

Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee
May 10, 2010
Minutes

Present: Tom Rudolph, Paul Dean, Greg Berard, Romelle Vandervest, Carol Pederson and Bob Evsich. Absent: Mary Benbenek (excused).

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Jean Hansen, Nancy Hollands, Lawrence Eslinger, Jim Winkler, Erica Brewster, Kari Lazars and Kerri Ison.

Call to order and Chairperson's announcements: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:30 p.m. The meeting has been properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible.

Rudolph met with Kuzlik and Hollands in an attempt to merge business for both departments. Since this is new to all involved, the agenda setup may be tweaked over time and suggestions are appreciated.

Roundtable introductions were held.

Approve agenda: Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Select Committee Vice Chair: Rudolph nominated Vandervest for Vice Chair -- accepted. Call for other nominations -- none. Motion by Dean/Berard to close nominations. Unanimous vote cast for Vandervest as Vice Chair.

Approve minutes: Motion by Evsich/Rudolph to approve the Land & Water Conservation Committee minutes of 4/16/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee minutes of 4/12/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

June 14, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
July 12, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Select North Central Land & Water Conservation Assn. representative and alternate: Rudolph currently represents Oneida County and would like to continue. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to nominate Rudolph as representative. Call for additional nominations -- none. Motion by Dean/Vandervest that Rudolph continues as NCLWA representative. Ayes: Vandervest, Dean, Berard and Pederson. Rudolph abstained.

Motion by Dean/Vandervest to nominate Pederson to serve as alternate for NCLWA. Call for additional nominations -- none. Motion unanimously carried.

Select Lumberjack RC&D representative and alternate: Rudolph provided printed information and circulated it to the new committee members regarding the Lumberjack RC&D Council and noted this Committee needs to appoint a representative to serve on the Council. Local offices are located on the east end of the new state building near Menards. Main projects include forest health monitoring and forest inventory analysis and many others related to economic development.

Rudolph currently represents Oneida County and also serves as Vice President of the state association. Motion by Vandervest/Evsich to nominate Rudolph to serve as representative. Call for additional nominations -- none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to nominate Berard as the alternate for Lumberjack RC&D. Call for additional nominations -- none. Motion carried unanimously.

Select Lake District representatives (Mid, Thunder, Horsehead, & Bear Lake Districts): Rudolph reported the Land & Water Conservation is mandated by state statute to have a representative on each Lake District as a commissioner. Lake districts can levy taxes to deal with issues affecting their particular lake and a lake association can collect funds through membership dues to help fund items. Lake districts typically meet quarterly, plus an annual meeting, dependent upon need/issues.

Motion by Dean/Berard to approve the appointment of Lake District representatives as follows. Vandervest – Mid Lake; Pederson – Thunder Lake, Rudolph – Horsehead Lake, Berard – Bear Lake. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly budget reports: Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the UWEX monthly budget report for the period ending 4/30/10. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dean/Pederson to approve the LWC/AIS/Wildlife Damage monthly budget report for the period ending 4/30/10. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve monthly invoices:

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the UWEX monthly invoices. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the Oneida County Fair monthly invoices. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the LWCC invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve line item transfers: Kuzlik reported Extension administers a WI Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Paint Up-Fix Up (PUFU) grant which allows city residents to make small improvements (i.e. paint, roofing, windows, etc.) to their homes up to \$800. A small committee of Northwoods Saves board members reviews and approves applications. An administrative fee is included in the grant and those funds need to be

transferred to the Northwoods Saves account. Motion by Vandervest/Evsich to approve the line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve blanket purchase orders: Ison submitted blanket purchase orders to purchase stamps and for the Northwoods Saves coordinator salary for committee approval. Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the blanket purchase orders for the US Postmaster and Sunset LLC as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Youth Conservation Camp scholarship recipients: Hollands reported no applications have been received to date. Application deadline is 5/14//10. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson authorizing Committee Chair to work with Hollands to select scholarship recipients following the deadline. All ayes; motion carried.

WACEC Conference: WACEC is a group that helps the various county board supervisors throughout the state connect with UWEX Administration. The WACEC State Conference is scheduled for June 22-23 in Milwaukee and all committee members are eligible to attend. Rudolph urged committee members to attend, especially the new members, as it will provide a good basis of what Extension programming is all about. Ison included conference registration information in committee packets. Registration is online this year and those interested in attending were asked to contact Ison as the office will handle registration/lodging reservations. Motion by Vandervest/Berard authorizing committee and staff to attend state WACEC Conference. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly staff reports: Written staff reports were provided in packets. Kuzlik noted staff members are willing to answer any questions at any time, not just at the monthly meetings and can always highlight special items as needed. Rudolph asked that Kuzlik and Hollands provide a list of acronyms regularly used in their departments to assist new members. Eslinger provided a copy of upcoming expenses for the AIS program for informational purposes only.

Staff report highlights:

- WNEP is in the midst of planning for next fiscal year 10/2010-9/2011 and have significantly increased programming for the next fiscal year. Lazars thanked Vandervest for judging Cantastic. 4,800 cans were collected and plans are underway for next year.
- Brewster made a few presentations but has spent most of her time planning for future projects.
- Winkler reported the end of May marks the first year anniversary of Teen Court with approximately 50 cases being heard. About 70% have completed all sanctions and 30% are in the process. Only one youth has re-offended at this time. Top three violations include alcohol, shoplifting and underage tobacco. Winkler plans to provide a synopsis for county board this summer.
- Hansen has been designing for several projects and recently finished up a project on Post Lake. She also noted terrestrial invasive species are popping up and worked on cleaning up a site in the City.

- Hollands has been working on grant information and finalizing reports to close out 2009 — receiving 100% reimbursement. She is also getting paperwork signed for 2010 DATCP grant (\$113,110 for staff salary/fringe and also eligible for \$62,926 in landowner cost share). Lake Nokomis is again trying to form a Lake District. If that comes to pass it will be a time intensive project.
- Eslinger distributed stickers for bait buckets (bait restrictions, promoting healthy fisheries and preventing spread of AIS) at bait shops throughout the county. Provided educational outreach during the City of Rhinelander's Earth Week celebration, taught an AIS workshop for 70 Pelican School third graders at CAVOC, and staffed a station during EcoTrek at Kemp Station with Winkler. Interviews were held for the summer LTE's and positions have been offered with plans to start prior to Memorial Day.

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

Out-of-county travel requests:

Brewster:

5/13-14/10	WI Humanities Council conference	Madison**
5/21/10	Northwoods AODA Coalition	Marshfield**
6/9/10	ND Family Living/WNEP meeting	Phillips**
6/14/10	Joint AODA Steering Committee	St. Germain*

Hollands:

5/27/10	Lumberjack RC&D Meeting	Langlade Co.*
6/18/10	North Central Assn. Reorganization Mtg.	Antigo*

Kuzlik:

5/20-21/10	ND Agent Sharing Session	Washburn Co.*
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Winkler:

5/11/10	Silver Birch Ranch Standards visit	White Lake area*
6/30/10	Silver Birch Ranch Stands visit (part 2)	White Lake area*

Committee:

5/27/10	Lumberjack RC&D	Langlade Co.*
6/18/10	NCWLC meeting	Antigo*
6/22-23/10	WACEC State Conference	Milwaukee*

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

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

Motion by Vandervest/Pederson authorizing committee members' attendance at Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association (OCLRA) meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Agency reports: Rudolph reported Horsehead Lake has completed a lake study and a final report should be available later this summer. They are addressing current weed problems and have a contractor in place if harvesting is necessary. The DNR is also conducting a fisheries inventory on Horsehead Lake.

FSA: Evsich reported the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program for crop disaster recovery is being addressed. They are also looking into compiling a list of warehouses in counties where foods can be stockpiled. Hollands noted that FSA has a program to help with livestock losses due to wolf predation.

LWCB: Rudolph reported several county land and water resource management plans were approved at the 4/6/10 meeting in Madison. Plans are underway to have a forum about issues related to generating funding sources for county conservation programs in connection with the LWCB meeting in June. The Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) and DNR funding is being cut significantly which puts a squeeze on programs/staff. Without funding, the program will decrease significantly.

WLWCA: Rudolph reported most board meetings are done via teleconference. The last meeting focused on statewide programs and legislative issues that were considered --little was of benefit to land and water conservation. The funding issue was not finalized during last session. Hollands provided a printed update of local conservation efforts from WLWCA. Conservation Observance Day will be June 24 in Marathon County honoring the county farmer of the year. Rudolph encouraged committee members to attend.

Public comment/communications: Committee members were urged to contact Rudolph, Hollands or Kuzlik if there are any questions on any information from this meeting. Comments or suggestions on streamlining the agenda are also appreciated.

Committee members interested in attending RC&D on 5/27/10 and NCLWC on 6/18/10 should contact Hollands for registration information.

Items for next agenda: Appoint fair committee liaison, fair contracts.

Adjournment: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Tom Rudolph, Chair