

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
January 14, 2008
Minutes

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

Others present: Steve Osterman, Toni Rogers, Jim Winkler, Dan Kuzlik and Kerri Ison.

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

Approve agenda: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Romelle Vandervest to approve today's agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Paul Dean/Guy Hansen to approve the minutes of December 14, 2007 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Introduce County Coordinator: Kerri Ison noted John Potters was unable to attend the meeting today due to another commitment.

Comprehensive planning update: Steve Osterman, Planning Manager, reported he has been working with Dennis Lawrence at North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) regarding a comprehensive plan for Oneida County. The County has earmarked \$150,000 in the 2008 budget for comprehensive planning efforts and he has been negotiating with NCWRPC to be able to work within that budgeted amount. Grant funding was not applied for due to deadline issues. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with County and NCWRPC staff to begin discussions regarding plans and costs. Osterman noted Planning and Zoning staff would prefer to use NCWRPC because there is a good past working relationship and they also have the experience in doing these plans. NCWRPC just completed the City of Rhinelander's plan, meeting the minimum legal requirements and there will be a public hearing in February.

Osterman noted it is important to satisfy the minimum legal requirements and the time commitment and cost will play a part in the depth of the plan for Oneida County. He is also aware there will be controversy when it comes to county board approval. Discussion followed. Committee members felt that doing a more complete plan will help to avoid future costs and issues and can include input from the citizens instead of just a plan done by county board members or staff.

Ison distributed a copy of the status of comprehensive plans done by NCWRPC that was in their fall newsletter. Osterman noted staff is currently working on the subdivision

ordinance as first priority along with other duties, and hopes the comprehensive plan process will move along as quickly as possible. Committee members urged Planning and Zoning staff to make monthly updates on the process at County Board and thanked to Osterman for the update.

Date(s) of future meetings:

February 11, 2008	9 a.m.	Extension meeting room
March 13, 2008	9 a.m.	Extension meeting room

OCEDC monthly update: Jim Kumbera unable to attend.

Approve monthly budget report: Motion by Romelle Vandervest/Paul Dean to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 12/31/07. Discussion followed regarding the high cost of advertising for position vacancies. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve invoices: Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve fair invoices: Discussion was held regarding the fair phone. Kerri Ison indicated she has only pulled off two voice messages since the beginning of November and believes it is not cost effective to maintain the line. Crystal Johnson has graciously updated the fair website indicating the Fair is currently reorganizing and to call the UW-Extension office with questions. Discussion followed. Motion by Guy Hansen/Romelle Vandervest to disconnect the fair telephone and depend upon website and UW office. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Romelle Vandervest/Guy Hansen to approve invoices for fair as presented. Discussion followed regarding the fair budget. Ison noted it will be necessary to request a transfer from the County's contingency fund to cover overdrawn line items. Ison has already discussed it with Margie Sorenson. All ayes; motion carried.

2008 Fair planning: Jim Winkler reported that the office has not received any applications for the Fair Coordinator position at this time. Discussion followed. Winkler noted that since the carnival has cancelled the contract it may be possible to adjust the fair dates. Discussion followed.

Monthly agent reports: Winkler reported few people visited the 4-H booth at Nicolet College; in the future a static display will be done. Four Oneida County 4-H Youth attended Winter Camp in Drummond over the weekend. Winkler chaperoned and taught winter survival skills. Tom Rudolph noted there was a very critical ~~editorial~~ *letter to the editor* in the Sunday Rhinelander Daily News regarding Winkler's article on tobacco use. Discussion followed.

Winkler noted there will be a formal Teen Court demonstration on 1/25/08 at 1 p.m. in County Board Room at the Courthouse. Nancy Livingston, Vilas County Youth Development agent, will be presenting. Winkler sent notice out to all county board supervisors via email and will follow up with a memo in their mailboxes. Committee members felt TAG students should be invited as well.

Toni Rogers reported the first Community Garden meeting of the season went very well and they will be meeting soon to order the seeds to be started by Freda Waalkens at the Landfill greenhouse.

Dan Kuzlik reported UW-Extension is hosting a Research Summit at Treehaven on 2/7/08. People who work or have worked in the research area have been invited to discuss that research is an industry cluster here in the Northwoods and to show that the area may be a good fit for a research facility. Funding for the Summit is provided by Innovative programming funds from UWEX. Kuzlik also reported the Northwoods I&E Business Expo will be held on 2/13/08 at the Holiday Inn Express from 5-8 p.m. Two \$500 prizes will be awarded for the best invention and best entrepreneurial idea. Registration is being done through the office.

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

Out-of-county travel requests:

Winkler:

1/11-13/08	Chaperone/instructor District Winter Camp	Drummond, WI*
1/24/08	ND YD Face-to-face meeting	Phillips*
2/6-7/08	Grant reader for DPI	Madison**

*county expense

**district/state expense

Motion by Guy Hansen/Romelle Vandervest to approve the out-of-county travel requests. All ayes; motion carried.

TAG update: Winkler reported the program is running smoothly.

MOCK: Winkler reported MOCK is currently being promoted at Pelican School. He also worked with the Rhinelander School District to submit a grant proposal to expand the current mentoring program, hire a part-time program coordinator, and include some after school programming.

Airport nature trail update: Winkler reported the nature trail project is moving along nicely. Students recently met with Assistant Forester Paul Fiene to identify which

trees to save or remove and mark the trail. Winkler will contact hoping to get work crew from McNaughton to help brush out the trail and Ponsse will do the tree removal as part of a demonstration.

Teen Court update: Teen court demonstration is next week and Winkler will talk with judges after that.

Public comment/communications: Tom Rudolph represented WACEC at the Vilas County UWEX meeting in December. Their committee meets every other month. Three county board supervisor and five staff members attended.

Kuzlik reminded the Committee of the Winter WACEC District on 2/15/08 in Hayward. Registration information will be sent soon.

Next agenda: Comprehensive planning, fair planning, introduce county coordinator.

Adjournment: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Wilbur Petroskey, Chair