

**Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee**  
**Monday, November 8, 2021 – Courthouse County Board Room and Virtually by ZOOM**  
**Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Karl Jennrich, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenu, Dan Butkus, Amber Rehberg, Myles Alexander, Anne Williams, Terri Kolb, Allison Wilson, Jonna Jewell, and Merry Lehner.

**Call to order:** Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion by Winkler/Thome to approve the November 8, 2021 agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

**Announcements:** None

**Approve Minutes:** Thome/ Winkler made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021, CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Future Meetings:**

Monday, December 13, 2021	1:00 p.m.	Courthouse County Board Room
Monday, January 10, 2021	1:00 p.m.	Courthouse County Board Room or TBA
Wednesday, January 5, 2022	3:30 p.m.	Courthouse County Board Room

**Electronic Signature Approval for November 8 meeting:**

Committee members present will sign documents and virtual attendees' names written into documents representing 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**

- a. Outreach mailing: Originally, set to go out November 11. Will go out in December. It will include the Public Hearing Notice and Agenda, cover letter explaining why we are holding the Public Hearing and Testimony instructions, and courthouse map.
- b. Share Public Hearing Information: The agenda with a new date and time will need approval in December.
- c. Approve Manure Storage Ordinance for Public Hearing: The Timeline needs an update, as Corporation Counsel cannot fully review by December 2, 2021. No MSO will be available for approval. Regarding meetings, there are no after-hours meetings allowed in the Courthouse (after 4:30 p.m.), due to security. Meetings held at the Law Enforcement Center, do not have technology available and building admission is more complicated due to security. A reschedule date and location was set for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 for the Public Hearing at 3:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. Crescent Town Hall is the alternate location.
- d. Forfeiture/Fee Approval: Postponed until December.

**Establishment of an Agricultural Zoning District – Discussion only – Bob Thome**

Thome shared two maps. One, the Wisconsin Livestock Facility Siting Program - Wisconsin WPDES Permitted Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and Permit Applicants, which shows where CAFO licenses exist. Two, a map depicting where County Manure Storage Ordinances are located. He included a Dunn County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as an example of a comprehensive zoning ordinance that has Ag Districts.

**Fair Committee Update:**

Fair-well Party is tomorrow, Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at CT's Deli. The CUW Committee is invited. The Fair will not be meeting in December. All the bills coming forward are in now with the exception of Barnett's December

payment. Rent due was rescheduled to pay December 2021 only. The Fair will pay January and February as Oneida County Fair, Inc. The Finance Director requires a W-9 will to send the final payout to Oneida County Fair Inc.

### **Consent Agenda Items – Fair**

A motion was made by Thome/Winkler to approve agenda items a and b. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Area 4 Extension Director Update:**

Extension is prepared for the 2022 Budget. Rehberg asked to review the process. The County Board meeting starts at 9:30 and there will be an opportunity for public comments at beginning of meeting. Anyone who wishes to comment, signs in with their names and address if they plan to comment. Extension has letters of support and Rehberg asked if they could read them at the public comment. Mott is confident of a balanced budget and there will be offsets that will prevent use of General Funds. Extension has been documenting what they do all year long with the County Report. Extension has prepared handouts with further information to share to the County Board members. The Committee reviewed and approved the handouts. If it is not distributed at the meeting the information will be placed in the County Board member's mailboxes after the meeting. Another update, Extension has offered a support staff position Erica Pertile, who will start on November 29, 2021.

### **136 Contract Review and Status:**

Rehberg presented the final draft of the 136 contract to Committee for review. After the final budget hearing tomorrow, it will be ready for Committee for approval. Once signed, it needs shall be forwarded to LRES. The completed contract is due by December 13, 2021.

**Extension Communication Strategies:** Addressed in update above

### **Educator Reports:**

Allison Wilson: Started programming today at Central Elementary school teaching first, third, and fifth graders nutritional education. Things went very well. She will start with the other schools in 2022.

Anne Williams: A new 4-H Community Club formed where of nine youth have leadership roles in the club. The youth guide the community club, will lead the meeting, and it gives them civics training with parliamentary procedure in this new club. They have the voting privileges. These skills lead to personal growth and confidence. Kids actively involved in this way are more likely to become leaders. A Welcome and Recognition event took place on Sunday at Nicolet. They recognized the Committee at the event. It is important to take time to recognize volunteers.

Terri Kolb: Mary Rideout signed a services agreement between UW Madison and Social Services for \$30,735. It will need approval and signatures from County Board Supervisor, Dave Hintz and Steven Schreier from the Social Services Committee. The Oneida County ADRC will purchase services from Extension where Kolb will serve at 33% in that capacity. It is non-tax dollars and saves time and resources. Kolb has a 40% appointment on the Extension 136 agreement; where of 73% will be in Oneida County.

Myles Alexander: The Three Lakes work and the Rhinelander PFAS water concerns are work are both on-going projects. Last Wednesday he spoke to townspeople on how their well water may be affected. He presented public deliberation training which will continue next year as more public become assessable. He will conduct a class at Nicolet next week on effective meetings.

### **Extension – Nicolet Update:**

Rehberg will have further conversations with Nicolet in 2022. Nicolet graciously has worked with Extension to provide space for meetings after hours. She anticipates more collaboration between Extension and Nicolet College. There are many opportunities in the partnership. A request to look into signage for Extension should go up on Highway G.

### **Consent Agenda Items – Extension**

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

### **Lake District Reports:**

- a. Mid Lake - Bob Mott reviewed old report from July 3, 2021. They had good participation at the annual meeting. There is concern over wake boats and limiting them on the lake. Weed harvesting continues.

- b. Crescent Lake – Bob Thome On November 1, 2021, Commissioners meeting was held to approve a resolution to transfer the DNR grant for EWM from the Association to the Lake District, which was signed and passed. Next meetings are January 4 and April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Crescent Lake Bible Camp.

**Lumberjack Quarterly Council Meeting Report – Jim Winkler**

The meeting was October 27, 2021 in Argonne. They passed two resolutions and discussed the budget. They reviewed the project proposals and two Oneida County projects approved. The Environmental Education Pavilion at Tesomas Scout Camp on Crystal Lake and the FRESH Project – Produce as a Prescription Program. The FRESH Program puts produce into the hands of the consumers. Doctors will give out produce prescriptions to encourage good health. The projects are located in Menomonie and Shawano counties. Winkler will share the FRESH Program with Extension. Both projects were approved for \$10,000. The next meeting is January 27, 2022 in Vilas County.

**Cost Share Update:**

- a. Completed Project – Pulver 220 foot protection project. Three stream barbs with rock riprap were installed as erosion and habitat protection. The stream barbs divert the flow of water where about 10 feet were lost at the curve in the river.
- b. Completed Project – Kulakowski – Lake Nokomis Flowage. The bag walls were not included in the Cost Share program, which the owner installed at their cost. There was concern over the vegetated lifts and the stairway interacted with the bags. The riprap rocks and plantings behind the rocks were covered.
- c. Approval of Completed Healthy Lakes Project – Taylor- Health Lakes Projects. Its purpose was to eradicate Buckthorn out of the landscape. WHIP assisted with the removal. Asking for Committee approval on the \$1,000 refund on the deposit. Fencing is installed the first year to keep the deer away. Motion made by Thome/Winkler to return the \$1,000 of the \$3,000 estimated cost on the Taylor project.

**“Vegetation” Status/Planning & Development/L&W – M Sadauskas & K Jennrich**

Information Only. Jennrich said discussion took place at the Planning and Development Committee meeting. They will move forward on ordinance amendments near the end of November. They sent letters to our elected State officials to see if there were amendments that will apply. Some of it is regarding the width of the viewing corridor. The committee is in receipt of the letter from CUW. There were initial concerns but comments from Sadauskas, were helpful to them.

**Consent Agenda Items (LWCD)**

Approve out of County Travel Jim Winkler. An amended invoice included a wildlife damage invoice shall be disregarded; the original invoice is correct. A motion by Thome/Winkler to approve agenda items a, b and c. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Dan Butkus thanked all involved with the MSO. Everyone worked hard on the timeline. It is unfortunate and disappointing that Corporate Counsel did not complete the review within the 30-day timeline.

**Items to Include on next Agenda: December 13, 2021**

Updates for LWCD, Cost Share, MSO, Vegetation Status/Planning & Development. Extension Director and Nicolet update, Extension Strategies, Educator Reports. December-budget hearings results. FRESH program Lumberjack grant.

**Adjournment:** Mott adjourned the meeting 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

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Bob Mott, Committee Chair