

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 5, 2021

WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL

4:30 PM

DUE TO THE HIGH NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES, THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO ENSURE EVERYONE'S SAFETY. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE CALL THE DIAL IN NUMBER AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME ON THE AGENDA.

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MEETING PHONE NUMBER: 1-415-655-0001

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 1421 69 2133

MEETING PASSWORD: 050521

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4 (Chair)	Present	
Tom Thornton	Chippewa County	District 5 (Vice-Chair)	Absent	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	District 6	Remote	
Ronald McGill	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Absent	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Charlie Walker, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Doug Clary, Todd Pauls, and Dean Gullickson.
Present remotely: Deb Chilson and Lloyd Shepherd. Recorder: Lisa Merrell.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4 (Chair)
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, McGill
ABSENT:	Thornton, Hunt

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Economic Development Committee

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May 5, 2021
4:30 PM

Economic Development Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb 3, 2021 4:30 PM

Economic Development Committee - Special Meeting - Apr 14, 2021 4:30 PM

3. Schedule next meeting date

May 18, 2021 at 8 AM (Special Meeting)

August 4, 2021 at 4:30 PM (Regular Meeting)

5. REPORTS

1. Natural Cemeteries in Chippewa County - Lloyd Shepherd

Lloyd Shepherd spoke regarding a national movement toward "green" burial. There has been a 30% increase in natural cemeteries since 2015. It leaves a much smaller carbon footprint than traditional burial. At this time, there are no natural cemeteries in northern Wisconsin, but the Chippewa Valley Natural Cemetery Board is willing to purchase property to create one.

2. Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Report - Charlie Walker

Walker asked Deb Chilson to speak about the upcoming Hatch event. Chilson stated they are ready for it on May 11th at the Country Fest Grounds. Walker stated there are eight presenters pitching their ideas for \$5,000. The event will run from 5-8 pm. This event will kick off the Economic Development week celebration. The next day there will be an open house at the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center. Walker noted that he and Charity Zich had received a request to put together an outdoor job fair in the parking lot at the Airport. It will be held on May 13th from 3-5 pm, and right now there are 30 companies in Chippewa County and a few in Eau Claire participating.

3. Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Current Funding - Randy Scholz

Scholz stated the County currently contributes \$6,300 annually to the CVIC. In addition, there is a loan agreement payment of \$5,000 until 2023. What they talked about doing is, once that loan agreement payment runs out, they would take that \$5,000 and continue giving it to the CVIC towards their operations, so their contribution would increase to \$11,300 in 2024. If the CVIC wants an additional contribution from the County, they would need to send him a letter as part of the budget process making the request.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Committee will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties . . . or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Discuss and take possible action on Project Clementine regarding land located within the Lake Wissota Business Park).

Meeting convened in closed session at 4:43 PM.

Those present in closed session were: Lee McMenamin, Ron McGill, Don Hauser, Randy Scholz, Charlie Walker, Todd Pauls, Doug Clary, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Dean Gullickson, and Lisa Merrell.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, McGill
ABSENT:	Thornton, Hunt

The committee will return to open session to continue with the agenda
Meeting reconvened to open session at 5:20 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4 (Chair)
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, McGill
ABSENT:	Thornton, Hunt

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6
SECONDER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, McGill
ABSENT:	Thornton, Hunt

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2021
WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL
4:30 PM

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO COMPLY WITH THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND WISH TO SPEAK PLEASE CALL THE DIAL IN NUMBER AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME ON THE AGENDA.

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MEETING PHONE NUMBER: 415-655-0001

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 182 771 2293

MEETING PASSWORD: 02032021

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Lee McMenemy	Chippewa County	District 4 (Chair)	Present	
Tom Thornton	Chippewa County	District 5 (Vice-Chair)	Absent	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	District 6	Remote	4:35 PM
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Remote	
Dean Gullickson	Chippewa County	District 7	Remote	

Due to lack of a quorum, Chair Gullickson acted as an ex-officio member of the committee until Supervisor Hauser appeared.

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Doug Clary, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Charlie Walker, Todd Pauls, Deb Chilson, Craig Johnson, Maureen Carlson, Ryan Hartzell, and Tom Waldusky. Recorder: Lisa Merrell.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Gullickson, District 7
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES:	McMenamin, Hunt, Gullickson
ABSENT:	Thornton, Hauser

1. Approve the agenda

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2. Approve the Minutes

Economic Development Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 29, 2020 4:30 PM

Economic Development Committee - Special Meeting - Jan 6, 2021 4:30 PM

3. Schedule next meeting date - May 5, 2021 at 4:30 PM

5. REPORTS

1. Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Report - Charlie Walker

Walker noted that on February 25th, from 1-2 pm they will be partnering with other economic development organizations in the Valley, giving an economic overview snapshot. The Department of Revenue asked them to get some of their elected officials there to hear the economic outlook and what they are projecting for 2021.

Walker stated they are also working on promoting a virtual trade mission to Canada.

Supervisor Hauser entered the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Walker noted that the Chippewa Valley Technical College President has announced his retirement, and they want to make sure economic development is not lost in the search for a new President. They have Board members providing input and representing Chippewa County on the search committee.

The HPE project has been wrapped up, and WEDC approved their opportunity zone and their incentives for that project. This is a great win for Chippewa County.

Requests for Information are down considerably, but they did have a couple since the last meeting. They anticipate a six acre purchase in the near future.

The CCEDC Annual Meeting has been moved from May to the first week in August.

Walker noted that they haven't received any news on the EDA grant for the CVIC project yet. McMenamin asked, with the change in the percentage of the match, what is the likelihood of their initial vision of the project versus the match being 50%. Waldusky stated based on some of the feedback they are getting from the Chicago office, they are leaning more toward the 50% match. Johnson stated they do seem to be leaning that way. For the other projects they are aware of, that is what they are awarding.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 09-21: Resolution to Approve a Citizen Participation Plan to Qualify for Community Development Grant Funding

Scholz introduced Craig Johnson from Regional Planning. Regional Planning approached the County for these resolutions, and Scholz stated he would bring them to the committee for their consideration, whether to forward to the County Board.

Johnson stated the application they have been working on with Chippewa County is for the CDBG Coronavirus Fund. They may remember they did talk a little about this back in the fall. There was an

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intent to apply phase, and now they are past that stage and actually submitting the application, working with Chippewa County to do it. As part of the process, there are some resolutions required. One is to update the citizen participation plan, and the other is to submit the application.

Chippewa County would be submitting a CDBG application to the Wisconsin Department of Administration to fund a microenterprise grant program. CDBG grants start with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and then come to the state through the Department of Administration. Communities can apply for the funds, and this program application is responding to the economic fallout from the pandemic by providing relief in the way of grants in the West Central Wisconsin region to help retain business operations in the region. Overall, there will be 100 grants provided of \$5,000 each, as well as an additional \$74,750 for running the program. Chippewa County is applying for the seven county region of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire (except the City of Eau Claire), Polk and St. Croix Counties. Regional Planning helped put the application together and will help administer it, if it is awarded.

If approved they will be submitting the application at the end of February and if it is awarded, the program should be up and running by May.

The first resolution is to update the citizen participation plan, which is a required element of all CDBG applications. The other resolution is to submit the application. If approved, they would move forward to the County Board next week.

Motion (Hauser/Hunt) to forward the resolution to the County Board. Carried by Roll Call, with all Supervisors present voting Aye.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/9/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6	
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13	
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Thornton	

2. Res. 08-21: Resolution to Authorize the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application to Develop a Microenterprise Grant Program

Motion (Hunt/Hauser) to forward the resolution to the County Board. Carried by Roll Call. All Supervisors present voting Aye.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/9/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13	
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6	
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Thornton	
EXCUSED:	Gullickson	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

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Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES:	McMenamin, Hauser, Hunt
ABSENT:	Thornton
EXCUSED:	Gullickson

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Feb 3, 2021 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021
WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL
4:30 PM

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO COMPLY WITH THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE CALL THE DIAL IN NUMBER AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME ON THE AGENDA.

MEETING PHONE NUMBER: 1-415-655-0001

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 182 058 2762

MEETING PASSWORD: 04142021

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4 (Chair)	Present	
Tom Thornton	Chippewa County	District 5 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
Ronald McGill	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	

Others present in person: Randy Scholz, Charlie Walker, Todd Pauls, Doug Clary. Present remotely: Tobi LeMahieu, Lynn Nelson, Brad Hentschel, and representatives from Project Clementine, Project Helicopter and Project Silver Dollar. Recorder: Lisa Merrell

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Thornton, District 5 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

1. Approve the agenda
2. Schedule next meeting date - May 5, 2021 at 4:30 PM

5. REPORTS

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 14, 2021 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)

Economic Development Committee

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April 14, 2021
4:30 PM

1. Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Update - Charlie Walker
Walker reported on events scheduled for Economic Development week. On May 11th they will be holding an event at the Country Fest grounds from 5-7 p.m. for five entrepreneurs to give their pitches. The attendance is limited to 100 people. The winner will receive a \$5,000 prize. On May 12th they will have an open house at the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 15-21: Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of the Community Development Block Grant Award for Grant Funding to Establish a Microenterprise Business Grant Program and to Authorize an Agreement with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to Administer the Microenterprise Grant Program on Behalf of Chippewa County - Randy Scholz

Scholz explained that the County Board approved going forward with the application for the microenterprise grants. They accepted our request to apply, and Regional Planning has been leading this, with Chippewa County as the lead County. Nelson introduced Tobi LeMahieu, who is part of their finance management staff for Regional Planning. She works with businesses for their consolidated loan program, and she will head up this program.

LeMahieu stated the County was able to submit the application and did get the grant awarded recently. The award included \$510,000 to be used for business grants, and \$66,300 for grant administration and implementation of the program. Eligibility requirements for the program include that the business must be small (five or fewer employees including the owner), they have to be located in West Central Wisconsin (excluding the City of Eau Claire), and there is only one grant allowed per family and per business. The owner must be a person of low or moderate income.

They are hoping to market the program starting May 1st and allow for a month of marketing. They plan to meet with the Economic Development directors in late April to talk about the program and eligibility requirements and disseminate the applications.

After 30 days of marketing, the application acceptance period will be June 1st to June 15th on a first come-first served basis. They anticipate reviewing the applications in late June, and in early July the reimbursement requests would be sent to the State of Wisconsin. An award announcement would be made in early to mid-August. If not all grant funds are administered, they will do another round, probably in September.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6	
SECONDER:	Tom Thornton, District 5 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt	

2. The Committee will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties . . . or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Discuss and take possible action on Project Clementine regarding land located within the Lake Wissota Business Park).
Meeting convened in closed session at 4:47 PM.

Individuals present in closed session: Thornton, McMenamin, Hauser, McGill, Hunt, Randy Scholz, Doug Clary, Todd Pauls, Charlie Walker, Lisa Merrell, Brad Hentschel, and representatives from Project Clementine.

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April 14, 2021
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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Tom Thornton, District 5 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES: McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

The Committee will reconvene to open session to continue with the agenda.
Meeting reconvened to open session at 5:12 PM.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Annette Hunt, District 13
SECONDER: Don Hauser, District 6
AYES: McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

3. The Committee will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties . . . or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Discuss and take possible action on Project Helicopter regarding land located within the Lake Wissota Business Park).
Meeting convened in closed session at 5:14 PM.

Individuals present in closed session: Thornton, McMenamin, Hunt, Hauser, McGill, Randy Scholz, Doug Clary, Todd Pauls, Charlie Walker, Brad Hentschel, Lisa Merrell, and a representative from Project Helicopter.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Tom Thornton, District 5 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES: McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

The Committee will reconvene to open session to continue with the agenda.
Meeting reconvened to open session at 5:31 PM.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Don Hauser, District 6
SECONDER: Ronald McGill, District 15
AYES: McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

4. The Committee will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties . . . or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Discuss and take possible action on Project Silver Dollar regarding land located within the Lake Wissota Business Park).
Meeting convened in closed session at 5:33 PM.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 14, 2021 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)

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April 14, 2021
4:30 PM

Individuals present in closed session: Thornton, McMenamin, Hauser, McGill, Hunt, Randy Scholz, Doug Clary, Todd Pauls, Charlie Walker, Brad Hentschel, Lisa Merrell, and a representative from Project Silver Dollar.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Thornton, District 5 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

The Committee will reconvene to open session to continue with the agenda.
Meeting reconvened to open session at 6:05 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Thornton, District 5 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES:	McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

7. COMMUNICATION

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Thornton asked that the contribution to the CVIC be discussed at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6
SECONDER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
AYES:	McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, McGill, Hunt

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 14, 2021 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)

The Case for a Natural Cemetery in Chippewa County

INTRODUCTION

This paper is intended for Randy Scholz, Chippewa County Administrator. Its purpose is to lay out the case for establishing a natural cemetery in the southern 1.6 acre of Parcel 22908-3341-73505001.

1. There are 293 natural cemeteries or traditional cemeteries with sections for natural burial in the US. That is approximately a 30% annual increase since 2015.
2. There are two natural cemeteries in southern Wisconsin and two cemeteries in the Milwaukee area have sections set aside for natural burials. As yet, there is no natural cemetery in northern Wisconsin.
3. The combined population of Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire Counties exceed 200,000. At the Wisconsin death rate of 892/100,000, we expect approximately 1,800 deaths per year in those counties.
4. The southern 1.6 acres of Parcel 22908-3341-73505001 is secluded but within yards of a freeway style road network.
5. If established, most burials would be for residents of the Chippewa Valley but, especially in the early years, some bodies would come from a radius of 100 miles or more.
6. A natural burial option is environmentally friendly, much more so than either standard burial or cremation.
7. The preparation of this parcel for a natural cemetery would be much less expensive than for a wooded or uneven lot. The project could be a revenue source for the City or County, or both.
8. There would be a positive economic impact of the cemetery. The hand digging of graves, restaurant patronage, and Funeral Home burials to name three.
9. Beginning the second year, a repurpose program could begin. The parcel could be made to blend into its surroundings or become a destination park or garden.

The practice of embalming began during the Civil War so the bodies of some soldiers could be transported home for burial. To preserve the bodies further elaborate caskets and vaults were developed. In recent years the attitude toward preservation has shifted. Now, in the Chippewa Valley, more than 90% of deaths result in cremation.

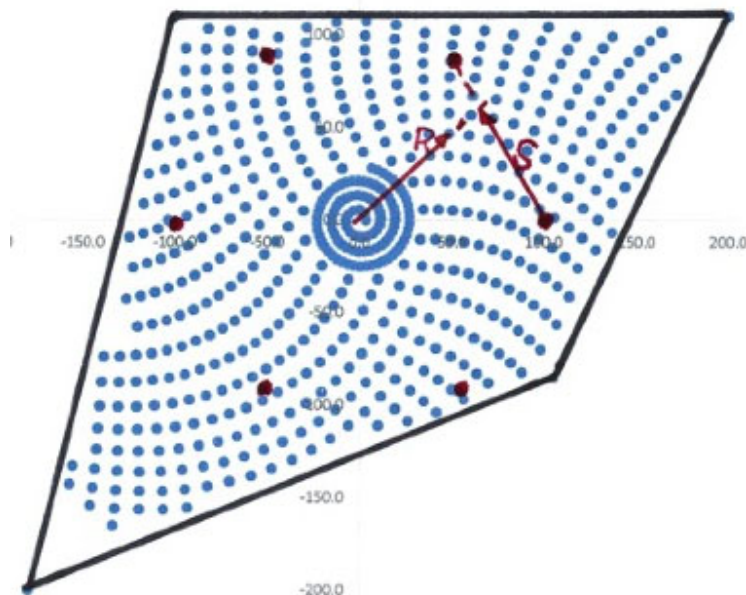
The practice of natural, or green, burial where human remains naturally decompose is a return to a practice followed for centuries in Western culture. Standard burials and cremations are harmful to the environment. With natural burial, depending on soil conditions, flesh decomposes in a matter of months, certainly within a year. Bones can persist for years. While grave locations would not be marked, in this plan the grave location would be recorded and easily found.

A NATURAL CEMETERY on Parcel 22908-3341-73505001

The location of the proposed cemetery is at the southern tip of the parcel shown in red on the following aerial photo. Access to the cemetery would be on a ¼ mile section of the Old Abe Trail, or, on roads of the development of the remainder of the parcel. The nine parking stalls on Beach Drive would be adequate because normally only close family members would attend a burial. (In the case of development of the entire parcel, parking could be provided on the portion allotted to the cemetery.) The body would be transported from Beach Drive on a gurney.



A spiral layout of the graves permits a high density of graves and a way to locate the grave after many years. The figure below illustrates how approximately 2,500 graves can be placed in the 1.6 acres.



In this figure, the central spiral is 200 dots representing 200 graves. The dots overlap, resulting in a solid line spiral. Each succeeding dot represents five graves. Any grave can be located by measure from a central tree and 2 of 6 posts, also indicated in the figure. Each grave is defined by a radius, R , and a distance, S , along a line between two posts.



This photo looks west over the area proposed for the cemetery. As Seymour Cray Sr. Blvd climbs up from the Chippewa River it is below the level of the cemetery, and so the cemetery is not seen from the road and the road not seen from the cemetery.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In recent years the attitude toward human burial have changed from that developed following the Civil War era. This has resulted in the now dominant practice of cremation. But mainly because of environmental issues, a movement to natural burial has taken root. The environmental impact of natural burial is negligible compared to both the embalming/casket/vault approach and cremation. A natural cemetery in Chippewa Falls would provide an important option to residents of the Chippewa Valley and beyond.

We can arrange testimonials from a cross-section of the Chippewa Valley in support of this project. We expect that to include:

- Funeral Directors
- Clergy, both Protestant and Catholic
- Tourist Agency
- End-of-Life Councilor
- Civic Leaders
- State Legislators

Submitted by:

Chippewa Valley Natural Cemetery Association

Lloyd Shepherd

Per Forsberg

Laura Sandberg

Mari Jackson

Tom Jewell

Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

April 28, 2021

TO: Economic Development Committee

FR: Randy Scholz, County Administrator

RE: Current Funding Provided to CVIC

Supervisor Thornton is our appointed County Board Supervisor that sits on the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center (CVIC) Board. He requested that we provide the Economic Development Committee with a summary of the funding that we currently provide to the CVIC. Below you will see a breakdown of the contributions for 2021-2024.

2021

Annual Contribution	\$6,300
Loan Agreement Contribution	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total for 2021	<u>\$11,300</u>

2022

Annual Contribution	\$6,300
Loan Agreement Contribution	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total for 2022	<u>\$11,300</u>

2023

Annual Contribution	\$6,300
Loan Agreement Contribution	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total for 2023	<u>\$11,300</u>

2024

Annual Contribution	\$11,300
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