State of Wisconsin County of Iowa

## APPROVED MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE Thursday September 4, 2014 - 6:00P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, COURTHOUSE DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN

Iowa County Wisconsin

Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
#2	Roll Call was Taken Supervisors present: Bob Bunker, John Demby, James Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Doug	
	Richter, Bruce Paul and Ryan Walmer Supervisor John Meyers was excused. Also	
	present: Supervisors Ron Benish and Ken Palzkill, County Administrator Curt	
	Kephart, Planning Director Scott Godfrey, and Land Conservation Department	
	Director Jim McCaulley. Present from the public: Len Olson farmer and LCD employee as well as Roger Dax farmer and local Farm Service Administration Chair.	
#3	Approve the Agenda for this meeting	
#3	Motion by Supervisor Bunker, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Richter to approve the agenda	
	Approved	
#4	Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2014 meeting	
	Motion by Supervisor Meek, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Richter to approve the minutes of the	
	August 14 meeting. Approved	
#5	Comment or reports from the audience or committee members	
	Administrator Kephart indicated the county may soon receive an offer on the old	
	HHS building and if so the committee may need to call a special meeting to act on	
	the offer.	
	Supervisor Paul asked LCD Director McCaulley about Nutrient Management related	
	to DNR & Dane County Modeling of the Smith Conley Creek in the watershed below	
11.6	the Ridgeway sewer plant.	
#6	a)Planning Director Scott Godfrey provided the committee with the Office of	
	Planning & Development Departmental Report	
	b) Land Conservation Director McCaulley presented the Land Conservation	
	Department Proposed 2015 Budget. Administrator Kephart indicated the status of	
	the 2015budget process and the importance of controlling even small amounts to	
	prevent budget creep.	
	Supervisor Benish reminded the committee of the importance of Agriculture to Iowa	
	County and indicated his support for continued co-location of the Iowa County Land	
	Conservation Department with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.	
	Supervisor Bunker read a letter from Supervisor Nankee supporting co-location.	
	Local farmers Len Olson and Roger Decks also spoke in support of co-location	
	There was a general discussion of whether to charge participant's in the Farmland	
	Preservation Program a fee to partially cover FPP services provided by LCD. (A	
	survey of other counties in the region indicated several counties have implemented a	
	fee to help defray county costs for the program.	

	Motion by Griffiths, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Richter to recommend to the county board that the Land Conservation Department continue to co-locate with USDA/NRCS and in the 2015 budget include a minimum fee to participants in the Farmland Preservation Program of \$20.00. Approved	
#8	Administrator Kephart updated the committee on the courthouse/courtroom security project indicating some possible changes that could reduce the cost.	
#9	Planning and Zoning Director Godfrey provided the committee with a new Welcome To Iowa County brochure and indicated it would be widely distributed. Director Godfrey provided the committee an update from Southwest Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission on the Revolving Loan Fund Activity. SWRPC has engaged Ann Schramke to provide Iowa County economic development support. Ed White and Ann Schramke will be asked to attend next meeting of the EDP committee.	
#12	The date of the next EDP meeting is October 9, 2014	
#13	Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Bunker, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Meek. Approved	