

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee

March 11, 2019

Amended Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Alan VanRaalte, Robb Jensen, and Mitch Ives. Kim Simac and Jim Winkler excused.

Others present: Steve Nelson, Andrea Rippley, Sara Richie, Karly Johnson, Myles Alexander, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenuue, Karl Jennrich, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was posted properly and the facility handicapped accessible.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jensen/VanRaalte to approve today's agenda with the order of the items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

Van Raalte/Ives made a motion to approve 02/11/19 CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Thursday, April 11, 2019	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room
Monday, May 13, 2019	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room

Airport Conference Room Update:

Victory will clean the conference room carpet and Extension office later this month. The conference room walls and kitchen area is scheduled for painting in April. Leitner will be in touch with the Committee in April or May for any capital improvement project requests this spring when they have their first meeting. Leitner requested an update from the Committee on whether Extension will remain at the Airport, before any further requests to the Commission are made for improvements to the Extension office or conference room. This would be a 2020 budget item.

Knowles-Nelson Support Resolution:

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is a tool to preserve and restore natural areas, habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation. Mott thought it would be good for the Forestry and Conservation Committees to propose a joint resolution as a way to support the cost of our county forestry and recreation opportunities. VanRaalte/Jensen made a motion for approve the resolution and forward it onto the full County Board for approval. All ayes; motion carried.

Brainstorming Discussion:

A follow-up on staff evaluation of the committee meeting process offered no further comment. It is acceptable for Extension to bring in their laptops and work on other material while LWCD is presenting their agenda. It was agreed to make the effort to keep meeting times to a minimum.

Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM) 2020-2029:

Sadauskas alerted the Committee of a timeline change. At the April 11 Committee meeting, the draft plan will be available for review and the May meeting will be scheduled to receive any comments the Committee may have.

LWCD Update:

Sadauskas distributed a flyer for the 2019 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention to announce that there is an opening and funding available for the committee members to attend. Members should notify Jonna by March 12 if they will

attend. Jensen/VanRaalte made a motion to approve committee member attendance, with expenses covered, to the Lakes Convention on April 11-12 in Steven's Point. All ayes; motion carried.

A second motion by Jensen/VanRaalte rescinded of the motion due to Wisconsin Lakes Convention not being on the agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion by Jensen/VanRaalte for Boismenu to attend the Spring Partnership meeting April 2-4 in Winnebago County and Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention on April 10-12 in Portage County. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Jensen/Ives for Sadauskas and Land Water Committee members to attend pending Corporation Counsel approval.

a. DNR AIS Education Planning Grant: Boismenu announced they were awarded their grant for \$38,263. A breakdown of grant categories and recipients shows that Oneida County was one of the highest scores out of 15 applicants awarded in this category.

b. US Forest Service Pollinator Grant: They expect a reply by mid-April on the submitted grant. It will be a two-year grant for about 250 hours at \$9,173, which would be their portion of the \$25,000 grant. There are three partnerships in this grant: Monarch Joint Venture, the US Forest Service, and a Michigan nature center. Our Oneida County group will host a person to cover Northern Wisconsin. It is anticipated they will have an intern assigned. It is a monitoring grant that will address high-priority sites. It is exclusively for monarch butterflies.

Boismenu Excused at 1:25 p.m.

USDA Wildlife Damage Program Update: Turkey Donation program approval.

Jim Tharman could not present.

CAFO's Ordinance:

A concern was logged over a CAFO in Bayfield County, where there was a hog operation with segregation from the CAFOs in Illinois and Iowa. Jennrich spoke to the Bayfield zoning administrator about their ordinance as a recommendation to him for this County to adopt. The Bayfield ordinance was completed by their Land and Water Conservation department. CAFOs have very detailed and complicated information. They are usually done by LWCD and P&Z jointly or by itself. Zoning is utilized to say what can or cannot be allowed. Commercial agriculture, if allowed, should include CAFOs as things stand now. There are more private or hobby farms in our County. For the County to adopt such an ordinance it would go through the same process as mining. Restrictions should not be more than what the State restrictions are. Bayfield county is more restrictive than State. It has been 2-3 years since this issue was last considered. The Committee would mull it over and present to P&Z. Motion was made by Van Raalte/Ives to investigate and develop a CAFO resolution. All ayes; motion carried.

Septage Disposal:

Oneida County, historically, has required conditional use permits for land application of septage. Recently, there has been land application on frozen and snow covered grounds in the town of Stella. It is believed that it is happening every day. Has the town taken any actions? Is this occurring on owned property or an approved site? Citizen complaints state that it stinks so bad that they cannot even have a barbeque. **Septic haulers can** make arrangements through the waste water treatment program. There are location restrictions on the distance of sites between wells and streams. There are questions as to why this is not being enforced. It was questioned whether this is happening all around the county or are the only violations known due to complaints received. If it is happening, enforcement is necessary. The offending company is making profits but it harms the County environmentally. A public hearing could be held, if DNR is not enforcing this issue. There is the perspective of this being a public health concern as well. Land use and land spreading requires a conditional use permit. The County can regulate use, but it would have to pass an ordinance. It would most likely be the State who would have authority to suspend or revoke licenses where a septic service is making violations. Jennrich will check with the State about license revocations.

Consent Agenda for Land and Water:

VanRaalte/Jensen made motion to accept monthly budget reports. Jensen/VanRaalte made a motion to accept items b, c, and d as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: Jennrich, Sadauskas at 2:30 p.m.

County Fair Report Update/Discussion– Fred Andrist:

Last month, the Fair meeting was cancelled due to weather. On Friday, March 8, the Executive Committee met to address Fair business for consent agenda items. The Committee, with the help of Alexander, had an identified selection of professionals and private entities asking them to answer a detailed survey. Another survey will go out to the general public on the OCF Facebook page. Mott will attend the March 30 retreat at the Hodag Park building 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. to go over the surveys. An update on Long Range Planning process will be presented to County Board next month. The Committee is having Shoenek Construction look at the middle garage door for expansion at Pioneer Park. The eight foot door needs to be widened to accommodate the stage. Andrist will meet with Troy Huber about storage on River Street and he will update the committee. Given the proposed upgrades for Hodag Park there was discussion on the possibility of the Fair moving there in the future.

The K & M Amusements contract was finalized. The Fair Committee is working on multi-year contract with K&M to ensure K &M's commitment for a longer time period.

A discussion about Fair reimbursement on the use personal charge cards took place. The Fair asked for the Committee's support on getting a limited credit line on a Fair charge card. The advantage is that it is a simple way for the Fair to make needed purchases. The options of a pre-paid, debit or regular credit card were discussed. Andrist will request a card from Finance and will report back to the Committee.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

A motion was made by Jensen/VanRaalte to accept items a, b and d as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Sadauskas excused at 2:50 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

VanRaalte/Jensen moved to accept a and b, monthly budget reports and expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Educator Update:

Please see the Oneida Observer delivered to your courthouse mailbox and sent electronically. The educators shared in a discussion with their current projects.

4-H Program Coordinator: Plans are in the works for Lincoln and Langlade camp training for counselors. They are looking for open water life guards, and nurses for the camps. Price, Oneida, Lincoln and Langlade are the four-county 4-H Camp for the North-central Region, Quad County Camp. Their plans are coming together. Camp counselors are established and now they are looking for adult volunteers. They are required to do the four step process to become certified volunteers.

Health & Well-being Educator: Richie will train this spring for Financial Coaching in Milwaukee. She will work with Alexander to on the Petco project. Next year she plans to assist with the Mad Money program at the high school. Asset mapping to address the needs of youth in the community will take place in all three counties. Social Services was invited to the Trauma Informed Care meeting community meeting that addressed youth and mental health needs.

FoodWise: Karly Harrison said Terri Lindner had to reschedule many lessons due to the snowy weather. Elementary schools are moving to the K-5th grade arrangement. Mary Stys had a good turnout for the Head start program. On May 30, the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry (RAFP) will host their Food Drive Five event scheduled with Ripco CU. Healthy food preparation education will be starting at RAFP, where they will renovate their kitchen area for the program.

Communities: Myles Alexander continues to work with the Oneida County Fair strategic planning. The survey responses and active planning for the event are ramping up. On March 6, Nicolet College, OCEDC and Extension hosted a workshop related to the small entrepreneur development at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes. He recently contacted local clergy for emergency aid to the Petco/Shopko need. He is planning for a Center for Community and Economic Development Northwoods economic summit in September.

Board of Visitors Meeting Follow-up – Bob Mott:

Mott commented that many interesting people shared ideas on challenges that Extension currently has. There was a seminar on opioids this month to talk about treatment and problem solving. An April topic will be on fresh water in the State. Mott will be happy to forward questions or concerns. A future topic may be on the septage issue as it relates to land management. Ground water will be a hot topic for the next four years.

2019 UW Extension Committee Schedule:

Steve Nelson said scheduling committee meetings can be a budget driven decision. Nelson has visited the county about 42 times over the past 18 months. A handout outlined how Extension could meet quarterly for committee meetings. Nelson prefers the quarterly meetings in May, August, September and December based on budget timelines. The educators will offer a more robust quarterly reports to committee. Committee meeting schedules differ per county where some prefer monthly a meeting, while other counties see no reason to meet monthly. If Extension moves to quarterly meetings, more electronic communication by staff may be necessary to keep the county board supervisors informed. County code requires the Committee to approve monthly vouchers. If Extension meets quarterly, the monthly vouchers will continue to be processed. Lehner will continue to take minutes each month for the CUW Committee. Conservation continues to meet monthly. Jensen/Ives made a motion for Extension to attend the meetings quarterly or as needed. All ayes; motion carried.

Support Staff Time Study:

Charbarneau requested support staff to turn their reports in to her on a daily basis. Excel documents will require staff to report on task completed in 15 minute intervals. The described reports were sent to LRES.

Conference Room Furniture:

The tables and chairs arrived on Tuesday, March 5. Five table tops were delivered with damage to the laminate and are scheduled to be replaced on Thursday, March 14. Several leatherette chairs that came in as cloth will switched out.

Office Air Environment:

For the month of February, there were ten reports of diesel fumes and sewer odors in the lower level of the airport. There were more actual occurrences, but staff does not always have the time to log every instance.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

LWRM update, LWCD update, Fair Long Range Plan update on March 30. Update on Fair credit card request. Fair Report/Discussion, CUW needs to update to Leitner on Airport Conference Room 2020 plans/alternate location for UWEX. Extension proposed May/Aug-Sep/Dec meeting schedule. Educator Updates, Office Air.

Adjournment:

Mott adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair