

MINUTES
Iowa County Economic Development, Extension and Property
July 7, 2011

The EDEP committee met in the 2nd floor conference room of the county courthouse at 6:00PM on July 7, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dan Oleson

1. Roll Call: Present, Dan Curran, Jim Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Dan Nankee, Dan Oleson, Ryan Walmer and Ed Weaver. Supervisor Joe Thomas was excused Supervisor Dave Bauer was absent. Others Present: County Board Supervisor Curt Peterson, County Treasurer Dixie Edge, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning and Zoning Administrator Scott Godfrey, UWEX Donna Peterson, and Southwest Regional Planning Director Larry Ward

Certification of the meeting by Curt Kephart

2. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with a change moving agenda item 12 to a place following Staff Reports, by Supervisor Walmer, 2nd Supervisor Curran, approved.

3a. There was no public comment.

3b. Donna Peterson provided the UW-Extension report highlighting the new USDA "Chose My Plate" Nutrition Education Series. Every five years USDA reviews this information. There were revised graphics but the nutrition message has not changed. Rather than sending primarily printed material USDA is now sending PDF file downloads which can be printed locally as needed.

Scott Godfrey provided the Planning and Development Department June Activity report which included work with the Iowa County Area Economic Development Corporation on two pilot ag-related business projects: Highland Vegetable Processing and matching local farmers with a portable chicken processing effort.

12. (moved forward on agenda) Larry Ward director of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission reviewed a three year grant "Southwestern Wisconsin Sustainable Communities Regional Plan Consortium Agreement" – asking that Iowa County join the other four southwest region counties. The grant will be used to create a multi disciplinary look across the Southwest Region so that data can be collected in a common format and "mined" this intensive collection process will be followed by analysis that will provide insights into the region for a sustainable strategy formulation. Motion by Griffiths, 2nd Meek to recommend the Memorandum of Understanding with Southwestern Sustainability Consortium to the County Board for action, subject to a review by Corporate Counsel. Approved, Curran voting no.

4. Motion by Walmer, 2nd Weaver to send “Iowa County Government Facility Administrative Policies and Procedures” the board with fee structure. Not approved. Walmer & Weaver voted yes. Griffiths, Meek, Nankee and Oleson voted no. (Supervisor Curran having been excused and exited the meeting prior to this agenda item.)

Motion by Nankee, 2nd Meek to direct County Administrator to send “Iowa County Government Facility Administrative Policies and Procedures” to the board modified without the fee structure. Approved. Griffiths, Meek, Nankee and Oleson voted yes. Walmer and Weaver voted no.

5. Motion by Nankee, 2nd Walmer to accept revised zoning permit fee schedule. Approved

6. Motion by Weaver, 2nd Nankee to establish special meeting fees of \$250 for a special public meeting when requested by an applicant and \$600 for a special public hearing when requested by and applicant. Approved.

7. After a discussion of a wetland restoration project along the Pecatonica River on property owned by Rolland Taylor in the Town of Linden a motion was made by Griffiths, 2nd Walmer to send to the board based on the advice of legal counsel the following – “be it resolved that the Committee hereby authorizes the project to proceed without the necessary permits on the basis that the USA is asserting sovereign immunity as to FEMA regulations. The USDA will nonetheless comply with all minimum standards in the construction of the project”. Approved.

8. Scott Godfrey provided the Iowa County Land Information report

9. Discussion of the Chapel Street property rental agreement was not taken up.

10. Discussion of the Sylvan Road property (Waldwick) was not taken up.

11. Administrator Kephart provided information on the next steps in the “Program and Services” budget process

Motion to adjourn by Walmer, 2nd Weaver. Approved

Submitted Supervisor Griffiths