	UNAPPROVED MINUTES **Bloomfield Commission** **Monday, February 22, 2021, 1:00 p.m.** **Zoom Link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89277373606 **Health and Human Services- Community Room** **303 W. Chapel Street** **Dodgeville, WI**	**Iowa County Wisconsin**

1	Meeting was called to order by Chair Deal at 1:01 p.m.
2	**Roll Call.** Present: Commission Members: Deal; Britt; Ladewig; Nankee; Alan Others present: Larry Bierke, Hillary Taets, Jessica Munson, Felicia Gundlach, Don Leix, Rick Klabough
3	**Approve the agenda for this February 22, 2021 meeting.** Motion called by Ladewig to approve the agenda of the February 22, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Ladewig, seconded by Britt. Motion carried.
4	**Approve minutes from January 4, 2021 –** Motion called by Ladewig to approve the minutes from January 4, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Ladewig, seconded by Britt. Motion carried.
5	**Report form committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee –** No action will be taken. Nankee reported on an AARP article that spoke to seniors and COVID-19. Deal noted that he received an email from Jim Griffiths regarding family visits at Bloomfield. Chair Deal welcomes Kimberly Alan to the Commission.
6	**Election of a new Commission Vice-Chairperson.** Chair Deal opened the floor to nominations. Nankee nominates Ladewig. Britt moved to appoint, Nankee second. Aye: 5 Nay:0 Motion carried to approve Ladewig as Vice-Chairperson.
7	**Review the Purpose of Bloomfield Commission.** Chair Deal opens with going over the committee's purpose and wants to make sure that boundaries are not being crossed as far as the jurisdiction of the Commission. Nankee details how he compares Bloomfield to the Highway Department and his feelings that there are times that the commission should take a closer look at Bloomfield. Bierke expands on the resolution from the county regarding all committees. Ladewig asks about building a new nursing home for Bloomfield. Deal states nothing is finalized for this plan. Ladewig explains that if a new building is not in the works, that the board would have new capital needs for Bloomfield and the commission's roles. Nankee recalled a foundation in the works but this was put on hold. Bierke states that the county has agreed to contract an administrator for Bloomfield from Elderspan. This individual will be starting on April 1st, a half-time position for 2 years. Bierke explains that there is a capital improvement plan, which has to go through the long-range planning committee. Improvements to Bloomfield have been brought up previously but continued to get delayed because of the uncertain status of the facility. Ladewig would like to spend time identifying the unmet needs and opportunities at Bloomfield and for these needs to be met. Alan states that it seems that the board is more open to spending money on capital budget items but there may be an opportunity to use COVID funds to pay in part for a building if there was a testing center built into it. Deal would like to continue looking at commission duties over the next few weeks and discuss at the next meeting. He would like to start making a list of improvements that are needed to be taken to the county board. He would like to have a Zoom with staff members for input on which projects need to be put forward first

7	**Review the Purpose of Bloomfield Commission cont.-** Bierke received estimates for a new septic system due to new requirements from the state on phosphorus levels. He also explained how the layout of Bloomfield is not ideal or efficient for the staff. There are updates that need to be done at Bloomfield but the unknown future, it is difficult to be able to make decisions, especially with large monetary values. Ladewig stated that he believes that there are "bandaids" being put on these problems until a decision is made regarding the facility. He feels that the commission has an obligation to bring up these hard issues and it is up to the county board to decide if they want to see these through. Deal explained that the commission needs direction from the board on what they are able to do.
8	**Review Campbell Fund Documents, Fund Balance, and Recent Spending.** Munson explains how the Campbell funds are dispersed and the documents provided to board members. She also stated how Bloomfield had a CD that matured over the last summer and now hoping these rates continue to go up so this can be reinvested. Deal would like to have a sit down with a group to go over Campbell Fund charges. He asked if there is a limit set on an amount to spend that needs to be brought to the board. Munson explained that it is brought to the committee if it is a cost over $1,000 but there is nothing in writing stating that this needs to be done. Deal stated that he would like to see how much is spent per month and then set a monthly limit based on this amount. Ladewig would like this to be on the agenda for the next meeting.
9	**Broadband Connection Update.** Klabough noted that Bloomfield currently has two wireless connections to MHTC. He is waiting to get a quote from MHTC regarding the cost to run fiber optic to Bloomfield, as nothing runs down Highway 18 or in the area. Bierke stated that there are several providers set up on Highway 18 but it needs to be identified who they are. Klabough noted a $1000 for 200 MB connection from AT&T, while a current charge is $300 for a GB for the county. Bierke discussed the use of Netflix and other streaming services for residents with the extra internet capacity. Klabough explained that the wifi was upgraded this past summer, giving the residents a line for them to use. He also stated that he will look into Starlink internet that Nankee had brought up as a possible option.
10	**Next Meeting Date-** Monday, April 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
11	**Adjournment.** Motion by Nankee to adjourn. Motion second by Ladewig. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.
	Minutes by Hillary Taets; reviewed by