

Conservation/UW-Extension Education Committee
October 14, 2014
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Jim Intrepidi, Bob Martini and Bob Mott. Excused: Greg Berard and Clint Zimbeck.

Others present: Erica Brewster, Tim Brown, Lynn Feldman, Jean Hansen, Roger Luce, Michele Sadauskas and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: Chairman Rudolph called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Mott/Intrepidi to approve today's agenda with order of items at Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Martini/Mott to approve the minutes of 9/9/13 and 9/12/13 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

11/11/13	9:00 a.m.	UWEX meeting room
12/9/13	1:30 p.m.	UWEX meeting room

Monthly staff report: Committee and staff participated in a mini-workshop that Feldman recently conducted with youth in grades 6-7-8 to help them learn about what the 4-H program offers. She has a meeting scheduled with the CHAMPS After School Program Coordinator at JWMS who wishes to incorporate 4-H curriculum into the program. Feldman also hopes to expand programming to the Three Lakes School as they have a late bus system to enable youth to participate. Feldman discussed Teens Active in Government, Teen Court and her work with the Diversity Club at RHS. She provided Committee members a printed invitation to the 4-H Awards Banquet in November.

Discussion followed regarding other staff reports.

Oneida County Fair update: Brewster reported the Fair budget was passed by the Administration Committee as presented, which included funding for a paid Coordinator. Discussion followed regarding future events. Committee members suggested investigating event insurance. Once the budget is approved in November, Brewster will work on the process of getting a Fair Coordinator in place.

2013 Deer Donation program agreement: Hansen noted Oneida County has participated in the Deer Donation program for several years. The program allows for venison to be donated to participating vendors for processing and distribution to food pantries. Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to participate in the 2013 WI Deer Donation program and approve the County Agreement to Participate. All ayes; motion carried.

2014 Wildlife Damage program: Oneida County has participated in the Wildlife Damage Program for several years. The program provides assistance to landowners experiencing issues with deer, bear, beaver, etc. Motion by Mott/Martini to continue participation in the Wildlife Damage Program in 2014. All ayes; motion carried.

Agency reports:

Lake Districts:

- Intrepidi noted the Lake Nokomis Lake District set their annual fee at \$37 per landowner, down from \$56 last year. They are also having issues with a bog that may cut off some landowners and close a channel.
- Rudolph noted Horsehead Lake District is still dealing with the out lot issue.

OCEDC:

- Luce reported the State Department of Administration has approved the formation of a regional revolving loan fund. It is still uncertain whether the funds can be transferred to OCEDC as fiscal administrator.
- OCEDC Board recently toured the new Printpack facility. Equipment began arriving from Italy in late September with plans to host an open house in May. An expansion is expected in the future.
- OCEDC Board also toured ABX. The new equipment should be operational in the next few weeks.
- Luce attended the Great Lakes Timber Professionals sponsored hearing regarding national forests and increasing harvesting on those lands. Discussion followed regarding the management of federal forests. The sawmill survey is complete and noted there is a lot of unused capacity.

LWCB: Rudolph reported the Board met on 10/1/13 and approved extensions of LWRM plans. He also noted there is concern about mergers of county land and water conservation efforts with other county departments and how it may impact DATCP funding.

WLWCA: Rudolph noted the WLWCA Board is also concerned regarding mergers of land and water conservation efforts with other departments. WLWCA may work with LWCB to host a forum regarding this issue. Discussion followed regarding these types of mergers and the Committee's feelings regarding Oneida County needs. The WLWCA Board held a strategic planning session on 10/2/13 and came up with a number of goals to strengthen land and water efforts statewide and increase sustainability.

RC&D: The next Lumberjack RC&D meeting is scheduled for 10/16/13 in Shawano County. Rudolph noted Claudia Baker, Executive Director, will be retiring in February 2014.

Martini suggested including travel requests, monthly invoices and monthly budget reports as consent agenda items. Discussion followed. The Committee agreed to implement it on the next agenda.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Brewster:

10/16-17/13	Organizational Development Training	Wausau*
10/18/13	Meeting with program mentor	TBA**
10-11/2103	Canning class at Many Ways of Peace	Eagle River*

Brown:

10/16-17/13	Organizational Development Training	Wausau**
10/28-30/13	CNRED Annual Colloquium/Symposium	Madison**
11/5-8/13	Emotional Intelligence/Peer Support Facilitator Trn.	Madison**

Feldman:

11/5-7/13	State 4-H Conference	WI Dells**
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Hansen:

10/25/13	North Central LWC Assn. meeting	Marathon Co.*
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Sadauskas:

10/28-29/13	Fall AIS Coordinator meeting	Stevens Point*
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Committee:

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*county expense

**regional/state expense

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

Approve monthly budget reports:

- Motion by Mott/Intrepidi to approve the LWC monthly budget reports for the period ending 9/30/13 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Martini/Mott to approve the UWEX monthly budget report for the period ending 9/30/13 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve invoices/purchase orders:

- Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve the LWC monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Intrepidi/Martini to approve the UWEX monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Intrepidi/Mott to approve the Oneida County Fair monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Office space update: Brewster reported a resolution put forth by the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be presented to County Board on 10/15/13 presenting three different space options for UWEX and LWCD. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the options and discussion points for County Board. Committee members felt the issue needs to be part of a long-term plan.

AIS Strategic Plan: Discussion followed regarding the AIS Strategic Plan and the changes that were incorporated following Committee input. Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve the AIS Strategic Plan as amended. All ayes; motion carried.

Annual Speaking/Poster contest: Rudolph noted the area contest date will be set at the North Central LWC Association meeting on 10/25/13. Once this date is set, the Department can set the local contest (most likely in January) and begin publicity. Rudolph suggested working with the 4-H program to increase participation.

County Cost-Share Program update/approval:

- **Update:** Hansen noted that due to the government shutdown, the local NRCS engineer is on furlough and the DATCP engineer she works with is providing backfill for the NRCS engineers. Some of the projects Hansen is currently working on are being affected.
- **Fee Schedule:** Hansen provided information from the WLWCA regarding technical fees/earnest money collected by County LWCDs (Spring 2012), the current Vilas County fee schedule and an Oneida County LWCD proposed fee schedule for review. Lengthy discussion followed. The Committee made several changes to the fee schedule and directed Hansen to work with Corporation Counsel on language, procedure, etc. and bring it back to Committee at a later date.

Public comment: Martini received an award from the WI River Alliance for his leadership in conservation and protection efforts of Wisconsin's rivers and streams. Committee congratulated Martini on the award.

Items to include on next agenda: Fair update, cost-share program fee schedule, space update.

Adjournment: Motion by Intrepidi/Mott to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Thomas Rudolph, Chair