

**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee**  
**March 10, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Chair Paul Dean, Romelle Vandervest, Wilbur Petroskey, and Denny Thompson.

**Committee members absent:** Tom Rudolph, excused.

**Others present:** Charles Wickman, Jim Kumbera, Dan Kuzlik, Jim Winkler and Kerri Ison.

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve today's agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Thompson/Petroskey to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

**Date(s) of future meetings:**

April 14, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
May 12, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

**OCEDC monthly update:** Nothing to report.

**Approve monthly budget reports:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the monthly budget reports for the period ending 12/31/09 (Close-2 report) and 2/28/09 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

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

**Approve line item transfers:** Motion by Thompson/Petroskey to approve the 2008 line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

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

**Approve Oneida County Fair line item transfers:** Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the 2008 line item transfers for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Oneida County Fair planning:** Kuzlik noted the Planning Team is meeting tonight. There was another article in Buyers Guide focusing on the fair and it seems as each time there is publicity about moving the event into the City, we get more support. D&G Equipment has offered equipment and a driver to pull the trolley and a neighbor of Pioneer Park has also volunteered to help out where needed. K & M Entertainment from Phillips will provide rides and certain "carnival" foods. Local food vendors will still be having stands. DRI is also submitting a proposal to provide a beer tent. Once the snow is gone the Planning Team will

walk the park for logistics. Kuzlik is meeting with the Farmer's Market on April 6, 2009 to reassure them that there will be adequate space available.

Vandervest thought the article was very good and believes the move will be good because the grounds are not oversized and will be easier to find than the Hodag Festival grounds. Thompson is very enthused about the changes.

Winkler noted the McNaughton facility has changed procedure. He is planning to contact them but is waiting to see what type of setup commitment the City is willing to provide.

Winkler noted County has a contract with Hodag 50 until 2014 and they relieved the County of the contract for this year. If this year is successful, the County may be able to address the issue of terminating the contract. Kuzlik noted Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel, is meeting with the City Attorney regarding liability issues. Discussion followed.

Dean suggested that Kuzlik give a brief report to County Board on the planning of the event. Dean will talk w/Bob Brusio for placement on the April agenda.

**Fair Planning Team members:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the appointment of Linda Houghton Bowen to the Fair Planning Team pending a proper background check.

**UW-Extension lease w/Airport:** Kuzlik attended a recent Buildings & Grounds meeting and noted that no matter what the term of the lease is, the Airport Commission must only to give a 30-day vacancy notice. The lease actually locks in the cost for a certain timeframe. He also noted that airport related offices hold priority for occupancy. Kuzlik suggested to Krouze that we start to explore planning options for the department to relocate and to make sure there will be adequate meeting space, after hour access, etc. He also noted there is no antagonism from the department about moving and it would be impractical not to plan.

**Teen Court:** Winkler noted six (6) students from the Rhinelander School District have been recruited to serve on Teen Court and will attend training in St. Germain later this week along with students from Lakeland Union High School, Lac du Flambeau, and Eagle River. The YMCA will provide two staff members to run the program at no cost and Winkler will help write a grant for a paid staff person. After the training, Winkler will seek final approval with the judges and send a letter to the regional judge for final approval of the program. It is his hope to be ready for "business" May 1st. Judge Mangerson indicated he would like court to be held in the County Board room, one morning per month. There is also a third courtroom on the first floor, but it is much smaller. Court will consist of four youth on the Teen Court panel, the juvenile offender with their parent/guardian and the Teen Court advisor. Winkler reminded Committee members this program is for first-time misdemeanor offenders only.

Winkler has a meeting scheduled with Liz Plautz, Juvenile Court Clerk, and asked that if anyone has influence with her, to please encourage her to give Teen Court a Fair chance. She is the "gate keeper" of the citations and determines whether the youth will go to Teen Court or in front of the judge. She has been reluctant to buy into the program and has noted how easily a

Lincoln Hills sentence is handed out. Winkler noted this is not only monetarily costly but youth can learn many bad habits and easily return to the "system".

Wickman noted the progress so far is very encouraging and congratulated Winkler on a job well done. Discussion followed. Winkler noted recitivism for Teen Court nationwide is 15%, in Wisconsin it is 7% and the rate for juvenile justice in Wisconsin is 60%.

Thompson appreciated the fact that Winkler brought in many partners to make the program work. Discussion continued.

**I&E Business Expo:** Kuzlik recapped the event that was held on February 11, 2009 which had 95 businesses who purchased tables @ \$25 each. The Quality Inn estimated over 700 people came through in a three-hour period. There was a lot of good publicity which showed that even in bad times we have an economic base in the Oneida County area to be proud of. Staff is currently conducting a follow-up survey with exhibitors and plans are to continue the event next year. Kuzlik provided a copy of an article showing the event in the Lakeland Times for Committee members review.

**Northwoods Research Summit:** Kuzlik recapped the event that was held at Treehaven on February 12, 2009 which focused on research conducted in the multi-county area (14 sites in the region). There were 90 people registered for this meeting. John Greenlear was the keynote speaker from Madison who spoke about looking at new ways to use trees (cellulose) and to continue research for ways to use wood to make film plastics in an effort to make us less dependent on foreign oil.

**Monthly agent reports:** Kuzlik noted the AIS grants are funded in February and August, and at last communication with the DNR over 75% of the budget was allocated in first round of funding. There will be 25% available for February submissions. Monitoring grants now have a cap of \$4,000 per paid employee with set salaries.

A question was raised regarding the AIS Coordinator vacancy. Kuzlik noted the office received more requests regarding AIS prior to the county hiring a coordinator and is unsure of what will happen with Holman resigning. He does work with Bob Korth, CNR Lakes Program at UWSP who organizes a statewide effort in working with lake associations. Kuzlik believes our department will feel more pressure due to the AIS position vacancy.

Kuzlik met with Brian Bowen at Ag Research Station in Stella to help address statewide cutbacks and pressure to close the station at Stella. Bowen is looking at other opportunities to help support the station and may possibly use land to set up experimental row crops to create bio-fuels or fiber cellulose to burn for electricity.

Motion by Vandervest/Petoskey to approve the monthly agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Out-of-county travel requests:**

Kuzlik:

3/17/09	Governor's Statewide Tourism Conference	LaCrosse***
3/24-25/09	Presenting at ND CNRED meetings	Price County*
3/27/09	Presenting at WCEA Conference	WI Dells***
3/31-4/2/09	JCEP Conference	Madison*

McGee:

2/19/09	Crucial Conversations	Shawano*
2/20/09	Programming meeting w/Toni Rogers	Hurley*
3/17-18/09	Professional Development presentation	Stevens Point*
4/1-3/09	JCEP Conference	Madison*

\*county expense  
\*\*district/state expense  
\*\*\*grant/other expense

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

**Public comment:** None.

**Items for next agenda:** Fair planning team report.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

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Paul Dean, Chair