

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
January 11, 2010
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Paul Dean, Wilbur Petroskey, Tom Rudolph, Denny Thompson, Romelle Vandervest, and Mary Benbenek.

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

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Dean.

Approve agenda: Motion by Rudolph/Vandervest to approve the amended agenda as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Petroskey/Rudolph to approve the minutes of December 8, 2009 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

February 8, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
March 15, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Approve resolution re: Hodag 50 contract: Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to table issue until the cancellation of the contract is addressed. All ayes; motion carried.

Fair contracts:

Lease cancellation agreement: Kuzlik verbally reviewed the cancellation agreement for the Hodag 50 lease highlighting the following: 1) lessor agrees to terminate lease for use of property for fair releasing all rights; 2) lessee agrees to transfer all rights and control of pole barn to lessor; 3) lessee agrees to remove property (two semi trailers). Motion by Petroskey/Thompson to accept the lease cancellation agreement as presented.

Carnival contract: Committee reviewed the carnival contract with KM Rides & Amusements. This is the same vendor as last year but the Fair Committee has stiffened some issues (i.e. penalties for non-operational equipment, requirements for background checks and name badges for carnival staff). Corporation Counsel has reviewed the contract. Motion by Thompson/Vandervest to approve the carnival contract as presented.

Approve resolution re: Hodag 50 contract: Committee members reviewed resolution, drafted by Corporation Counsel, to cancel the contract with Hodag 50. It was noted the first "the" should be removed from line 19. Motion by Vandervest/Rudolph to approve resolution cancelling the lease agreement/contract with Hodag 50 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Oneida County Fair report: Kuzlik reported the next Fair Committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010 and will include election of officers. Several committee members are attending the Annual Fair Convention in WI Dells this week and will report at next month's meeting.

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

Approve Fair Committee members: Freda Waalkens (served last year/represents Farmer's Market) and Nancy Gehrig (2009 gate volunteer coordinator) have submitted applications to serve on the Fair Committee. Motion by Rudolph/Petroskey to approve Waalkens and Gehrig's application to serve on the Fair Committee, pending proper background checks.

Monthly budget report: Motion by Thompson/Vandervest to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 12/31/09 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

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

OCEDC monthly update: Kumbera reported the SCORE counseling unit is busy with 12 counselors donating time. Currently there are 13 active clients -- seeing more coming clients from the food and liquor industry that are having a difficult time over the past year. The group is taking a team approach to counseling depending upon the business's needs.

An application was submitted to the federal government for the broadband initiative covering Vilas, Forest, Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade and Menominee counties. The first decisions came out in mid-December and all have significant dollars being allocated by local resources. The application that was filed had no matching funds. Decisions will continue to be issued over the next 75 days but Kumbera is not optimistic this project will receive funding. A second round of funding may become available and he believes it will be a difficult application to make and the project would have to come up with 30% matching funds based on those applications that have been funded.

Kumbera met with the Finance Committee today to make a decision about moving forward with the project they approved last fall. The Committee felt we should move forward with the project too provide 95% broadband coverage in Oneida County using towers (existing and new). The cost on the loan will be about \$140,000 and they felt it was a safe investment and a benefit to residents. He spoke briefly to One Prospect who is applicant and informed them of the Finance Committee's decision. He also

spoke with SonicNet following that meeting. Placement on existing towers will come first and anticipate erecting five non-lit 180 foot towers.

Kumbera also noted a new tower has been completed in Three Lakes and a local individual is telling elected official broadband service will not be accessible from that tower. He noted it is a Cellcom tower and if you are part of the Cellcom system you will be able to access broadband service on G3 networks in June of 2010. Cellcom applied for funding for G4 network implementation but Kumbera does not believe it will be funded.

Family Living Agent position update: Kuzlik reported Madison received 35 official applications for the position. He met with Northern District Interim Director, Kathy Miller to narrow the selection and selected nine candidates for preliminary interviews. Final interviews were granted to three candidates. One candidate withdrew application prior to final interviews and one was unable to attend due to weather. The remaining candidate was interviewed on January 8th and was offered the position. At this time the candidate has not accepted. The candidate is a local person with an international background who understands the infrastructure of the county and has great skills and enthusiasm. Kuzlik will keep Committee members posted.

AIS position update: Kuzlik reported nine interviews are scheduled for this week. Interview team consists of Kuzlik, Hollands, Rudolph, Dean and Potters.

Teen Court update: Winkler reported another 10 cases have been added this week. He has had tremendous responses from parents and youth for the "second chance". Winkler noted the only cost for the program is his time and postage. Discussion followed. He would like to make a presentation to update the County Board about the program sometime this summer. Winkler has plans to speak to a retired law enforcement professional who may be interested in helping administer the program.

4H calendar of events: Committee reviewed the proposed 2009-2010 4-H calendar of events which must be approved for insurance coverage. Winkler noted it is not an inclusive list of activities as things change throughout the year. Motion by Petroskey/Thompson to approve the calendar of events as presented.

Monthly agent reports: Winkler reported the School District takes care of hiring the MOCK director. Laurie Cray has agreed to become MOCK Director/Afterschool Director. The federal government is pulling MOCK funding in March 2010 and Cray will continue on through the end of the school year under the after school program. Winkler is working with Three Lakes on implementing MOCK and Teen Court there.

Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the monthly agent reports.

Out-of-county travel:

Kuzlik:

1/13/10	Grow North meeting	Forest County*
2/1/10	Facilitate Human Services meeting	Vilas County*

Winkler:

2/23-3/9/10	Leadership WI International Trip	Costa Rica/Nicaragua***
3/11-12/10	Teen Court training	Eagle River*

*county expense
**district/state expense
***other expense

Thompson/Rudolph to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented.

Public comment: None.

Items for next agenda: Fair update, FLA and AIS position updates.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Paul Dean, Chair