



WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Approved Minutes for SPARKS Committee

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Town of Saratoga Administrative Building- Boardroom

Present: Rhonda Carrell- Chair, Roger Wilcox, Bill Leichtnam, Gail Kretschmer, and Sarajane Snyder

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chair Rhonda Carrell.

A quorum was declared.

There were no public comments.

Motion (Carrell/Leichtnam) to approve the amended minutes for December 5, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grants deadlines were discussed. Other grant possibilities were discussed. **Motion (Carrell/Gail) to investigate the cost/ options for a grant writer/researcher. Motion passed unanimously.**

Timeline for meeting with CEED Committee/Wood County Planning and Zoning for release of 2023 grant funds. Discussion ensued.

Motion (Snyder/Wilcox) to present to the Wood County CEED committee for the 2023 release of grant monies awarded on Aug 2, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam shared that there is ongoing dialogue with Alliant Energy for “Asks.” Contact with Andy Kitslaar and Alliant Energy Foundation continues.

Ideas were shared and discussion ensued relating to the construction/planning for Turtle Bay Public Access/bids/signage. Community involvement and volunteers for certain projects were discussed.

Motion (Leichtnam/Snyder) to have the first part of the Turtle Bay Public Access project be the construction of the pavilion through community involvement. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting- **February 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the boardroom of the Saratoga Town Hall Administration Building.

Motion (Leichtnam/Snyder) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm