

Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Cte.
July 20, 2010
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Tom Rudolph, Romelle Vandervest, Paul Dean, Carol Pederson and Bob Evsich. Absent: Greg Berard, excused.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Jim Kumbera, Jim Tharman, Erica Brewster, Lawrence Eslinger, Jeanne Hansen, Tina Werres, Melanie Ostermann, Tom Swearingen, Jim Lillis, Tom Wiensch, Kari Lazars and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order @ 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Rudolph, noting the agenda has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the agenda for today's meeting with permission to change the order of the day at the Chairman's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates for future meetings:

August 9, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
September 13, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Wildlife Damage report: Jim Tharman handles wildlife damage and abatement claims for Oneida and Marathon Counties. Abatement claims cover deer, bear, turkey and geese damage to commercial crops. Tharman distributed business cards with the USDA toll free number -- calls are referred to the wildlife service agency in the appropriate area.

Recently the Woodruff Nursery requested assistance as deer damaged approximately \$3,100 in plants and nursery stock this year. Tharman has recommended a 10-year contract to construct a permanent fence. The DNR funds certain permanent fencing projects and provides specifications. Discussion followed. Tharman is working on a proposal and hopes to have it ready for Committee approval in August. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the State to review the justification to build a fence based on the cost of the project and projected damage costs. If approved at the state level it will then be put out on bids. He plans to attend the next meeting to get the proposal approved.

Approve monthly budget report: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the monthly budget report for UWEX for the period ending 6/30/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the monthly budget report for LWC for the period ending 6/30/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Review AIS purchases: Eslinger reviewed purchased made that were listed on his report. Discussion followed. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve expenses for the AIS account as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Review draft of 2011 AIS grant proposal: Eslinger distributed a list of project objectives and is currently working to finish the proposal to meet the August 1st deadline. He reviewed the objectives noting many are the same as the 2009 grant which funds alot of activities in the program this year. Future cost of AIS educational materials should be minimal as much has been purchased this year. Eslinger discussed each objective and plans to accomplish them. He is currently working to develop a budget for each objective which he anticipates will be smaller than this year. Eslinger asked for suggestions from Committee members on items they would like included in the grant. Pederson noted she has seen the AIS efforts pay off at the landings. Eslinger noted it has been proven that one-on-one contact is the most successful way to educator people about AIS and is critical to keeping other water bodies clean. Committee approval is needed in order to forward a resolution to County Board for approval in September. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson authorizing Rudolph to sign grant application if needed on behalf of the Committee. All ayes; motion carried.

County cost-share update: Hansen noted she recently has completed a few survey and provided technical assistance on several project. She provided a cost estimate for the Skye project located on Rhinelander Flowage. Work includes soil-filled bags that will be vegetative on top of Envirollock bags filled with small rock to build up slope to reduce and/or eliminate sediment loss and erosion. As required, the property owners have submitted three estimates. Total project cost is \$25,590.71 with the cost share programming paying \$12,795.50. There is no cost to the County as Hansen's time is also covered by grant monies. This project is actually Phase 2, which finally received DNR approval. Motion by Pederson/Vandervest to approve the low-cost estimate provided by Hanson's Garden Village for the Skye project. All ayes; motion carried. Rudolph suggested including Committee members in site visits, provide photos or give a short presentation to help new members learn more about various projects.

Oneida County Fair planning update: Tina Werres, Fair Coordinator, reported planning is a little behind schedule due to the death of Patrick Dineen and noted time is an issue. Musical contracts and entertainment are lined up and volunteers are working to finalize contracts. She noted a timber show will be one of the main highlights this year. Experienced tractor drivers are still needed to drive the trolley to/from the former hospital parking lot to Pioneer Park. Several "Live at 5" spots on TV-12 will focus on the Fair and Kuzlik will be

presenting to the WI Towns Association - Oneida County Chapter meeting. Werres thanked the Committee for their continued support and encouraged them to attend this year's event. Werres introduced new Fair Secretary, Melanie Ostermann and reminded the Committee three vacant seats remain to be filled on Fair Committee.

Tent/sound proposal for Oneida County Fair: Several months ago the Fair Planning Team received an unsolicited proposal for a five-year contract for use of a tent and sound services for entertainment. Though the Committee had been discussing different ways to use tents they were not looking for music services. The night the proposal was presented the President of the Fair Committee was also supposed to discuss a "rent with the option to purchase" proposal for a tent through RSC Equipment Rental (RSC), but for some reason it was not discussed. The five-year proposal was approved at this meeting.

After that meeting, Kuzlik (as Department Head) reviewed the five-year proposal and was concerned. The five-year proposal cost was approximately \$35,000 (\$7,000/year) and included rental of a tent and sound services—the County would never own the tent. Sound services are not needed as most bands provide their own sound systems and Tom Swearingen has donated equipment for use.

The RSC proposal was for the same tent. Cost to rent for one year is approximately \$2,600 which includes setup and tear down, plus a \$5,000 credit toward purchase. Kuzlik attended the next Fair Committee meeting to discuss the issue and the motion to enter into the five-year contract was rescinded. Werres indicated she did not support the tent/sound agreement when first voted on. Tom Wiensch indicated he reviewed the five-year proposal and found several issues with it before being asked to put it on hold.

At this time the Fair Committee has deferred to this Committee to approve or deny either tent proposal. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to go with proposal of Rhinelander Rental Center to rent a tent for this year's fair with option to purchase in the future. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve contracts for Oneida County Fair: A list of contracts with description and cost was provided for review. Discussion followed. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the contracts for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried. Werres noted the majority of the entertainment will be under tents.

Approve monthly invoices:

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

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

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair with the addition of Beth Sachse - \$300 (purchase of 2 tents); petty cash \$650; and additional entertainment contracts approved earlier. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Department Information Documents:

Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the Departmental Information Document for UWEX as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the Departmental Information Document for LWC as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Resolution for WHIP memorandum of understanding: Copies of resolution and MOU were presented for review. Wiensch spoke with Desmond and believes it isn't committing the County to any funds and is essentially a "written handshake agreement". The MOU provides moral support for WHIP and doesn't commit anyone to funding of any kind. The partners agree to assist in the development of an invasive management plan for a period of five years. Rudolph noted several of the partners have already signed the MOU. Jean Hansen serves on the WHIP steering Committee. Discussion followed.

Motion by Pederson/Evsich to approve the resolution pertaining to the WHIP MOU and forward to county board for approval. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly staff reports: Written monthly staff reports were provided in committee packets.

Vandervest excused at 10:30 a.m.

Staff report highlights:

Brewster: Local underage alcohol use before age 13 is almost double as the state average. Statistics show that drinking prior to age 21 affects brain development. The AODA Coalition is working on several initiatives to address this issue and has focus has shifted to educating adults about youth alcohol, accessibility and availability.

Lazers: She has been working with NEWCAP compiling survey results on food pantry recipients to get a better understanding of the population. She also noted the office relocation took a lot of time.

Hansen: Participated in GPS training and provided technical assistance with a Planning and Zoning violation. She requested permission to attend training session in Bayfield on conservation of native pollinators. Hansen will be presenting at Kiwanis on Wednesday.

Eslinger: Distributed AIS promotional napkins that will be distributed to restaurants, bars and eateries throughout the County. Rudolph believes this to be an inexpensive and effective way to spread the word. Eslinger reported 22 people attended the Citizen's Lake Monitoring workshop in Three Lakes. He is also working with his LTEs compiling educational packets for distribution to water garden nurseries and aquarium shops.

Kuzlik: Facilitating the mining session in Town of Lynne on Saturday.

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

Out-of-county travel:

Brewster:

7/19/10 Joint AODA Coalition meeting St. Germain*

Hansen:

8/12/10 Native Pollinators Workshop Bayfield*

Hollands:

7/29/10 Lumberjack RC&D meeting Merrill*
8/13/10 NC Assn. Summer Tour Marathon County*

Kuzlik:

8/9/10 NCEA Conference Planning Minneapolis, MN**
8/17-19/10 Local Government Finance Workshop Madison**
8/26/10 Diversity Training WI Dells**

Winkler:

8/2010 4-H Teen Leader trip (date TBD) Site TBD*
9/16/10 ND 4-H Agent meeting Hayward*

*county expense
**district/state/other expense

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

Agency reports:

Lake Districts: Rudolph reported Horsehead Lake met last week and worked on budget for 2010-11. Levy will be about \$0.95/\$1,000 of home value which is mostly used for weed harvesting.

FSA: Evsich provided written report and reviewed in detail. Also noted Thunder Lake area received 9.25 inches of rain over last month.

OCEDC: Five years ago OCEDC assisted in the development of ABX. Kumbera reviewed the funding assistance provided. ABX has completed first three years of operation, has experience great growth and have not outgrown their facility and needs to add approximately 30,000 square feet to their facility and purchase another machine as they are operating on a 30-day backlog. This will also enable them to add 10 positions.

Kumbera will be asking the Oneida County Finance Committee and County Board to borrow \$1,000,000 from Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of the State of Wisconsin and loan it to Northeast WI Economic Development Corporation (NEWEDC). He is also requesting \$100,000 of tax incremental financing from the City of Rhineland.

Kumbera feels confident ABX is a good continued growth business and has loans and a lease with them and never had a late payment.

OCEDC is also working on \$500,000 project with Speedy Delivery Service Inc. Northeast Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is borrowing \$250,000 from the City and is hoping to get participation loan from several banks.

Adjournment: Adjournment at 11 a.m. by lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Tom Rudolph, Chair