

MINUTES
Iowa County Economic Development, Extension and Property
October 4, 2012

The EDEP committee met in Room 1001 of the HHS Building at 6:00PM on October 4, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chair Ryan Walmer

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- a. Roll Call: Present, Supervisors Charles Bolduc, Tom DeLain, John Demby, Jim Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Doug Richter, Ryan Walmer and Ed Weaver. Dave Bauer was excused. Others Present: Supervisor Bob Bunker, County Administrator Curt Kephart, UW Extension Paul Ohlrogge, Corporate Counsel Mathew Allen and members of the public Kathy Leonard and Todd Leonard.
- b. Certification of the meeting by Paul Ohlrogge

2a Motion by Griffiths, 2nd DeLain to move agenda item 6 up on the agenda to precede item 3 Approved

b. Motion by Griffiths, 2nd Bolduc to approve minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting. Approved

Agenda Item 6 moved up on the agenda

Corporate Counsel Allen provided the committee with an update on the Sylvan Road property

Stand 3 is the most suitable for logging. There are approximately 109,000 board feet of timber on stand 3 with between forty and sixty thousand board feet recommended for harvest. With an estimated value of between \$125.00 and \$150.00 per thousand board feet this would yield between \$5,000 and \$9,000. The DNR offered no objection to such a harvest providing the county followed wise harvesting practices. Corporate Counsel indicated a harvest usually runs over a 2 year period. The Committee asked that Corporate Counsel contact the Prairie Enthusiasts (potential buyer that has made two past offers) for their input to the woodland harvest.

Corporate Counsel referred the committee to an aerial photo of the Sylvan Road property and discussed the fencing needs. This would require approximately one thousand feet of fence. The estimate from "Section Line Fencing" was \$3.60 per foot for a 4 wire cattleman's (4 point wire) Red Brand, and heavy steel posts spaced 8 to 9 feet apart. With a mix of wood and steel posts the cost would be \$3.75 per foot.

Corporate Counsel provided the board with a draft of a "mutual access easement agreement" for review. There was a general discussion of easement pros and cons which included comments from committee members and from Kathy and Todd Leonard.

Supervisor Weaver suggested that rather than acting on these three items at this months meeting the committee take time to study each and place these items on next month's agenda.

Motion by Griffiths, 2nd Bolduc to postpone action until next month's EDEP meeting. Approved

3 a. There were no comments from committee members or the public

b. Reports:

Paul Ohlrogge presented the UW-Extension Report highlighting the Iowa County Youth Conservation Field Days, and the completion of water testing for 62 Dodgeville Township homes. Paul also indicated there is increasing concern that the weight of larger farm equipment and their loads are negatively impacting county and town roads. Paul, Craig Hardy, (Highway Commissioner) Gene Schriefer (UW-Extension Iowa County Agriculture Agent) and Supervisor John Meyers will be working together to set up training sessions for the public under the working title "Approaches to Farm Machinery on Roads

The Planning and Development Department Report was included in the committee packets.

4 Motion by Weaver, 2nd Bolduc to investigate lease options for the former Social Services building on Fountain Street. Approved.

5. Motion by Weaver, 2nd Meek to move the zero building maintenance and capital improvement budget forward to the Administrative Services committee with the proviso that \$19,000 in maintenance projects including possible consequences of a reduction as discussed by EDEP also be discussed at the Administrative Services committee meeting.

A "Subsidiary" Motion by Griffiths, 2nd Bolduc that we amend the motion and allocate \$5,000 of this budgeted amount for the fencing project on Sylvan Road. Approved. (Supervisor's Demby, Walmer, and Weaver voting no.)

The chair then returned the committee to the original motion which was then approved.

6. Motion by Weaver, 2nd DeLain to adjourn. Approved
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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