

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	<p align="center">APPROVED MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE October 29 2015 - 6:00P.M. 2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN</p>	Iowa County Wisconsin
Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
#2	<p>Roll Call was Taken</p> <p>Members present: Supervisors, Ryan Walmer, Bob Bunker, John Demby, James Griffiths, John Meyers, Jeremy Meek, Bruce Paul and Doug Richter. Also Present County Clerk Greg Kluesendorf, Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy, Scott Godfrey Planning and Development Director, Jake Tarrell Director of Environmental Services, Jim McCauley Land Conversation Director and Greg Pittz, David Rowe DNR Fishery Teams Supervisor and Tanya Lourigan DNR Dam Safety Program and Water Safety Management. There were about 25 members of the public in attendance several of them spoke regarding agenda item 7b on the future of the Birch Lake, Trout Creek and Murphy dams.</p>	
#3	<p>Approve the Agenda for this meeting</p> <p>Motion by Bunker seconded by Richter to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.</p>	
#4	<p>Approve the Minutes</p> <p>Motion by Bunker seconded by Richter to approve the minutes of the October 8, meeting. Motion adopted</p>	
#5	<p>Comment or reports from the audience or committee members</p> <p>The chair allowed members of the pubic interested in agenda item 7b to comment at that time. There were no other public comments.</p>	
#6	<p>Office of Planning and Development</p> <p>Scott Godfrey presented the committee with the Office of Planning & Development Report. Anne Schramke provided an Economic Development Services update providing drafts of several community profiles under development. The committee did not review and evaluate the Economic Development Website nor monthly and annual reporting as they were postponed until the next committee meeting.</p>	
#7	<p>Jim McCauley provided his Land Conservation Report.</p> <p>There then was a general discussion regarding consideration of the future of the Birch Lake (TP&7), Trout Creek (TP8) and Murphy dams. Jim McCauley commented on his letter to EDP committee members included in the EDP committee packet regarding the future of the Birch Lake and Trout Creek Structures, the DNR deadline of January 2. 2016 for the next DNR grant Application and a range of potential County Costs -- calling on Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy for comments on the impact on county highways, David Rowe DNR Fishery Teams Supervisor for comments on the DNR analysis of trout fishing in the stream and the DNR's projection of benefits dam removal could have on Trout populations which included a DNR projection of resulting expected increase in trout</p>	

	<p>fishing. Tanya Lourigan DNR Dam Safety Program and Water Safety Management gave general comments about Dam Safety and said any definitive comments would require engineering studies of the structure.</p> <p>About a dozen members of the public spoke (See attached list of speakers). All recommended keeping both Birch Lake and the Trout Creek Dry Dam. Many were farmers living below the dam and shared their personal experience with flooding, noting there is extensive fishing other than trout on their properties below the dam as well as extensive additional recreational use. In addition one e-mail was received. The e-mail was from Richard McCabe and favored removing the Trout Creek and Murphy dams and reinforcing and keeping the Birch Lake Dam.</p> <p>Supervisor Griffiths read a 10/17/2015 e-mail he sent to Land Conservation Director Jim McCauley summarizing Griffiths' review of the 1961 Twin Parks Watershed Work Plan and related documents. (See attached) pointing out that that was based on 1961 engineering studies and states "All of these structures were found necessary in order to have the desired level of protection in the floodplain below these structures." Page 16). Supervisor Griffiths indicated he could find nothing in any engineering study suggesting a 50 year life for the dams and the only thing he could find was a page 9 comment that there is "sufficient storage for the sediment accumulation every 50 years" – which to him suggests with proper maintenance the dams could last forever.</p> <p>After hearing public comment, expert comment and the committee discussion there was some consensus on the committee that no action should be taken without additional engineering studies and the committee decided to take no action relating to these dams at this meeting.</p>	
#8	<p>Jake Terrill provided his Environmental Services monthly report</p> <p>Jake Terrill and Greg Pitz reviewed the final courtroom security Plans. They indicated that acoustics were not good in the courtroom and analysis would be needed to determine a better placement for speakers.</p> <p>Motion by Meek, 2nd Bunker to fund an acoustical analysis of the courtroom from the maintenance budget. Motion Approved.</p> <p>Motion by Meek, 2nd Paul to forward the final courtroom security plans to the board with recommendation to approve. Motion approved.</p>	
#9	The next meeting will be December 3 ^h at 6:00 PM	
#10	Motion to Adjourn by Bunker, 2 nd Richter. Motion Approved	