude livestock from woodlands, sensitive wildlife habitat, and recreational lands.
- (3) **DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE.** A cost-share grant under s. ATCP 50.40 may not reimburse prescribed grazing costs unless all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The prescribed grazing practices comply with all of the following that apply:
- 1. NRCS technical guide critical area planting standard 342 (August, 2016).
 - 2. NRCS technical guide forage and biomass planting standard 512 (January, 2013).
 - 3. NRCS technical guide access control standard 472 (April, 2016).
 - 4. NRCS technical guide streambank and shoreline protection standard 580 (August, 2013).
 - 5. NRCS technical guide heavy use area protection standard 561 (August, 2015).
 - 6. NRCS technical guide prescribed grazing standard (managed grazing-Wisconsin) 528 (December, 2008).
 - 7. Guidelines specified in "Pastures for Profit: A Guide to Rotational Grazing," published by the University of Wisconsin-Extension (2014).
- Note:** Copies of "*Pastures for Profit: A Guide to Rotational Grazing*" are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained from the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX Pub. No. A3529).
- 8. NRCS technical guide trails and walkways standard 575 (April, 2016).
 - 9. Standards for livestock watering facilities specified under s. ATCP 50.76.
- (b) The landowner agrees to maintain the prescribed grazing system for 10 years unless farming operations on the affected land are discontinued.
- History:** CR 01-090: cr. Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10-1-02; CR 08-075: am. (3) (a) 1. to 8. Register April 2009 No. 640, eff. 5-1-09; CR 13-016: am. (3) (a) 1. to 6., 8. Register February 2014 No. 698, eff. 5-1-14; [CR 14-047](#): am. (3) (a) 4., 5., 8. Register May 2015 No. 713, eff. 6-1-15; CR 16-012: am. (3) (a) 5., 8. Register August 2016 No. 728, eff. 9-1-16; CR 16-083: am. (3) (a) 1., 3., 7., 8. Register January 2018 No. 745, eff. 2-1-18.

<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/SWRM2.2CostSharePracticeListandNR151GuidanceOctober2022.pdf>

This link is the Cost-Share Practice/Funding Source Table and under Prescribed Grazing 4. Is establish permanent pasture (seeding)

And this is from ATCP 50: (2c says we can cost share cost to establish good seeding stands for pasture and hayland planting)

Here is a snip of the cost-share contract:

SECTION 3. PRACTICES, COST, COST-SHARE AMOUNTS, AND INSTALLATION SCHEDULE										PAGE 5 of 5	
The parties agree to the following related to the conservation practices, technical design and specifications, eligible costs, cost-share rates and amounts, and rate set forth below.											
Name of Person Preparing Technical Design: Paul Daigle Representing: (COUNTY OR PRIVATE ENGINEERING FIRM)			Technical Standards Used in the Design: (LIST NAME AND DATE OF NRCS, DNR OR OTHER STANDARDS EMPLOYED IN THE DESIGN)			USE OF THE 3 BOXES BELOW IS OPTIONAL					
						REPRESENTING:			DATE OF APPROVAL:		
						AMOUNT OF COST-SHARE CONTRACT APPROVED: \$					
*	Cost-Shared Item Description ss. ATCP 50.62 to 50.98, 50.40 (15) & (18), & 50.08 (3) and (4)	Yrs of CS**	Quantity (Use Standard Units)	Unit Cost or Flat Rate \$	Estimated Total Cost \$	COST-SHARE RATE			ESTIMATED COST-SHARE AMOUNTS		
						State %***	Grantee %	County/other %	DATCP \$	Grantee \$	County/other \$
Y	Prescribed Grazing 50.80 (3) Fencing-Permanent (Perimeter)	1	5500 ft	1.33/ft	7315.00	70	30		5120.50	2194.50	
Y	Prescribed Grazing 50.80 (3) Fencing-Permanent (Interior)	1	1100 ft	0.75/ft	825.00	70	30		577.50	247.50	
Y	Livestock Watering Facility 50.76 (Summer 1200 ft.)	1	1 unit	1044.00	1044.00	70	30		730.80	313.20	
Y	Livestock Watering Facility 50.76 (Year Round w/300ft of buried line)	1	1 unit	8100.00	8100.00	70	30		5670.00	2430.00	
Y	Establish Permanent Pasture (seeding) 50.80(4)	1	24 acres	215/ac	5160.00	70	30		3612.00	1548.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>											
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					TOTALS				15710.80	6733.20	

* Must check if the 50% maximum rate applies based on the installation of a practice after January 1, 2014 under any of the following conditions:



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Applicant Organization: C2 Makerspace

Mailing Address: 2000 W 5th St

Marshfield, WI 54449

Street Address (if different): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Web Site: www.c2makerspace.com/

Organization Telephone: (715) 389-6540

Contact Person/Title: Mark Bowie/Director

Contact Person Telephone: 714-394-1332 Email: mbowie@uwsp.edu

Request Overview - Provide a summary overview of your program or project and explain how it is consistent with and supports the *Wood County Wisconsin Rural Economic Development Plan*. The Plan can be found at

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The C2 Makerspace in Marshfield would like to start a FIRST Robotics team for high school students in the Marshfield area. FIRST Robotics (FRC) provides an opportunity for students to participate in a multi-functional enterprise to design and build a competitive robot in six weeks and then compete in regional competitions. FRC is recognized across the world as one of the premiere programs for preparing students for technical careers. Students work with adult professionals to learn the skills required for product development, software design and coding, electro-mechanical systems, marketing, administration, project management, business planning, strategic planning, budgeting and cost management. The adult mentors are all volunteer members of the community and these relationships help students learn about local industries and often results in internships/apprenticeships and even employment.

Perhaps the greatest things they learn is confidence in their ability to solve large, complex problems and working in groups. This confidence and the technical and soft skills learned through participation provides students with the basis for successful entrepreneurship which aligns perfectly with Strategy 4.4.1 of the REDI Plan: Work with K-12 school systems to develop and incorporate/enhance entrepreneurial curriculum.

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The establishment of a FIRST Robotics team, started with County funds, would provide direct experience for up to 30 high school students. The mission of FRC is to spread the growth of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing (STEM) education throughout the community, and all teams are expected to help others get excited about STEM careers. This is accomplished by mentoring younger STEM teams, presenting STEM workshops to the public, and participating in community events. The impact to community will be measured by the number of students inspired to pursue tech careers and ultimately to become the next-generation technical workforce in Wood County and Central Wisconsin.

Please see the attached materials for more insight into the FIRST Robotics program and watch this video:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1QyM9WTF18>

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			All labor is volunteer Fees are
FRC Registration Fees	\$10,000 (\$6k for rookie teams and \$4k for each add'l competition)		
Office Supplies & Expenses			Students will solicit sponsorships for successive years
Robot Parts and Equipment	\$15,000		
Professional Services			County funds will provide the seed money to get the team started
Travel to competitions	\$5000		
Misc. or Other			
Total	\$30,000		

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ABOUT FIRST® ROBOTICS COMPETITION

FIRST® Robotics Competition combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules and limited time and resources, teams of high school students are challenged to build industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game in alliance with other teams, while they also fundraise to meet their goals, create a team identity, and advance respect and appreciation for STEM within the local community.

"Thanks to the various positions I've held on the team, I've learned invaluable leadership skills that will help me in future jobs. The ability to work side by side with a mentor was a turning point for me."

— QUINN WAGNER, FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION TEAM 1533



FIRST Robotics Competition is as close to real-world engineering as a student can get. It's a sport where all participants may choose to become a professional.



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Applicant Organization: Marshfield Municipal Airport, Roy Shwery Field

Mailing Address: 400 West 29th Street, Marshfield WI 54449

Click here to enter text.

Street Address (if different): Click here to enter text.

Web Site: <http://www.flymfi.com>

Organization Telephone: 715-384-3149

Contact Person/Title: Jeff Gaier, Airport Management

Contact Person Telephone: 715-384-3149 Email: jeff@duffysaircraft.com

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Marshfield Municipal Airport and the South Wood County Airport are doorways into the County. They allow for the transfer of people and goods within the county to anywhere in the world. The airports are used by businesses, organizations, and individuals for their activities. The airports are transportation tools that help benefit the communities they support and in turn the county. Marshfield along with South Wood County Airport is asking for your continued support of this economic tool for the county. Wood County is the only county in Wisconsin that has two airports with runways and instrument approaches capable of landing and taking off of jet aircraft and larger aircraft. South Wood County Airport and Roy Shwery Field are again asking for your help and assistance maintaining the airports. Roy Shwery Field is asking for \$15,000 contribution towards this goal.

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The airport provides a trickle effect. When someone flies into the community, they are spending money in the community. This may be from fuel sales at the airport, restaurants in the communities, hotels in the communities, car rental agencies, etc. They may be visiting a business and purchasing products from that business. At Marshfield donor parts go out. Those aircraft purchase fuel, require transportation to the hospital. By aircraft coming into the communities, it supports the businesses and employees they visit. There is a further trickle effect as the businesses and employees spend money in the community at shopping locations, grocery stores, recreational activities, events and schools. Aviation is a valuable tool for economic development of a community.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			
Office Supplies & Expenses			
Professional Services			
Misc. or Other	15,000		
Total	15,000		

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At the Marshfield Airport we are experiencing a complete breakdown of the mastic patching that was placed on the runway in 2022. This was used to fill the expansion joints that are every 1000 feet on the runway. We are working with Becher-Hoppe and the

Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics to do an emergency mill in place project on all the expansion joints on the runway 16/34. If funding levels permit we are going to address the mastic on 05/23 as well of the taxiways.

In addition to our typical business, medical and general aviation traffic we have seen some unique activity this year. Dog is My CoPilot has brought in adoptable dogs for the local humane societies from Texas. These dogs came from over crowded humane societies in Texas.



The Wisconsin National Guard recently did practice drills at the airport with howitzer cannons picking up, transporting and deploying. They are preparing for a demonstration at the Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture in Oshkosh in July 2023

Our PSI Aviation Testing Center at Duffy's Aircraft has seen an increase in drone exams this year. A good share of the exams are for using the drone for agricultural crop spraying.

In aviation we are seeing a real struggle with aviation mechanics and flight instructors. It is causing a serious problem in Wisconsin as well as the nation. Fixed Based Operators in Wisconsin are struggling to fill employee positions as the qualified candidates are being gobbled up by the airlines and the temptation of six figure salaries. That is beyond what a rural fixed based operator can pay for a salary.

Aircraft Traffic	
Jet	78
Turbo Prop	88
Twin Piston	84
Single Piston	918
Helicopter	698
Light Sport	66
Total for the year to date 2023	1932



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2024 Wood County Economic Development Funding Request

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Jason R. Grueneberg, Director at 715-421-8478 or Jason.grueneberg@woodcountywi.gov

All applications are due by 4:30pm on Friday July 7th, 2023.

Completed Applications should be emailed to Victoria Wilson at

victoriawilson@woodcountywi.gov

Applicant Organization: Central Wisconsin State Fair

Mailing Address: 513 East 17th Street

Click here to enter text.

Street Address (if different): Click here to enter text.

Web Site: <https://www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com/>

Organization Telephone: 715-387-1261

Contact Person/Title: Dale Christiansen – Executive Director

Contact Person Telephone: 715-218-1148 Email: cwsfexecdir@gmail.com

Request Overview - Provide a summary overview of your program or project and explain how it is consistent with and supports the *Wood County Wisconsin Rural Economic Development Plan*. The Plan can be found at

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For the last 120 years, the Central Wisconsin State Fair has been Wood Counties' showcase to promote our communities' traditions, talents, diversity, vision, and agricultural heritage. Also, our fair strives to provide educational exhibits and entertainment for all visitors in a pleasant, family-friendly environment. Through advertising, our website, and social media pages, the fair draws in people from Chicago, the Twin Cities, and throughout the Midwest, making the CWSF a significant tourist attraction each year.

The primary purpose and driving force behind this event is the CWSF Junior fair. The Junior Fair is the highlight of the year for our 4H, FFA, and other youth organization members throughout Wood County. This event provides our youth with educational opportunities to develop their skills, nurture their passions, and form life lesson experiences that will be with them forever. By working with skilled volunteers and certified judges, youth receive the training they need and are challenged to get the most out of their experiences. They are encouraged to get involved in our community and work with our business leaders. This helps them to develop strong communication skills and establishes and grows self-confidence. In the end, we hope to help develop responsible, community-minded individuals that will grow into tomorrow's leaders.

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Over the years, the Central Wisconsin State Fair Junior Fair has always continued to provide a strong Return on Investment to the Wood County Community. It is a fact that some of our successful business owners today refer back to the start they received in 4-H and FFA and exhibiting at the fair. The economic impact that the fair has extended far beyond Marshfield and positively affects all of Wood County. With the attendance figures at 50,000 a year, we are attracting tourist dollars from outside wood county. During fair week, with our entertainers, vendors, carnival, and staff, we have over 1000 people moving in for a week. This allows them to patronize our hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and grocery and shopping centers.

The fair works directly with many of Wood Counties' non-profit. For many organizations such as 4-H, the Lions Club, and other groups, the fair serves as the year's primary fundraising event. This allows these organizations to get back out into their local communities and provide and promote positive community programs.

Furthermore, we provide the venue to showcase one of Wood Counties' major industry; Agriculture. As families become more removed from the farm and where their food comes from, we introduce and educate consumers on production agriculture. From the Junior dairy show and the market animal sale to small animal science and crop and soil science, we strive to work with the Junior fair exhibitors to educate the general public on these topics.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			
Office Supplies & Expenses			
Professional Services			
Misc. or Other			
Total	38,000 (see attached email)		

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2022 Junior Fair Expenses:

Premiums – \$9010.75

Judges – \$4950

Milage - \$2542.55

Manure - \$3376.77

Ribbons - \$4625.33

Fair Entry - \$2500

Advertising - \$4150

Insurance - \$6100

Utilities/Water Sewer - \$4200

Tickets - \$2600

Labor - \$4675

PA - \$750

Equipment Rental - \$3100

Total: \$52,580.40

Junior Fair Numbers:

Exhibitors – 1064

Entries – 3107

Victoria Wilson

From: Event Manager <eventmanager.cwsf@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 2:13 PM
To: Victoria Wilson
Subject: Re: CEED Meeting June 7th

EXTERNAL EMAIL:

Hi Victoria,

If you look at the other attachment sent above, it shows our Junior Fair Expenses for 2022. Please see the document attached to the previous email. We would like to thank the Wood County Board of Supervisors for supporting the Wood County Junior Fair in the amount of \$32,000. Over the years this has been very helpful and has allowed the fair to provide a great educational and learning experience to many youth in the country. Exhibiting at the fair and working on their projects teaches responsibility and builds life skills that last forever. Due to rising costs and the fact that there hasn't been an increase in many years, we ask that you consider our request for \$38,000.

Thank you so much,

Dale Christian - Executive Director

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On Wed, May 24, 2023 at 12:06 PM Victoria Wilson <Victoria.Wilson@woodcountywi.gov> wrote:

Hi Haley,

The portion of the application that identifies the funds requested was not filled out. Was that left blank intentionally?

Victoria

From: Event Manager <eventmanager.cwsf@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 11:43 AM
To: Victoria Wilson <Victoria.Wilson@woodcountywi.gov>
Subject: Re: CEED Meeting June 7th