

Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee
October 11, 2010
Minutes

Present: Carol Pederson, Bob Evsich, Tom Rudolph, Romelle Vandervest, Greg Berard, Paul Dean.

Others present: Nancy Hollands, Dan Kuzlik, Lawrence Eslinger, Erica Brewster, Kari Lazars, Ginger Terzinski, Jim Kumbera, Jim Lillis and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Rudolph, noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

Chairperson's announcements: Rudolph presented Dean with a five-year service award from WACEC.

Approve agenda: Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the agenda with permission to change the order of the day. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the minutes of 9/13/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

11/8/10	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
12/13/10	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room.

Berard noted he is unable to attend the 11/8/10 meeting.

Wildlife Damage Deer Fence proposal: Thurman provided copies of the fence proposal for JJ Acres Nursery and reviewed in detail. The proposal is for 1,000 linear feet of fencing at a cost of \$4,500. Cost to the damage program is \$3,375 (75% cost share). The erection of the fence will provide an estimated savings of \$43,000 over a 15 year period for the Wildlife Damage program. Once approved at the county level, it will be forwarded for state approval, followed by a bidding process. Work will be completed in 2011. The property owners have tried numerous abatement tactics but desire a more permanent solution. Funding for the Wildlife Damage program comes from the state through surcharges on hunting licenses. Discussion followed. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the deer fence proposal for JJ Acres and forward to the state for final approval. Discussion followed. All ayes; motion carried.

Thurman reported five shooting permits were issued for the Woodford property to control the bear damage to the corn crop. At this point the owner has not filed a damage claim. Thurman is also looking into a permit for the Sowinski Potato Farm.

Finance Committee budget hearing for 2011: The budget hearing for UW-Extension (UWEX) and Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) is scheduled for 2 p.m. on 10/12/10. Rudolph urged other committee members to attend if possible to lend support.

Monthly budget reports:

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the monthly budget report for UWEX for the period ending 9/31/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dean/Berard to approve the monthly budget report for LWCD as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices:

Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the invoices for UWEX as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Evsich to approve the invoices for LWCD as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Kuzlik noted that due to having a larger carnival and midway and additional vendors the electrical infrastructure at Pioneer Park was insufficient. This resulted in a large electrical bill for services provided by Gaber Electric. After meeting with City, the Fair agreed to pay the entire bill since the City has budgeted approximately \$30,000 to upgrade infrastructure for next year. Motion by Pederson/Dean to approve the invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Rudolph noted the Committee received a thank you from the Fair for their support.

4H Secretary position: Kuzlik reported 4H Secretary Ginger Terzinski has accepted the WNEP Educator position available in the office. He reminded Committee members of the mandatory six-month vacancy period and that a waiver of this period will not be requested. Kuzlik noted that LWCD is also down a 63%-time position. Kuzlik has spoken with the County Coordinator about these vacancies and may request some LTE hours to assist when the Lake Nokomis project begins.

County Cost-Share: Hollands provided a cost share estimate for the Hamel project on Tomahawk Lake. The preliminary plan and survey has been completed and estimates have been received. Project is for rock rip rap, sediment logs and plantings. The low cost estimate is from Outdoors Rooms, Inc. in the amount of \$18,232.89 (50% cost share is \$9,116). Motion by Evsich/Vandervest to approve the low cost estimate from Outdoor Rooms, Inc. in the amount of \$18,232.89 for the Hamel project. All ayes; motion carried.

Speaking/poster contest: Hollands noted the speaking contest will be held on 10/21/10 in the County Board Room at the Courthouse at 7 p.m. Posters will be prejudged and displayed. Rudolph encouraged everyone to attend as the students do a great job.

North Central Association Fall Conference: The North Central Association Fall Conference will be 10/29/10 at the Wausau School Forest. Speaking and poster contest will be held in the morning with a business meeting in the afternoon. Counties have the opportunity to present resolutions from the area group to be forwarded to state for approval. Rudolph, Berard, Hollands and Winkler plan to attend. Others wishing to attend should contact Hollands by the end of the week. The county van has been reserved and the group will meet at the Highway Shop at 8 a.m.

Proposed Lake Nokomis Lake District Public Hearing: Hollands reported Romportl and Desmond met with representatives from the Lake District group who noted they are very close to submitting the petition. Once the petition is submitted, the County has 30 days to hold a public hearing. Potential dates of the hearing were discussed (11/12/10 or 11/13/10). Site will be the

Tomahawk High School. People who wish to speak must sign in. Time limits may be imposed if necessary. This petition does not include back lots, only waterfront property.

WLWCA Annual Conference: The WLWCA Annual Conference is scheduled for 12/9-10/10 in Wisconsin Dells. Evsich and Rudolph plan to attend. Other Committee members should contact Hollands to register. Revisions to bylaws and policy changes will be discussed, as well as the election of three directors to serve on board.

Monthly staff reports:

Eslinger noted the AIS grants have not been awarded at this time.

Brewster reported 62 participants for Pathways to Prosperity forum. The Smithsonian Exhibit will be opening in 60 days.

Evsich suggested Winkler use Teen Court testimonials to help promote the program. Winkler is considering conducting a mock presentation at County Board after the first of the year. He will be introducing TAG (Teens Active in Government) members at the October County Board meeting.

Lazers introduced Ginger Terzinski, new Nutrition Educator for Oneida/Langlade Counties. Lazers is working with schools and RAEP on the "food for the weekend" backpacks project.

Out of county travel:

Brewster:

10/18-22/10	UWEX All-Staff Conference	Madison**
11/3-4/10	Strengthening Families training	Neillsville*

Eslinger:

11/1-2/10	Fall AIS Coordinator meeting	Stevens Point*
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Hollands:

10/28/10	North Central Assn. Fall Conference	Wausau*
12/9-10/10	WLWCA Annual Conference	WI Dells*

Kuzlik:

10/19-21/10	UWEX All-Staff Conference	Madison**
10/26/10	America Saves Bi-Annual Conference	Washington, DC***
10/18/10	WCEA Conference (presenting)	Eau Claire*

Winkler:

10/19-21/10	UWEX All-Staff Conference	Madison**
10/28/10	North Central Assn. Fall Conference	Wausau*

Rudolph:

10/29/10	WACEC District 4 Board meeting	Rhineland*er*
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Committee:

10/21/10	Lumberjack RC&D	Menomonie*
10/28/10	North Central Assn. Fall Conference	Wausau*

*county expense
**district/state expense
***other expense

Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve out-of-state travel for Kuzlik to attend America Saves conference in Washington, DC. All ayes; motion carried.

Agency reports:

FSA: Evsich reviewed written report.

OCEDC: Kumbera reported the new ABX project will begin soon. The contractor is Urban Construction and most subcontractors are local. The OCEDC Board meets on Wednesday to award the bid for dirt removal and storm water retention pond. Concrete is expected to be poured on 10/20/10 with foundations and footings completed prior to freeze up. The project is being funded through the County, BCPL and City financing through the City.

Speedy Delivery construction has begun and concrete is being poured next week. Hoping to have the building ready for occupancy 1/1/11. This project is being financed by the City. Contractor is Teschendorf and Shrock. A loan was also approved for county-wide broadband services. Kumbera will be appear at the County budget hearings on Wednesday and is not requesting additional funds. He also announced his plans to retire on 10/7/2011. OCEDC has begun the process of rewriting the job description. OCEDC plans to advertise for a new director in April 2011, interview candidates in June and work with the new individual July through September. OCEDC has budgeted for a 30-day overlap during the transition period.

LWCB: Rudolph attended the LWCB meeting on 10/5/10 in Madison. A few LWC plans were approved and topics for future forums were discussed. An officer's conference call is scheduled for 10/25/10. The next regular meeting is set for 12/7/10 in Madison.

RCD: Lumberjack RC&D is scheduled for 10/21/10 in Menomonie County. Berard will check to see if he can attend.

Public comments: Rudolph, Kuzlik, Hollands and Ison recently met in an attempt to streamline the meeting agenda. Judging by this meeting, it seems successful. Rudolph urged Committee members to review reports provided in packets to help reduce meeting length but still keep on top of the work being done.

Items for next agenda: Update on budget hearings.

Adjournment: Motion by Vandervest/Dean at to adjourn at 3 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Submitted by,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Tom Rudolph, Chair