

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
April 14, 2008
Minutes

Committee members present: Wilbur Petroskey, Romelle Vandervest, Tom Rudolph, Guy Hansen, and Paul Dean.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Toni Rogers, Patricia McGee, Jim Winkler, Jim Kumbera and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilbur Petroskey at 9 a.m.

Approve agenda: Motion by Rudolph/Dean to approve the agenda for today. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Vandervest/Hansen to approve the minutes of March 13, 2008 as printed. Ayes: Vandervest, Hansen, Dean, Petroskey. Rudolph abstained; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

May 12, 2008 1:30 p.m. Extension classroom

OCEDC monthly update: Kumbera encouraged Committee members to attend their Annual Meeting on April 25, 2008 at Holiday Acres. There will be a presentation on sustainability.

Ernie Lowe, Indigo Development, has developed 13 sustainable business parks worldwide. He will be interviewing selected individuals and businesses in the region for his portion of the consultant report for development of the viability of the sustainable business park. He will be here for the week of May 14 and will present at both the Grow North meeting at 7:30 a.m. in Three Lakes and also at the OCEDC Board meeting at 3 p.m.

Monthly budget report: Motion by Dean/ Rudolph to approve the Close-3 monthly budget report for period ending 12/31/07 and the monthly budget report for the period ending 3/31/08 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices: Motion by Hansen/ Vandervest to approve the monthly invoices as presented. **All ayes; motion carried.**

2008 Fair planning: The Planning Committee has been meeting twice per month and members are excited. Kuzlik approached Channel 12 to partner with us on the event. Flyers and business cards advertising the fair were distributed to Committee members and have been posted throughout the county.

Winkler emailed all county department heads regarding having a display at the fair to showcase the county's services and has received positive feedback. He plans to send solicitation letters to all civic organizations and churches. Petroskey noted there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm with supervisors and departments in the Courthouse. Winkler has requested the Sheriff's Department provide in-kind services in the form of security. Dean volunteered to speak with the Sheriff regarding the request. Discussion followed.

Dean suggested contacting the Native American tribes in the area to sponsor a live village to showcase their heritage and volunteered to help with recruitment. Kuzlik has been in contact with Brian Gauthier at GLITC to help with getting the proper contacts and he will let Dean know as soon as he gets the information.

Hansen talked with Michelle Wich who is very encouraged because of the free entrance. Dean suggested talking to Paul Renn for horse related events. Rogers suggested collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry.

Although Hansen will not be involved through county board, he urged all Committee members to help promote the Fair at the county level on the Committee's they serve on and need to look at it proactively with county supervisors and department heads. The possibilities for this Fair are endless.

The Planning Committee still needs to address collecting gate numbers and perhaps surveying participants, vendors and supervisors. Lengthy discussion followed.

Committee members were urged to participate in the planning of the event. The next meeting is 4/29/08 at 5 p.m. at the office. The 4-H Leader's Association has put funding aside to provide food for the planning meetings.

Approve invoices for the Oneida County Fair: Motion by Hansen/Vandervest to approve the invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried. Winkler indicated the A-Team from Kohl's will staff the inflatable carnival as a public service and also donate \$500 to the Fair. Hansen noted Home Depot has a similar team and suggested they be contacted to volunteer as well.

Monthly agent reports: Winkler noted he has partnered with Project Bridges and received a \$500 grant from Met Life to provide training for after school child care providers. A training addressing after school disciplinary issues will be held at the UWEX office on May 31, 2008.

Winkler noted he collaborated with CESA grant writer to prepare a mentoring grant based on the MOCK curriculum. The School District was awarded a \$142,000 grant over five years for a mentoring program. They will now be able to hire a coordinator for the program, provide training and resources and provide community-based resources to be involved in the school as well as mental health services. Kohl's is now supporting the mentoring program so the volunteer base will be expanded. Hansen felt there

should be some publicity about Extension's involvement with this grant. Winkler/McGee noted that it needs to come from the School District.

Kuzlik is participating on a multi-cultural immersion steering committee looking at the effect of huge natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina, on poverty. He is helping to design a cultural immersion field trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, for staff in the UWEX system working with these issues.

Motion by Romelle Vandervest/Tom Rudolph to approve the agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Kuzlik:

4/16-18/08	UWEX Leadership Academy	Waukesha**
5/1/08	Systems Thinking Workshop	Madison***
5/9/08	WACEC District Conference	Hayward*

McGee:

4/9-11/08	State Team Summit	WI Rapids**
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Winkler:

4/13/08	Narrator for Sex Assault Mock Trial	Eagle River*
5/29/08	Teach Camp Staff Training	Antigo*
TBD	Meet w/4H agent on Camp Staff Training	Antigo*

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5/9/08	WACEC District meeting	Hayward*
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Rudolph:

5/8-9/08	WACEC District meeting	Hayward*
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*county expense
**district/state/other expense
***grant expense

Motion by Rudolph/ Dean to approve the out-of-county travel requests for the staff and also for Committee members to attend WACEC. All ayes; motion carried.

Rural Transit Survey: Kuzlik presented the transit survey results at a meeting in Mole Lake earlier in the month. The State DOT representative was in attendance to share with the group what would need to be done to establish a transit system here and noted the transit survey fulfilled those requirements. Additional planning will be done to design a transit system in the three-county area. Kuzlik also resented the information at the WCEA Conference and it was well received.

Update on promotional video/intern: McGee noted the UW-Superior intern is researching background information for the documentary which is in the last stages. Dave Luciani has provided the text from the videos and she is meeting with him via webcam to save on travel. There is a dedicated site on Utube on which the clips get posted so edits can be made long distance. McGee shared a clip posted on Utube with Committee members who felt the Social Services staff should view it when completed. Ison will email link to Utube clips to all committee members so they can view the progress of the video.

McGee is working with Joan LeFebvre (Vilas County) on curriculum development for conflict resolution for volunteers which will target food pantries but it will not be limited to those organizations. Food Pantry volunteers recently had an issue with an upset pantry visitor and there is concern visitors could be judged unsafe to themselves or others and volunteers are not trained to deal with those types of issues.

WACEC District meeting: The Winter District meeting has been rescheduled for May 9 in Hayward. Rudolph will be going on May 8 for a Board meeting. Ison will take care of registration/lodging.

Teen Court update: Winkler requested Committee members help to recruit planning committee members and urge appropriate department representative to become involved as there was such a poor turnout at the first meeting. The next planning meeting is scheduled for April 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Committee members agreed that personal contacts should be made to Social Services, Law Enforcement, school officer liaisons, and the Human Service Center.

Public comment: Jim Lillis, WPEG, is trying to help with the privatization of the public access programming on the local Charter cable network. If approved by the City of Rhinelander, Channels 4 and 13 would become "PBS-type" channels and offer 30 hours/week of locally produced programming. Lillis would begin taping Committee meetings and air them on these channels. Lillis feels it is a needed service to the community and would provide a good outlet to get people back in touch with their local government.

Kuzlik reported Ison coordinated a Master Composter training on Saturday which received television coverage.

Kuzlik distributed information on the upcoming State WACEC meeting in June.

Kuzlik presented Hansen with a certificate recognizing his support for Extension. Staff will also be donating \$150 in his name to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. Hansen noted he has really enjoyed serving on the Ag & Extension Committee and felt many great things have happened because of Extension in the last four years.

Rogers reported Paul Itsov, Department of Family and Health Services, has agreed to co-sponsor a regional hunger forum in Minocqua in early October. The planning

committee is just beginning. Nancy Vevea, RAFF, is working on getting food from Roundy's on their way to Eagle River. Rogers is also in the process of program planning. Please convey any ideas for programming to her by Friday.

Items for next agenda: Fair planning, Teen Court, intro new committee member.

Adjournment: Motion by Rudolph/ Hansen to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Wilbur Petroskey, Chair