

**Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
Monday, December 13, 2021 Minutes
Courthouse Committee Room & Virtually by ZOOM**

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

Others Present: Karl Jennrich, Michele Sadauskas, Joel Knutson, Tracy Beckman, Tom Jerow, Dan Butkus, Amber Rehberg, Myles Alexander, Karly Harrison, Mary Stys, Terri Kolb, Jonna Jewell, Beckie Gaskill, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and the meeting was posted properly.

Approve Agenda: A motion by Winkler/Thome to approve the December 13, 2021 agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Announcements: None

Approve Minutes: Winkler/Ives made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 CUW Committee meeting minutes, with corrections noted. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, January 5, 2022	3:30 p.m.	Public Hearing - Courthouse County Board Room
Monday, January 10, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Courthouse County Board Room
Monday, February 14, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Booked for both Nicolet and County Board Room

Electronic Signature Approval for December 13 meeting:

Committee members present will sign documents and virtual attendees' written names on documents will represent their signatures. Winkler/Thome made motion to approve electronic signatures. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Manure Storage Ordinance Update – K. Jennrich/ M. Sadauskas/D. Butkus/ T. Jerow

Karl Jennrich – Corporation Counsel reviewed and suggested their changes, which were incorporated into final document, except one and renumbering was completed. There are six updates added to the final draft MSO with the revisions to review by the Committee today, with a request for:

Approval of the Manure Storage Ordinance for Public Hearing.

Six updates added to the document with final MSO revisions:

1. The ordinance had to be re-numbered again and the new copy was available this morning. It is now compatible with code.
2. Page 28.2 28.01(3)(F) Corporation Counsel suggested letter (f) "Additional findings may be added" seems incomplete and suggested to strike (f). The Committee agreed unanimously.
3. Page 28-6 the term Oneida County should have Wisconsin added to it. Committee agreed to make that correction throughout the document.
4. Page 28-8 (32) A request for a more specific in whose Technical Guide is mentioned. It means United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Technical Guide for clarification only. The Committee agreed and approved.
5. On the same page (33), it was recommended to record a more proper name for the standard. It is now "Technical Standard 313" is a NRCS Conservation Practice Standard titled Waste Storage Facility Code 313. The Committee agreed and approved.
6. Page 28-12 Need approval with a recommendation from the DNR suggested inserting the phrase "Stacks should not be placed within the same location within a three-year period" due to a build-up of phosphorous. John Engel said most small farms stack manure in the same place every year so it should be removed. Tom Jerow felt that it is insignificant for small operators, but large operators typically spread rather than stack. Dan Butkus agreed with John Engel it can be removed. Retain "stacks should be field spread" because the ordinance states they are not to remain longer than 180 days. Committee agreed to remove the phrase.
7. On page, 28-21 the Margin of Safety (MOS) is defined in the ordinance but the DNR wanted more specifics about a one-foot buffer. It is stated in the Technical Standard 313 definition. They worked on this last Friday and it was added today. Corporation Counsel advised for clarity, they could add under 28-07(c) meet the requirements of this Ordinance and

Technical Standard 313 including the Margin of Safety defined in NR 243.03 (37), Wis. Admin. Code. Jerow said to include it. Committee was in favor to include the MOS as discussed.

Mott had questions on page 28-11, on the various types of setbacks and if they are consistent. They will 300', 250', and 1000' depending on if it is a road, well, or navigable water. On page 28-7 (29) ground water contamination was defined. No further discussion or changes brought forth.

Motion by Winkler/Ives to approve the MSO as presented and move to Public Hearing. Five ayes and one nay. Motion carried.

Approve Public Hearing Notice and Agenda. The committee reviewed and agreed upon the Agenda for Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The Committee agreed with the documents.

Fee Schedule and Resolution Approval. Will go to County Board in January and the fee schedule is attached for Committee approval for the \$250 Permit. A motion to approve the Fee Schedule and Resolution as stated and send it on to the County Board, was made by Thome/Ives. All ayes, motion carried.

Forfeiture Schedule Approval. Jennrich commented that a citation is a snapshot in time. The forfeiture amount is a policy decision that this Committee would make. The forfeiture amount goes into the General Fund. The other option is a long form complaint, where forfeitures go from a certain time and date in court for the violation and it is up to the County and Counsel to defend that. This forfeiture schedule is noted on page 28-23 section 28.08 number 4. Jennrich will check to see if it is attached to the MSO. Jerow said that help and technical assistance should be offered before enforcement. Motion made to approve the Forfeiture schedule amounts by Ives/Thome. All ayes; motion carried.

Outreach Mailing. The mailing will go to 270 agriculture-assessed landowners. It will include the Cover Letter (memorandum), Public Hearing Agenda, Notice, plus a testimony tip sheet and a map of where the hearing is located in Courthouse. The cover letter explains what the Ordinance will prohibit, create, and allow. One correction was noted. Committee decided to leave it up to LWCD staff on final wording and formatting.

Land and Water Long-Range Plan - 2022. Each year the department has to present an annual plan. They took the information from their five-year work plan with its five goals and presented to the Committee for the years 2020-2024. The plan is meant to be flexible and updated, as needed. Discussion took place. A motion by Winkler/Ives to approve the five-year plan. All ayes; motion carried.

Vegetation Status – Planning & Development.

There is no status on the 35-foot viewing corridor of vegetation. Jennrich sent out a letter to the State Representatives and has no further update. There was a definition written up. The dimensions are where there is a challenge. If shoreline frontage if less than 100 feet of frontage you get 35 feet. Dan Butkus made public comment about the one piece that is not available should not hold up the rest of the process of the Shoreline Protection Ordinance as it has been outstanding for a long while since August and felt it was unacceptable.

Jennrich excused. 2:40 p.m.

Lumberjack Grants – Jim Winkler.

- a. Project Update: Status (approved/rejected/in process) Explanation on projects brought before the Committee. Winkler shared the five submitted proposals. As the proposals come in the Executive Committee at the Lumberjack Council looks them over and makes the determination if all will come before the full Nine County Council to vote. All criteria must be completed in full when submitted. The Tesomas Scout Camp Environment Education Pavilion and FRESH Project were approved. Two Oneida County proposals were rejected due to not meeting certain criteria. A checklist was not completed. There was money available for all of the proposals. Tracy Beckman reviewed why funding was not received. Joel Knutson said The Pollinator Plant Project from Town of Crescent did not pass due to the Town budget schedule. He questioned why remaining Lumberjack funding was not used towards the other projects that were accepted. Mott summarized that if \$80,000 was allocated for projects, why wasn't more of the remaining \$60,000 given to the approved projects. Beckman gave an explanation about their formula where only an allotted amount will pay out for 2022. Mott asked if a policy change needed review by the Executive Committee. Knutson would like to see Lumberjack allow grants to be more competitive. He would like to see more money go to those approved for 2022. Tracy Beckman said Lumberjack is always working on improving. The formula takes only so much money from the proceeds. The Executive Committee will meet again and will invite Knutson to review the relationship between the organization and governments. Knutson is concerned with how each County Department operates differently and how to improve this process when applying for grants collaborating with the County. Mott

asked if Knutson could share input and write/address his concern about the relationship with the County, the Town, and Lumberjack.

b. **FRESH Program.**

Winkler discussed the produce prescription plan where doctors give patients \$10 vegetable prescriptions that are redeemable at farmer markets to promote healthy eating. He suggested that such a program could be a collaboration between Extension and the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. The funding for FRESH was for another county but it is a great opportunity for Oneida County to pursue.

Cost Share Update.

Approval of Completed Healthy Lakes Project – Luedtke. Shared a before and after on DL Lake and requesting reimbursement of \$1000. Motion made by Winkler/Mott to approve the refund for Luedtke on DL lake project. All ayes; Motion carried Year-End Review. LWCD has been busy and has made 100 Site Visits from May through November 2021.

L&W/P&Z Department Office Space Requirements due to Additional Zoning Staff. The request was not needed.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation).

A motion by Thome/Winkler to approve agenda items b and c. All ayes; motion carried.

Fair Committee Update.

Discussion on what the final payout balance would be for the Fair could not be determined due to outstanding LTE wages that still will be need to be paid out. December rent will be paid and the Fair will pay for January and February 2022 on their own; the Fair requested the quarterly rent be split last month. Payout is \$7,075.93 minus any pending LTE wages.

Consent Agenda Items: (Oneida County Fair).

A motion was made by Winkler/Mott to approve agenda items a and b. All ayes, motion carried. A final Fair report will be presented in January 2022.

Area 4 Extension Director Update:

Amber Rehberg reviewed the current LTE position where the new hire decided against the position after starting it. The position was re-posted offering a range between \$12 and \$15 per hour for the wage amount. In order to capture the skills needed a higher wage is needed. The hours required really need to be 23 to 30 hours per week. The State is starting to partially fund support positions, as an option, in some counties.

Approve/Sign FY2022 136 Contract.

Last month the contract was reviewed, pending the budget approval. A motion to approve the 136 contract by Thome/Winkler. All ayes; motion carried.

Extension Communication Strategies.

Mott asked that cumulative totals for each program show up on the County Report for the year. He mentioned that it would be nice to see a monthly account of what area of the County Extension is serving. Rehberg asked if there is a month where Extension can present to the County Board in 2022. Most departments have to give yearly reports to the County Board and Rehberg would like to offer more education about Extension. April through August would be the best months to ask for time in front of the Board. Point out where Extension is collaborating with other County Departments and Extension will plan to attend their Committee meetings as needed.

Extension-Nicolet Update.

Rehberg is working on collaboration opportunities and making it a priority. Mott suggested as one-year goal, to list at least one or two collaborations, with evidence-based programs where Extension provided assistance. Rehberg is working with Matthew Cull on Extension signage. Nicolet prefers that all their signs blend. It is important to have signage out on Highway G, and they are working on this relationship.

Educator Reports.

ADRC & Extension Agreement Update – Terri Kolb.

Kolb presented the approved and signed agreement. Page 7 lists the main duties. The goal is to do more outreach, not just Rhinelander, but to help the aging population in the County and offer older adults programming. It will consist of 33% of Kolb's position. She will share networking calendars in January. Outlying areas are harder to reach and perhaps they will combine some

of those towns and find a common place to meet. Sugar Camp is attending classes in Three Lakes, for example. They will offer Virtual Zoom options for outreach. She will try to report on these activities in the County Report.

Myles Alexander was on vacation when County Report came out. He worked with the Oneida County unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association who gave a PFAS update, the Water Action Team Rhinelander, Mayor Frederickson's advisory group. Unit President, Ted Cushing approved sharing the information with people representing the towns. Alexander led trainings in November; How to Moderate Deliberative Conversation and a collaboration with Nicolet College Business Education Community program for Better Meetings and Graphic Facilitation. The Northwoods Roundtable Group's focus is now diversity, equity and inclusion, and it will continue in December. Big news from Nicolet is the Growing Rural Inclusion and Diversity (GRID) program grant went through. Nicolet obtained a USDA funded grant that will go to the OCEDC to support new and emerging entrepreneurs. A change may occur with the Water Action Team and PFAS as the mayor is not seeking a second term. Will update in April.

Karly Harrison This will be her last meeting with CUW until April while on maternity leave. She is finishing some state reporting and meeting with educators and partners. Allison and Mary will continue at the schools and adult programming.

Anne Williams is meeting regularly with a new club and has started a Small Pet club. Collaboration with Forest and Florence County 4-H Educators so they are building those programs.

Sharon Krause is at a Teen Court hearing so could not make it; she had ten hearings this month. Sharon is educating parents on the process using an infographic. The Committee suggested this information could be shared with town boards.

Consent Agenda Items: (UW-Extension).

Motion by Winkler/Ives to approve agenda items a and b. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None. Bob Thome Excused 4:00

Items to Include on next Agenda: January 2022

Updates for LWCD, Cost Share, MSO, Vegetation Status/Planning & Development. Final Fair report. Extension Director and Nicolet update, Extension Strategies, Educator Reports. January Lumberjack meeting.

Adjournment: Mott adjourned the meeting 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair