

**Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee
June 20, 2011
Minutes**

Committee members present: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Bob Evsich, Carol Pederson, Paul Dean, Romelle Vandervest and Greg Berard.

Others present: Michele Sadauskas, Jean Hansen, Fred Heider (NCWRPC), Dan Kuzlik, John Potters, Marissa Hatlen, Tim Plude, Michael Stinebrink (NRCS), Mike Fugle (Assistant Corporation Counsel), Tina Werres, Jim Winkler (joined @ 2:40 pm) 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.

Approve agenda: Motion by Dean/Evsich to approve today's agenda with order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the minutes of 5/16/11 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meeting(s):

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| 7/18/11 | 1:30 p.m. | UWEX meeting room |
| 8/15/11 | 1:30 p.m. | UWEX meeting room |

Public comment: Dan introduced Marissa Hatlen, summer horticulture assistant. She is a recent graduate of RHS and 2011 valedictorian. Tim Plude, AIS Technician LTE has returned for a second year as a recent graduate of UW River Falls. Committee welcomed the new staff and roundtable introductions we held.

Approve draft of 2012-2017 Oneida County LWRM Plan: Committee members received a draft of the 2012-2017 Oneida County LWRM Plan prior to the meeting. This plan is updated with the assistance of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) every five years and is a tool to assist in working with DATCP which funds staff salaries.

Kuzlik recently facilitated a Citizens Advisory Group. Information gathered there will be consolidated with information from the Technical Advisory Group to complete the LWRM plan. Fred Heider, NCWRPC, worked with staff to revise the current plan using the comments from both advisory groups to complete the draft and create a work plan. Since Oneida County is not an "agriculture" county and is comprised of mostly forest/lakes, DATCP has provided a waiver for additional work needed in the county. This waiver is still in force.

A draft plan must be completed and submitted to DATCP by June 30, 2011. DATCP will review the draft and return comments this Committee in about a month. A final plan will be submitted to this Committee for approval, followed by a public hearing. The final plan requires County Board approval as well as Land and Water Board approval. Discussion followed.

Vandervest noted the list of committee members in the acknowledgement segment needs to be updated. Rudolph noted the LWRM plan is the basis for the work of LWC and is used for justification in grant writing. It is especially important at this time and is a tool to use to convince County Board to fill the county conservationist position.

Hansen distributed the work plan for review and discussed each goal in detail. Highlighted portions are from the 2006-2011 Plan and must still be amended. Discussion followed. Rudolph urged Committee members to take another look at the plan and contact Hansen or Kuzlik with comments or additions by the end of the week in order to meet the June 30, 2011 deadline.

Although this is a five year plan it should be reviewed annually and updated as the time period progresses. It was also noted that grant funding is dependent upon goals listed in this plan.

Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the draft of the 2012-2017 LWRM Plan and forward to DATCP by the 6/30/11 deadline. All ayes; motion carried.

Agency reports: Stinebrink reviewed written report noting contract numbers have increased. Many of the projects were done with forest landowners including forest management plans, forest treatment and tree planting projects. Stinebrink provided business cards to use for referrals.

Appointment of Interim County Conservationist: In order to fulfill the DATCP staffing grant requirement an Interim County Conservationist must be appointed. Potters wondered if an actual "person" needs to be appointed as this could be misconstrued by County Board members as filling the vacancy. Kuzlik noted that in order to receive salary reimbursement from DATCP a person must be appointed -- it is a stopgap to keep DATCP funding in place. Rudolph suggested appointing the Department Head to the position. Discussion followed. Motion by Vandervest/Berard to appoint Dan Kuzlik as the Interim County Conservationist. Roll call vote: Rudolph-aye; Vandervest-aye; Berard-aye; Evsich-aye; Pederson-aye; Dean-abstained. Motion carried. Potters noted the position will be discussed at the LRES meeting on 6/22/11.

Closed session: Motion by Vandervest/Dean to enter in to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 1985(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and Wis. Stat. Sec. 1985(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Committee will discuss and take action on a contract which has been breached by the other party to the contract. Roll call vote: Rudolph-aye; Evsich-aye; Dean-aye; Berard-aye; Pederson-aye; and Vandervest-aye.

Motion to return to open session. Roll call vote: Rudolph-aye; Evsich-aye; Dean-aye; Berard-aye; Pederson-aye; and Vandervest-aye.

Motion by Vandervest/Dean not to pursue action on the above referenced closed session. Roll call vote: Rudolph-aye; Evsich-aye; Dean-aye; Berard-aye; Pederson-aye; and Vandervest-aye.

Update on Lake Nokomis proposed Lake District: Nothing new to report at this time.

Fair update: Werres provided a sample sponsorship recruitment packet to Committee members and reported on funding received. Other fundraising efforts include a raffle and advance sales of ride wristbands. Ride specials will be available on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Cost for a wristband is \$10 in advance; \$15 at the fair.

Adriana Roberts has been selected as the 2011-2012 Fairest of the Fair. She is student at Nicolet College and works at Office Max. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Oneida County Fair will have floats in four parades on July 4th and need trolley riders. She also encouraged county departments to put together an educational booth for the Fair. It's a great way to showcase services.

Electrical upgrades to Pioneer Park should be started soon. A work night for the Fair Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on 6/30/11 at Pioneer Park. Discussion followed.

Dean excused at 3:41 p.m.

Monthly staff reports: Hansen provided written report and reviewed in detail.

Winkler received a \$4,000 grant to host a STEM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) academy at LUHS for two weeks to introduce students these career areas. Teen Court continues to have full case loads. Winkler plans to develop a two-year report on Teen Court to submit to the judges and County Board, is interested in doing a mock trial for county board supervisors.

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Sadauskas reviewed written report in detail. Both CBCW workshops were successful, training 33 participants. Staff is participating in the DNR's blitz campaign to increase awareness of AIS by distributing hand towels in the field over the July 4th weekend. Sadauskas has been attending area lake association meetings and continues to send weekly e-mail updates. She also provided a sample placemat to be distributed to eating establishments throughout the County. Staff is also working on a poster focusing on cleaning boats to be placed at marinas, etc. throughout the County.

Evsich excused at 4 p.m.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Winkler:

7/11-15/11 4-H Summer Camp @ Camp Susan Langlade County*

*county expense

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

County cost share update: Updates listed on Hansen's monthly report.

2011-2012 DATCP grant contract: Kuzlik noted the LWC Office has been contacted by DATCP regarding Hollands' retirement. Staff is working with them to update the contract. The issue will be discussed at the 6/22/11 LRES meeting.

Monthly budget reports: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the UWEX monthly budget report for the period ending 5/31/11. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the monthly LWC budget report for the period ending 5/31/11. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve monthly invoices:

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

Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Pederson/Berard to approve the monthly invoices for LWC as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

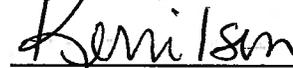
Fair contracts: Ison presented four entertainment contracts (all music) for approval: Tolerance Band, Tune Smith Academy, Lake George Music Club and Deep Water Reunion. Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the fair contracts as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment: Nothing additional.

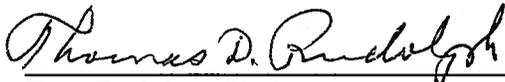
Items for next agenda: Update on conservationist position, update on Lake Nokomis proposed Lake District.

Adjournment: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to adjourn at 4:16 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary



Tom Rudolph, Chair