

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa County – Economic Development, Extension and Property Committee**  
**April 9, 2009**

1. **The Economic Development, Extension and Property Committee met in the County Board Room of the Iowa County Courthouse in the City of Dodgeville on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Peter Berg.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**  
Committee members present: Sups. Mark Masters, Dan Oleson, Ron Berg, Peter Berg, Diane McGuire and Eric Anderson. Excused/absent: Sup. John Lind, Joe Thomas and Brad Wells.  
  
Also present: Sup. Ron Benish, UW Extension Ruth Schreifer, Dave Ladd, Charles Anderson and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. **Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the agenda for this April 9, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Diane McGuire second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
7. **Old Business: None**
8. **New Business**

**Planning and Development**

**Proposed Resolution Opposing Governor’s Proposal to Update State Farmland Preservation Program**

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the Resolution Opposing Governor’s Proposal to Update State Farmland Preservation Program and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

**UW Extension**

**Tax Preparation Program (VITA)**

Ruth Schreifer distributed report on Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) and noted highlights:

- approximately 8 volunteer staff
- served 82 taxpayers
- Federal/state refunds totaled approximately \$94,392/\$35,952
- Earned Income Tax Credit refunds totaled \$34,993 federal and \$4,281 state.

VITA has offered in Iowa County for 5 years and has been met with great response from Iowa County residents. Agency partners include SW CAP (use of Metropolitan Building) and SW Tech Adult Literacy. UW Extension's role allows for clients to also be referred to other eligible programs such as Social Services Dept. etc.

Resolution on 2010 Census Planning – Complete Count Committee.

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the Resolution on the establishment of a Complete Count Census Committee that will encourage the return rate for Iowa County's 2010 census and forward to the full County Board. Motion carried.

Group Presentation Feedback Equipment Purchase

Agenda enclosure reviewed and noted that a demonstration will be given at next week's monthly department head meeting. Through various classes conducted by the AG Agent such as pesticide training, monies have been built up to cover the purchase costs.

Committee requested a demonstration at the next Committee meeting.

Facilities/Property

Mowing Bids

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Randy Terronez distributed updated information and reviewed highlights. Due to reference checks, additional information obtained, etc. it is recommended that the Committee award to the contractor with the lowest qualified total low bid – Christianson.

Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Dan Oleson to award the 2009 County mowing bid to Christianson Lawn Care as follows:

Location	Contractor	\$ Amt.
Courthouse	Christianson	40.00

Social Services	“	“	14.00
Sheriff's Dept.	“	“	44.00
Old Middle School	“	“	49.00
Bloomfield Manor/Outside	“	“	100.00
Bloomfield Manor/Inside	“	“	84.00

Motion carried with Sup. Peter Berg abstaining.

County Farm Storage

The Highway Department has been renting space at the fairgrounds but was looking at other space such as the storage building at County Farm/Bloomfield Manor to store mowing equipment. In reviewing the lease agreement with Prairie Restoration, it was initially determined that Prairie Restoration had use of ½ the building. Later amendments showed it had use of the full building. The Highway Department was interested in using the half. It was also discovered that a smaller storage building on County Farm that was not on the lease was put in use by Pheasants Forever for the past 3 years.

Dave Ladd and Charles Anderson were present and gave past history of use of the large storage building. Prairie Restoration and/or Pheasants Forever have put extensive work into the smaller storage building including enclosing a wall, new paint, leveling the ground, etc.

Randy Terronez met with Mark Klosterman of Pheasants Forever. They are willing to pay a reasonable rent for the building. Dave Ladd was asked if half the equipment stored at the large building could be stored at the small storage building. Dave stated it wouldn't be possible.

Randy Terronez will be meeting with Craig Hardy, Prairie Restoration and Pheasants Forever to look into the issues.

County Owned Property CTH Y – Waldwick Tree Cutting

Randy Terronez informed the Committee that he is recommending that the DNR be contacted to inspecting the properties to see the potential for select wood harvesting.

Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the select wood harvesting of the County owned property on CTH Y and Waldwick. Motion carried.

Health Department Office Space Update

Agenda enclosure reviewed and discussed.

Space Options for Health & Human Services Building Project

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Site tours of the Weir Motors in Mineral Point and Barneveld Peoples Bank are scheduled. In order to determine renovation costs, Southwest Design - Ron Tessman was the architect that oversaw the Sheriff's Department Administrative Office area remodeling. He has been requested to provide an hourly quote and this item will be brought back to the next Committee meeting for review.

**Economic Development**

Governor's Proposal on Prevailing Wage

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Ron Berg to approve the Resolution opposing the Governor's prevailing wage and forward to the full County Board. Motion carried.

**Other**

Fair Board Presentation

A representative from the Fair Board will give a presentation at the April 21 County Board meeting.

Register of Deeds Update

Register of Deeds Dixie Edge requested information be distributed to Committee members as a result of a Madison news story last week. Social Security data has been inadvertently given out due to the search capabilities in certain Register of Deeds software that is offered on-line. Iowa County does not have this capability. More information will be forwarded after Dixie's attendance at an upcoming Register of Deeds Association meeting.

9. **Next regular meeting: 6:15 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2009.**
10. **Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator