

**MINUTES
KENOSHA COUNTY
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

Minutes of the Kenosha County Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee met virtually on **Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a public hearing at 7:00 p.m.** No in-person access was available. The meeting was also accessible for public monitoring by calling **1-408-418-9388** Access code: **187 318 2797**

Members Present: Supervisors Daniel Gaschke, Amy Maurer, Sandra Beth, Zach Rodriguez

Members Excused: Supervisor Gabe Nudo

Other Supervisors Present: County Board Chairman John O'Day and Supervisor Sharon Pomaville

Youth In Governance Representatives Present: Calahan Miles and Lauren Noble

Staff in Attendance via WebEx:

Andy M. Buehler, Director, Division of Planning and Development (7:00p.m.)
Beverlee Baker, Area Extension Director
Amy Greil, Community Development Educator
Erica Ness, Positive Youth Development Educator
Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator
Jen Reese, 4-H Program Educator
Pam Wedig-Kirsch, School Readiness & Family Resiliency Educator
April A. Webb, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Gaschke.

1. **Certification of Compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law:** The committee certified that all requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law had been met.
2. **Review and Possible Approval – Resolution to Appoint John O'Day to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission** – Chairman Gaschke presented this item.
 - Gaschke/Beth motion to **approve** and recommend to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the appointment of John O'Day to the Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present (Maurer, Beth, Gaschke, Rodriguez), including YIG.
3. **Feature Program “Literacy Link Project”:** Pam Wedig-Kirsch, School Readiness & Family Resiliency Educator, presented an overview of programming provided to children and families with justice-involved parents including parents at the Kenosha County Detention Center. The program promotes language and literacy in children and fosters healthy family relationships. Additional information can be found at <https://theliteracylink.extension.wisc.edu> The program is further detailed in the attached report.

4. **Youth In Governance:** Jen Reese, 4-H Program Educator, reported that 166 YIG nominations had been received; 39 applications were submitted, 25 applicants were interviewed and 14 plus 2 alternates were chosen to fill the 2021-22 program. Jen noted Calahan and Lauren led the interview process and they briefly shared their experience and were appreciative of being closely involved with the process. Jen requested the Committee's approval of the proposed slate of Youth In Governance for the 2021-22 term.
 - Maurer/Gaschke motion to approve the 2021-22 Youth In Governance proposed candidates slate. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present (Maurer, Gaschke, O'Day), including YIG.
5. **UW-Extension Educator/Program updates:** Area Extension Director Baker noted the Youth In Governance recognition and orientation event will be held May 18th. Planning is currently underway regarding location, etc. for the event. She requested guidance regarding mentors and any needs they may have or information that the Extension office might provide to help them with their important role in this program. She asked if the current YIG members had any input regarding their possible role in providing training with the new members. Ms. Noble commented that it might be beneficial if the current YIG members shared committee specific information with the new appointees. Mr. Calahan concurred.

AED Baker introduced Erica Ness, the new Positive Youth Development Educator. Ms. Ness shared her education and experience with the Committee and added that she looks forward to her role with Kenosha County Extension. She noted she is originally from Kenosha and is excited to meet and work with everyone.

AED Baker reported for Mary Metten, Health & Well-Being Educator, noting that Mary was covering for Pam Wedig-Kirsch so she could provide the presentation at this meeting. Mary has been involved with an Early Learning Series for childcare providers, with tonight's session on trauma informed care.

Amy Greil, Community Development Educator, noted the program kick off "Relational Networking" a 6-week relationship building program. She is in conversations for a Boot Camp course for childcare providers in the region (Milwaukee, Waukesha, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha Counties) focusing on how to be profitable and the business side of this industry. Amy is working with Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to align funding for a program entitled Plywood People, which would focus on training for artists and creatives to be successful business operators. Two events will be held to celebrate Bev's retirement: an in-person event on April 28th at Hawthorn Hollow from 5-7 p.m. and a virtual event May 7th from 2-4 p.m.

Vijai Pandian, Horticulturist, reported that Master Gardener Volunteer's have replied to more than 100 inquiries on the plant health line already this year. There are three active trial projects at the Kenosha County Center including an antioxidant-rich fruits/berries trial garden. Susan Schlieve, Horticulture Assistant, will start next week to help administer and maintain these projects. New varieties have been started for the vegetable garden bed; mid-May a variety of trees will be planted around the walking track for the educational trial project at KCC. AED Beverlee Baker noted that Vijai is working with contractors to renovate

the Memorial Garden at KCC with low maintenance dwarf conifers, which will also be an educational project. The goal is to complete this project by the end of June.

Jen Reese, 4-H Program Educator noted that a virtual science night was just completed for 5K – 2nd grades and 3rd-5th grades; the program was well received by the participants. Project Days is coming up soon, along with Day Camp in mid-June. Next week interviews for Youth As Resources board members will take place. Twelve service project grants, totaling \$5,220, were granted to Kenosha County youth-led programs for the 2020-2021 program year. Erica Ness, Positive Youth Development Educator, will be working with the 2021 YAR program as part of her responsibilities.

6. **UW-Extension Director's Report:** Area Extension Director Beverlee Baker coordinated Supervisor Kim Lewis's county board orientation; he will be seated on the County Board next week. She reminded the committee that her last day with the County before she retires will be May 14th and she is in the process of transition planning. The 4-H Program Educator has been posted. Jen Reese's interim term ends June 30th; the plan is to onboard the new 4-H educator mid-June to allow for training with Jen. The UW Madison pandemic policy has gained some more flexibility and more in-person opportunities expected to open by July.

Chairman Gaschke called for a brief recess prior to reconvening for the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

After a brief recess, the Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room (Recording #2 of 2).

Chairman Gaschke called for introductions of committee members, youth in governance, and staff.

Supervisor Zach Rodriguez was excused for the public hearings portion of the meeting.

7. **DeBell Dairy LLC**, 27425 31st St., Salem, WI 53168 (Owner), Jasper Duerig, 27700 41st St., Salem, WI 53168 (Agent), requesting a **rezoning** from A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Distr. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. to A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., A-2 General Agricultural District, C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. on Tax Parcel #30-4-220-283-0101, located in the southwest ¼ of Section 28, T2N, R20E, Town of **Brighton**.

Division Director Buehler noted this item was tabled at the Town and Staff was recommending the PDEEC table this item to the May agenda.

- Maurer/Gaschke motion to **table** the rezoning request of DeBell Dairy LLC (Owner), Jasper Duerig (Agent) to allow the Town additional time to act on the application. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present, including YIG.

8. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee**, Public Hearing on Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, 19600 75th Street, Suite 185-3, Bristol,

WI 53104 (Sponsor), requests approval of Draft Annual Report, "A Multi-Jurisdictional Plan for Kenosha County: 2035, 2020 Annual Report".

Division Director Buehler presented this item.

- Maurer/Gaschke motion to **approve** and recommend to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the "Multi-Jurisdictional Plan for Kenosha County: 2035, 2020 Annual Report". Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present, including YIG.

9. **Tabled Request of Haskins LLC**, 400 Boulder Ridge Ct., Lake Geneva, WI 53147 (Owner), Mark Larkin, 400 Boulder Ridge Ct., Lake Geneva, WI 53147 (Agent), requests an **amendment to the Adopted Land Use Plan map for Kenosha County: 2035 (map 65 of the comprehensive plan)** from "Suburban-Density Residential" to "Suburban-Density Residential" & "Commercial" on Tax Parcel #95-4-219-314-0360, located in the southeast ¼ of Section 31, T2N, R19E, Town of **Wheatland**.

- Maurer/Gaschke motion to **remove from the table** the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment request of Haskins LLC (Owner), Mark Larkin (Agent). Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present, including YIG.

Mark Larkin, agent, was in attendance to speak to this item.

Division Director Andy Buehler read comments submitted from the public regarding this application into the record:

Chris Brown – concerns regarding traffic, business and water issues

Erin Huemann – concerns regarding commercial zoning, flooding, drainage and water remediation

A petition containing 28 signatures regarding concerns about the proposed retail location

- Maurer/Gaschke motion to **approve** the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment request of Haskins LLC (Owner), Mark Larkin (Agent). Passed on the following roll call vote: Beth – aye; Maurer – aye; O'Day – aye; Gaschke – aye; YIG Miles – aye; YIG Noble - aye.

10. **Approval of Minutes**

- Maurer/Gaschke motion to approve the minutes as presented of the March 10, 2021 Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee meeting. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present.

11. **Citizen Comments - None**

12. **Any Other Business Allowed By Law** - Planning Division Director Buehler reported that four land use related applications for two petitioners had been received for the May 12, 2021, PDEEC meeting agenda, as well as the item that was tabled this evening.

13. **Adjournment**

- Maurer/Gaschke motion to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.