

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
November 12, 2018
Minutes

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

Others present: Steve Nelson, Karly Johnson, Myles Alexander, Andrea Rippley, Michele Sadauskas, Karl Jennrich, Rick Polanski, Fred Andrist, and Merry Lehner.

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

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

Approve Minutes:

Winkler/Jensen made a motion to approve the amended 10/08/18 CUW Committee meeting minutes with minor wording corrections made. All ayes; as corrected motion carried.

Jensen/Winkler made a motion to approve the 9/18/18 Special CUW Fair budget proposal meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of Future meetings:

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| December 10, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. | UWEX Conference Room |
| January 14, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. | UWEX Conference Room |

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

The first meeting of the Resource Advisory Committee Meeting was held on October 30. There were 18 members in attendance and they broke into three groups to discuss the goals and objectives of the current plan and what might change for the new plan. They were happy with the results of the first meeting. It included resource assessments in four categories: Forestry, Agricultural, Land, and Water. Fred Heider will compile the information gathered and will present it at the second meeting, that will be scheduled soon.

LWCD Update – Michele Sadauskas:

Lumberjack RC&D awarded \$10,000 for the Pollinator Grant, which was presented last month for approval. They are excited to start this project. Baerbel Ehrig will be the Coordinator, who will work 550 hours on the project for 2019. Five County Land and Water departments will be involved in the pollinator project starting January, 2019. A \$500 donation, made this year, will have a line item transferred over to 2019.

The Land and Water Speaking Contest will be held on January 17, 2019 for student speakers. Judges have been selected. They would like to see the Committee's support and attendance, Mott and perhaps Van Raalte will attend.

The poster contest is scheduled a few days ahead of the speaking contest. Sadauskas also announced the 8th Annual Invasive Species Poster Contest. There were 580 posters from 18 northern Wisconsin counties last year.

Cost Share Update:

The Ebert project's rock rip rap was completed two weeks ago. Before and after picture was shared with the Committee.

Squash Lake District Report: Robb Jensen.

The Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual meeting minutes from August 11 were reviewed. There were no changes in the officers. Mott attended the October 14 meeting. They have \$24,000 more than anticipated and will adjust that into their budget for next year. They are setting up a fund for purchasing equipment. A pontoon boat may be donated for the divers to use. The next meeting is in January 2019.

District and Bear Lake District Reports – Robb Jensen:

The annual meeting went well. The minutes have not been posted on the website yet. The next meeting is scheduled for the third Saturday in January.

Mining Update – Karl Jennrich:

No further news is available to report. The election results are in from the referendum: After performing their due diligence, should Oneida County allow the Lynn site. The results were 62.59% against and 37.41% in favor. It was good to have the offered educational materials from the Johnson and Alexander project available. Jennrich sees no further need for it on the agenda.

Consent Agenda for Land and Water:

Out-of-county travel requests were approved for Sadauskas to attend the Winter County Conservationist meeting, Dec. 6-7 in Wisconsin Rapids and for Stephanie Boismenu at the 2018 Lakes Conservation Partners meeting Oct 26 with pre-approval. There were two line item transfers for LWCD Reimbursement and LWCD Donation Carryover. Jensen/Winkler made a motion to accept items a, b, c, and d as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: Jennrich, Sadauskas, Rick Polanski and Simac excused at 1:35 p.m.

County Fair Report/Update– Jim Winkler:

Winkler had no update since the Fair will be meeting later this evening. Fair President, Fred Andrist, was not able to attend the last Building and Grounds meeting, but will attend the Nov 26 meeting to discuss storage for fair equipment. Andrist distributed a report on the Fair budget that has a balance of \$6,094.83 as of the end of October. The Finance department does not show the \$16,000 until year end, but the Fair report does. The year-end number will reflect both sets of books with that amount. Andrist feels they will be in the black. Andrist asked about the history of a building fund and would like to look into a building fund for the future. It would be a separate fund earmarked as continuing appropriations. A statement to reflect such money can be set aside specifically for this purpose. Revenue projections would be required for this segregated fund. Andrist will be discussing a future fair building with the City and County. It is anticipated that the County budget will be going through some changes next year. The location for the Fair and specific funding dollars for support needs to be developed. Andrist wants to approach the County Board to gauge their feeling about the 2019 Oneida County Fair at Pioneer Park. Mott advised Andrist to develop a discussion at the County Board level regarding funding and support for the Fair. There will be new board members in the future. We need to know our vision into 2020 and the future and available funding.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

A motion was made by Jensen/Van Raalte to accept line items a, b and c as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

Van Raalte/Winkler moved to accept the monthly budget report and monthly expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Teen Court Coordinator Update:

Lynn Feldman gave an update on September and October activities and her plans for November and December. The most important task is to secure and train panelists. She has four current panelists and has interviewed seven applicants at Lakeland Union High School (LUHS). There are two current panelists in Rhinelander and fourteen more were selected from interviews. No new cases have been heard to ensure continuity as the position transitions. She recently trained at LUHS and a teacher liaison will connect with the students there. Rhinelander does not have a teacher liaison training set up. She contacted Vilas County for a training date. She spoke with the Three Lakes High School principals in and is working with 14 panelists this month. Feldman contacted Social Services about the inclusion of the Teen Court program grant proposal. This maybe the best fit for the program. She attended the Wisconsin Teen Court Association quarterly meeting. Nelson would like to see the cases be opened in January, with the help of a neighboring county, along with assistance from Andrea Rippley and Bonnie Tillman.

Educator Update:

4-H Program Coordinator: Andrea Rippley sent a survey and obtained data from eight questions to determine how many 4-H events people had attended. She wanted to know hopes and wishes for 4-H. She asked how many 4-H events were attended and what would increase event/meetings attendance. She surveyed for favorite events attended in both Oneida and Price

counties. For Oneida County, many asked for a horseback riding activity, which would be labor intensive. Another youth is interested in raising rabbits and exhibiting them at the Fair. Interest in baking and cake decorating was noted.

FoodWise Coordinator: Karly Harrison has been working on their program evaluation efforts. The 5th grade class took a pre-evaluation survey before any nutrition lessons, a post-survey after lessons, and follow-up survey three months later. A pre-survey of 145 students revealed that only five students said they ate at least one vegetable. After five lessons, 52 out of 158 ate at least one vegetable per day. Three months later, 46 students ate one or more vegetables per day, which revealed the positive results of the program.

Communities Extension Educator: Myles Alexander provided an update on the Mining Advisory panel forums held. The citizen jury did not occur due to budget and time restraints. A report would have been written by a representative sample of people across the County. He believes people would have benefitted from reading this report. Deliberative conversations, it was learned, were not well understood by the community. There are some groups working on educating more people on this skill practice. The mining informational materials gathered will be current for the next two years.

Health & Well-being Educator: Sara Richie was teaching in Crandon. Social Services asked Richie to look into a financial educational/coaching program. This would replace the dissolved Northwoods Saves program sponsored by Extension in the past. The current non-profit that took over Northwoods can only provide for their current clients. She will work with Social Services and most likely any financial coaching will be offered on a referral basis from local agencies.

Positive Youth Development Educator Position:

The State approved a full-time position split between Oneida and Langlade Counties. The job posting will close on November 29. The screening and interviews are scheduled for December 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Langlade County Annex Building in Antigo. Nelson asked for two Committee representatives to be present. Mott and Van Raalte cannot attend. Jensen and Ives may be the only two available. A motion was made by Jensen/Mott for two Committee members to attend the interviews on December 18 with their expenses covered. All ayes; motion carried.

Program Assistant Update:

The position description was reviewed by Carlson Dettmann this week for a possible reclassification and the results will be given to the County by the end of November and then be reviewed by the appropriate Committees.

Work Needs Study for Support Staff:

Completed forms were returned to LRES by the Extension support staff. Task percentage totals were then sent out to Carlson Dettmann. LRES will request a time keeping chart be completed by both support staff for the work needs study.

136 Contract for UW-Extension:

Nelson gave information to Darcy Smith who reviewed the numbers to be correct. It is with Brian Desmond for review after the budget and long range plan discussions are completed. It will be back to Extension for the December Committee meeting.

2019 Extension Budget:

The budget was passed by the Finance Committee as it was presented to this Committee. There is a list of county partners that Extension works with, totaling 39 organizations.

Office Air Environment:

Six reports were logged for sewer odors for October.

Public Comment:

Winkler commented that air problems have existed at the Extension office for 14 years and it is good to progress being made.

Items to Include on next Agenda:

LWRM update, Cost Share, LWCD update, Fair Report/Discussion update and proposed future of the Fair to the County, Community Youth Dev. Educator interviews, Educator Updates, Status of Carlson Dettmann review of Program Assistant and work needs study for support staff, 136 Contract for UW-Extension Educators, Office Air, Airport Conference Room, UW Extension Oneida County Plan of Work 2019.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jensen/Van Raalte to adjourn at 3:03 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Mott
Bob Mott, Committee Chair

Merry Lehner
Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary