

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
Monday, August 9, 2021 – Northwoods Center Dining Room and Virtually by ZOOM
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Bob Thome, Jr., Mitch Ives, Mike Roach, Jim Winkler, and John Engel.

Others Present: Karl Jennrich, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenu, Jonna Jewell, Dan Butkus, Tom Jerow, Tom Barnett, Kerry Bloedorn, Amber Rehberg, Myles Alexander, Terri Kolb, Sharon Krause, Karly Harrison, Mary Stys, Emma Beckman, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

Approve Agenda: A motion by Thome/Winkler to approve the August 9, 2021 agenda and the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Announcements: Bob Mott thanked all for attending the Extension open house and welcome to Kate Ferrel, Nicolet President. It is a beautiful facility and a great opportunity for Extension to partner with Nicolet College.

Approve Minutes: Winkler/Thome made a motion to approve the July 12, 2021, CUW Committee meeting minutes with changes made on the Manure Ordinance agenda item, as noted. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Monday, September 13, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Nicolet Northwoods Center conference room

Monday, October 11, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Nicolet Northwoods Center conference room

Bob Mott and Mitch Ives will not attend the September meeting. Jim Winkler will chair the meeting. If there is a possibility for Mott to attend by Zoom, he will. Same is true of Mitch Ives. There still will be a quorum if both are gone.

Electronic Signature Approval for August 9, 2021 meeting:

Committee members present will sign documents while those attending virtually will permit their typed in names to represent their signature on all documents the meeting. Thome/Winkler made motion to approve electronic signatures today. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Manure Storage Ordinance – K. Jennrich/ M. Sadauskas

Review of the Ordinance. Discussion took place on any questions and some of the terms and definitions. Winkler had questions: on page 28-5, N, the one-foot level, is that a standard Margin of Safety Statewide. Page 28-9 II, 75 cubic feet at 2 inches thick, what area does that cover? Engle said it is a small area. On 28-11 A, the manure *storage date* of 2002 is a State generated date. Page 28-18, 8, "*adequate*" sod was wording from Fond du Lac County, to mitigate runoff. The department will work better defining adequate. For 28-25 D, regarding fines, the forfeiture is commonly used ordinances.

John Engel commented. The ordinance addresses CAFOs facilities and it should make distinction with the type of farming we have in Oneida County. A manure stack is over 175 cubic feet is required to be confined. One horse in a barn will create, over winter, 175 cubic feet of manure, and therefore would require confinement. That should not be our intention for the ordinance. Engel suggested Code 318, he provided a copy; defined as short-term storage of animal waste by-product. Code 318 applies more to the type of farming we have in Oneida County. It is a temporary non-structural measure used to store solid agricultural waste. Most farmers will clean out barn and create a manure stack then spread it onto a field. As the proposed ordinance reads, "a nutrient management plan is needed" and Engel questions whether our farmers need it. It is costly to have the management plan. Engel said Code 318 from NRCS, addresses the same concerns as the Ordinance and he suggested it be included. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent runoff from entering streams. Butkus and Jerow will review Code 318 and see if they can add it to the manure

storage ordinance. Mott asked Butkus and Jerow to incorporate in the new material presented in time for the September meeting. Winkler's comments will also be incorporated.

Timeline: The Committee will plan to bring to the County Board January 2022. That will give the Committee time to hear back from local farmers, the Planning and Development Committee, and input from the State so DATCP can review by October. Then, forwarded to Corporation Counsel, then to Committee to review. There is no December meeting. The CUW meeting will be January 10, tentatively. The timeline handout was tentative, and was accepted.

Lake District Reports:

Crescent Lake – Bob Thome. All attended the Commissioner's meeting on July 22. The treasurer's report was on startup costs with fees of \$1,674, excluding some administrative costs, including insurance. Discussions on the MOU development for the Association, borrowing/repayment of funds, future budgets and EWM costs took place. They reviewed Voter Registration for the annual meeting. The August 4 meeting treasurer's report focused on the initial 2021 and 2022 budget proposal to be presented at the August 21, 2021 meeting. A review of voting procedures for the annual meeting were agreed upon. The elector's annual meeting notices are to be handled by the commissioners. Future meetings for commissioners and the annual meeting schedules were set.

Squash Lake – Bob Mott was unable to attend the July 11 meeting and Dan Butkus provided minutes. The New Commissioner is Peggy Jensen, and she was welcomed as the new board representative for the Town of Crescent. Updates on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan Goals will be approved by the planning committee along with expenditures will be forwarded to electors at the Lake District Annual Meeting. Voting procedures were reviewed. The annual elector's meeting is on August 14, 2021 and the next quarterly meeting date is October 10, 2021.

LWCD Update:

DATCP Staffing/Bond Funding – M Sadauskas said the numbers for 2022 went up about \$15,000 to \$16,000 more for their staffing grant bringing the total to \$119,325. The Cost Share Project funding dropped significantly and the department is receiving \$31,000 for 2022. She will go to the Land and Water Board to approve it first. They wanted a little more for LTE projects.

2022 River Planning Grant Request – Sadauskas has asked for river grant funding the last two years. JoAnne Lund has completed the Western portion of the county and the Eastern portion will be finished this summer. She is asking for approval of \$9000 for the River Grant to finish off the middle portion of Oneida County, to have stream crossing and culverts checked. The towns received information on the stream crossings. Motion by Winkler/Thome to accept the request for River Planning Grant to cover stream crossings. All ayes; motion carried.

Cost Share Update:

2021 Funding Projects Approval: Art Thompson Road erosion concerns on the Newkirk and Sache properties. Mr. Sachse gave a \$1000 deposit and LWCD will help slow runoff, and will need committee approval. Stacey Dehne, the DATCP engineer and Sadauskas went on site and the soil is compacted, receiving flow from both the upland driveway and flows along the house, flowing almost to Dam Lake. They will provide a grass waterway with a rain garden and a bag wall to alleviate the problem. Asking for approval to accept the Sachse property into the Cost Share program with a \$1000 deposit. Mr. Newkirk will meet with Jennrich on his property this week. A motion by Thome/Winkler to approve accepting the Sachse family cost share project on Art Thompson Road. All ayes; motion carried.

Radue Reimbursement Approval: The project is complete and receipts are in. LWCD paid out \$941 and the deposit. A motion by Winkler/Thome to approve the Radue reimbursement as presented. All ayes motion carried.

The next three reimbursements are being asked for approval together. The department is waiting for receipts that will arrive before September. Reimbursement checks will be dispersed once receipts have been received and approved.

Clausen Reimbursement Approval: The amount is \$13,295 or 50% whichever is less.

Kulakowski Reimbursement Approval: It is just under \$10,000.

Brocker Reimbursement Approval: This is just short of \$14,000.

A motion by Winkler/Thome to approve b, c, d, and e to approve reimbursements as presented not to exceed 50%. All ayes; motion carried.

Zoning Violations Update: Sadauskas gave an update on some projects that Land and Water is working on with the Planning and Zoning Department. The Menzel project has submitted a plan, where Land and Water will be making

recommendations to Zoning to determine what is allowed on that property. Sadauskas will give to Jennrich on any enforcement /compliance in the next few days.

The Shulfer property was filled in between the ordinary high water mark to 100 feet back. The family has hired a lawyer to represent them and they want to compromise on the remediation.

The Zagzebski property is on Lake Minocqua. Landscaping by the owners for erosion control occurred between zero and five feet of the water mark. It is a new case to review and LWCD will make recommendations. The owners worked with a landscaping firm from Wausau.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation):

A motion made by Thome/ Winkler to approve agenda item a, b, and c. All ayes; motion carried.

County Fair Report: Kerri Bloedorn, Fair Vice President, reported on the Oneida County Fair. The normal past attendance ran around 9,000 to 10,000 people and this year \$15,000 attended. County residents are aware of the County funding the Fair and the Fair's efforts to become independent. The big question was if the County wanted a Fair. Based on the attendance, the residents of the County do want a Fair. The Fair decided to use existing County funds first and when they go independent, they will spend it first. The Fair did extremely well with \$18,500, which will go towards the 2022 Fair. They started with \$11,700 with a net gain of \$7,000. Barnett said the starting balance covered start up supplies and entertainment. The Treasurer is confident with the numbers presented. Money carried over from the Virtual Fair last year went to the 2021 Fair. One last meeting on expenses will occur next week. The Fair is to present their final budget at the September meeting. Sponsorships were down and they hope to see that improve next year. In their efforts to become an independent entity, the Fair created an itemized inventory of equipment on hand. An accurate inventory list will show what donated to the Fair. The Oneida County Fair Inc. has worked with advisors from Nicolet College on a business plan and from accountants and lawyers. The short-term goal is to find a new location for the Oneida County Fair to create an income producing land site. They have appreciate Pioneer Park. Historically, fairs are located in the County Seat. Mott asked if Land Records Committee discussions took place. Most locations were swampy. The McNaughton work program offered to landscape a chosen location and create infrastructure.

Fair Privatization: Mott reviewed a list of questions posed by Tom Wiensch that needed answers. The actual results of 2021 Fair and Fair inventory; was answered above. Identify who in Corporation Counsel will be responsible; no answer yet. Post fair cash position audit; performed by Lehner and Treasurer, Tjugum, and ultimately forwarded to the Finance Director. Name of the Fair; Oneida County Fair Inc. is name of the independent Fair. The business plan budget: as mentioned above, they will be working with Nicolet College. An outline of the plan: Myles Alexander worked on an outline earlier and they are working with Score Volunteer, Ron Bergen as well. Privatization agreement; the resolution needs to be completed first before going before the County Board, then the final agreements can be drafted.

Update Fair/City Contract, Business Plan, 501(C)(3) Conversation: The business plan was discussed above. They have 501(C)(3) in place. Barnett will be in touch with the City and Pioneer Park for the contract agreement. The inventory, audit, business plan, and privatization is due by October 11, 2021. The resolution is due as well.

Consent Agenda Items-Oneida County Fair:

Budget Reports were not available. Send out a corrected copy of the Treasurers Report to the Committee. A motion made by Winkler/Thome to approve agenda items a and b. All ayes; motion carried.

Extension Communication Strategies:

Amber Rehberg, Area Extension Director, asked for feedback on the educator County Report from the Committee. Mott feels that they are an outstanding report to read by all who receive it. He would like to see compilation of the educator reports at the October budget meeting. This way one can see what educators have done, how many people they reached, and what impact it has had. If there was no Extension, and what you would lose. Contact Vilas County with a report on what they have missed. Meet with our supervisors and ask them what they would like to see. Be active in informing people about hearings and participation. Have them contact the county representatives on a personal basis. Based on the past we do not leave anything to chance. Everyone likes testimonials and seeing where Extension is

working with various different agencies. An example is Terri Kolb working jointly with Social Services. Reference every department that Extension reaches as a strategy. Include the School District and any testimonials. Send an email to draw attention to contacts educators made. People should be aware of the dollars lost if Extension was not here. The tour of Nicolet and Extension was a great strategy to make all aware of Extension activities. Business need to be aware of assistance Extension offers. FoodWise is re-introducing food preservation next year and has use of a commercial kitchen for workshops and farm to table. FoodWise events are being included in social media.

Educator Reports:

Rehberg asked the educators to comment on activities. Committee wants the reports distributed monthly.

Sharon Krause: Announced they did not receive the grant they wrote and applied for \$200,000. There were 45 applicants eight were awarded. They were in the finalists and formed some partnerships in their efforts. They will continue the Raise your Voice club at YMCA and may hold another at Rhinelander High School. Krause has signed up 15 Teen Court panelists who will attend in-person training. Lisa Hilgendorf is the new Juvenile Court contact. Krause has Vilas County connections that might give testimonials on the worth of Extension Teen Court.

Myles Alexander: Is following up on some earlier communications to teach some Nicolet Community Education courses. They will be on Facilitation Graphics and Blending Meetings in mid-October.

Karly Harrison: Terri Lindner retired and six final preliminary interviews for the nutrition educator take place next week. Art Lersch is staying on as a hiring authority. Harrison will be on maternity leave end of December. Mary Stys will be working with Harrison in preparation. Stys presented nutrition education at the Rhinehaus, who have requested more lessons on cooking. On Thursdays, she works with the Hodag Food Truck with the YMCA and the Food Panty. Individuals can come and pick up free bags of food.

Terri Kolb: She started the We Cope series this week with Human and Social Services staff, who are receiving continuing education credit by attending the course. They are offering two sessions and plan a third. In what would be lost without Extension, there is a gain with Extension providing this education to Social Services. It guides them to take care of themselves during challenging times. Social Services has requested more evidence-based programs by Extension.

Anne Williams: Anne worked very hard at the Fair and it was successful. Mott liked the interesting robotics project.

Extension Nicolet Update: Buildings and Grounds will be removing the rent expense and transferring it to the Extension budget. Mott asked to verify that the amount is the same for 2022. Karl Martin was excited about the opportunity for collaboration and partnership with Nicolet. He plans to discuss this further regarding community stakeholders in the future. Business will be included with this collaboration. Martin will be working on the additional signage out at Hwy G. Permission is needed from Nicolet for uniform signage.

Consent Agenda Items- UW Extension:

Budget report not available. A motion by Winkler/Thome to approve items b, monthly invoices. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Updates for LWCD, Cost Share, CAFOs, manure storage, vegetation. Draft education on manure storage, comments from John Engel. County Fair Report, Five Fair items are due on Oct 11 including resolution. Extension AED update, Nicolet update, Extension Strategies, Educator Reports.

Adjournment: Mott adjourned the meeting 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair