



EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Committee Members:

Rick Seefeldt	Present
Becky Buch	Present
David Baker	Present
Bobby Niemeyer	Present
Tom Rosenberg	Present
Kim Ungerer	Present
Crystal Bushman	Present (W)

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Chris Holman, Michael Puerner, Jason Hausler, Nicole Houdek
Others Present: Jennifer Aarrestad, Craig McEwen, Ozalle Toms

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the August 1, 2022, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting.**
Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Ungerer to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - A. Continued discussion of recommendations to Executive Committee for updates to the strategies, objectives, and expected outcomes found in the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.
 1. New strategies to be added to the existing Objectives in the plan.
 2. Strategies to be prioritized within existing objectives.
 3. Strategies or objectives from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan to add to the Strategic Plan.
Objective 10.8 - Discussion was had regarding the Kowalski Road Interchange. Additional information or presentations on this was requested by the committee for next meeting.
Objective 10.10 - Proposal was made by Supervisor Baker to add MCDevco informational pages to the County's website by the end of next year.
Approve the Proposed Updates to the Strategic Plan
Motion by Baker, Second by Ungerer to approve the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
6. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution or Policy:** None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Monthly Summary of the Marathon County Public Library
 - B. UW Extension August Report – Jason Hausler provided an update on staffing and horticulture. Jason stated that he has accepted a promotion with UW-Extension where he will be the supervisor of his current role. Additional information can be found in the packet.
 - C. MCDEVCO August Update – Kim gave an update how MCDEVCO continues to provide businesses with GAP financing in Marathon County, host quarterly municipality meetings,

- and events. Additional information can be found in the packet.
- D. UW-Stevens Point Update – Ozalle Toms mentioned how UW-Stevens Point is looking for volunteers for the café on campus. Students will arrive and classes will begin on September 6th. Additional updates can be found in the packet.
 - E. Update from Administrator on MACo conference discussion relative to accessible housing – Administrator Lance Leonard gave an update on the issue of accessible housing. He will be sending a link from the conference. Administrator touched on workforce shortages are related to lack of childcare or childcare costs, affordable housing, and new employees/retiree’s ratio.
 - F. Mandates and Statutes pertaining to County funding of the Marathon County Public Library – Corporation Counsel Michael Puerner provided a presentation on how the library is funded and funding requirements. Administrator Lance Leonard spoke on tax levy. Questions were asked and answered. Presentation is included in the packet.
- 8. Announcements:**
- a. Next meeting will be on October 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- 9. Adjournment**
- Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Baker to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Nicole Houdek, Administrative Specialist