

MINUTES
Iowa County Economic Development, Extension and Property
September 8, 2011

The EDEP committee met in the 2nd floor conference room of the county courthouse at 6:00PM on September 8, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dan Oleson

1. Roll Call: Present, Dave Bauer, Dan Curran, Jim Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Dan Nankee, Dan Oleson, and Ryan Walmer. Joe Thomas and Ed Weaver were excused. Others Present: County Board Supervisors Carol Anderson, Ron Benish and Phil Morozinski, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Land Conservation Jim McCauley, UWEX Gene Schriefer, Highway Craig Hardy as well as several members of the public.

Certification of the meeting by Curt Kephart

2a. Motion by Walmer, 2nd Curran to amend the agenda by removing and postponing Agenda Item 8 "Action on Facilities use policy motion from County Board". Approved 4-3 Meek, Bauer and Oleson voting no.

2b Motion by Supervisor Nankee, 2nd Supervisor Walmer to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting. Approved.

3a. Supervisor Walmer advised the committee that American Heating & Cooling the HVAC contractor on the HHS building was going out of business. Supervisor Anderson indicated she had been told by a citizen and confirmed herself that there is a weed problem in the pasture property at Bloomfield that needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Benish advised the committee that resolution no 4-796 related to Blackhawk Lake included a provision that the Commission shall in no event undertake construction, remodeling or capital improvement – in excess of \$5,000 without first obtaining approval of the County Board Supervisors. He also indicated that this provision had been violated in the past and asked that the committee place the subject of increasing this maximum on the agenda of the next committee meeting.

County Board Chairman Bauer showed the committee a letter he received from Barneveld citizen Dave Canterbury complementing UW-Extension's Gene Schriefer and Paul Ohlrogge for their dedication and help

3b. Staff Reports

"a Gene Schriefer provided the UW-Extension program update highlighting the evaluation of Canola and Camelina as possible additional Iowa County crops. He also indicated that UW-Extension had completed over 400 surveys at the Iowa County Fair to provide the Fair Board with public Feedback.

'b Planning and Development did not have a report.

'c Administrator Kephart reported that the CleanPower's contract for cleaning the courthouse was being terminated effective September 30th pursuant to the contracts "for cause" non performance clause. ServiceMaster will replace them effective October 1st. (There will be a savings of 5 cents a square foot).

'd Administrator Kephart indicated the house at 329 West Chapel Street was being "winterized" with all pipes drained, utilities turned off, etc.

'e Administrator Kephart indicated UW-Extension has accepted occasional access responsibility for a loaner card key and will help visitors unfamiliar with the building. There was a general discussion indicating that visitors new to the building were having trouble locating offices and a consensus that work needed to be done on signage and we should perhaps somehow find a way to locate a staff member in the lobby.

Administrator Kephart indicated the HHS contractor will be coming through to do a "final seal" of the windows in the HHS building. The contractor has indicated outside sealing is not necessary). This will be followed by a final walk thru.

'f Administrator Kephart indicated a For Sale sign has been placed on the old Social Services property and a process is in place for receiving offers. All offers will be brought to the EDEP Committee.

4 Brad Glass and Linda Lynch presented a Prairie Enthusiasts \$202,000 offer to purchase the Sylvan Road Property. (This is the current appraised value obtained by Prairie Enthusiasts). Mrs. Leonard objected that it contained no provision that the Leonard's be granted an easement over the railroad right-of-way. Motion by Bauer, 2nd Nankee that we accept the Prairie Enthusiasts offer of \$202,000 offer contingent on the Prairie Enthusiasts and Leonard's working out an easement. Approved Walmer and Curran voting no.

5. Motion by Walmer, 2nd Bauer to allow seed collection by Prairie Enthusiasts on the Sylvan Lake property. Approved

6. Motion by Walmer, 2nd Curran to approve and send to the board a resolution authorizing the Land Information Council to annually budget for the expenditure of retained fees and to make application to Wisconsin Land Information Program grants with oversight of the Standing Committee. Approved.

7 Motion by Bauer, 2nd Meek to Approve 2012 budget cost of \$13,300 for repair of County Farm Pond at Bloomfield.

8. During the approval of the Agenda Item 8 was removed from the agenda for action at the next EDEP meeting ("Action on Facilities use policy motion from County Board").

9. Supervisor Benish asked the committee to include \$5,000 in the 2012 Resources and Tourism Budget to cover the cost for Iowa County to be the "featured" county in the 2013 Hidden Valley Magazine. It is Iowa County's turn to be featured in the magazine and Supervisor Benish indicated it is estimated that

tourism revenue increases by 10% in the year a county is so featured. Motion by Curran, 2nd Nankee to amend the 2012 budget to include \$5,000 to cover the cost for Iowa County being featured in the 2013 Hidden Valley Magazine. Approved.

10 Craig Hardy provided an update on the Energy Efficiency Block Grant. US Department of Energy has indicated existing awardees are eligible to request additional EECBG funds for projects related to those that were approved last year (Iowa County is eligible). Iowa County has projects at Bloomfield and the Highway Department that qualify. Motion by Walmer, 2nd Nankee to proceed with the additional work on these projects if given award authorization. Approved

11. Motion to set next meeting date for October 6, 2011 and adjourn by Walmer, 2nd Bauer. Approved

Submitted Supervisor Griffiths