

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
April 10, 2018
Minutes

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

Others present: Steve Nelson, Lynn Feldman, Sara Richie, Myles Alexander, Michele Sadauskas, Tom Barnett, Eileen Lonsdorf, Steven Schrier, Beckie Gaskill, 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: Van Raalte/Jensen made a motion to approve the 3/12/18 minutes. All ayes; motion carried. The draft is to be posted to the County website within ten days.

Date(s) of future meetings:

April 10, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room
May 14, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room

The Saturday Active shooter meetings in May could affect Committee meeting attendance of some county employees who are required to schedule comp time. The May 14 Committee meeting will remain as scheduled unless it requires adjustment.

Michele Sadauskas was awarded a certificate of recognition by Chair Bob Mott. Five years of service were completed as of February, 2017. Mott read a short biography on Sadauskas. He commended her for her efforts as AIS coordinator and since May, 2016, was granted the County conservationist position, where under her direction, the department has grown into the successful program it is due to her devotion and concern for land and water conservation.

Bear Lake District – Robb Jensen

The meeting was held on March 4 and two items addressed were the reviewing of the by-laws and pending short-term property rental management. The District is in the final stages of their lake management plan. They will meet once in May and June to finalize plans before the annual meeting.

Lake Nokomis Lake District – Alan Van Raalte

The meeting was held on March 8. Dave Nycz, who is a member of the Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens, shared the Spring 2018, recommendation from Onterra. It is recommended that approximately 18.6 acres of the South end of Bridge Lake be treated. Another area is seven acres on Western Gator Bay. A chemical treatment permit application will be submitted to the WDNR. A new, comprehensive, lake-district plan will need to be completed. Onterra will cover both plans for Lake Nokomis and Bridge Lake, where grant funding from the previous year is available. The Annual meeting will be held on August 21.

State Land & Water Convention Update – Bob Mott

Mott attended the convention held in Lake Geneva. The speaking and poster contests came to a culmination at the convention. Mott heard some of the youth speeches, which he said were excellent. He attended several breakout sessions, where one featured Sadauskas, Boismenu, and Brad Stekart, AIS coordinator in Washington County, who presented their AIS projects and how they established them. Michele spoke of the 1,129 lakes and 839 miles of streams and rivers here in Oneida County who did not have a permanent full time AIS Coordinator until 2010. Some of the AIS successes shared were the training of sheriff's deputies to be AIS divers, removal of yellow iris from the Boom Lake boat landing, removal of phragmites on Highway 8, and how the poster contest now has 18 northern counties involved. Mott presented a seminar with Racine and Lafayette county supervisors on strengthening the LCC committee with the conservation department. Mott also attended a seminar on watersheds.

Cost Share Project Update

Sadauskas reported they have three clients on board, who have turned in their deposits. They hope to perform survey work soon, where one survey project is complete, and two will need to be surveyed this spring. They still have two slots open where there are four contending names. They will use their newly drafted priority checklist with these new clients. There are two projects that may be carryovers for funding next year. They have \$40,000 for clients this year and the DATCP staffing /cost share application will go in on April 15 for 2019 monies.

WHIP Annual Meeting Recap – Michele Sadauskas

The Annual Meeting took place in March at the Woodruff town hall where 50 people were in attendance. It was good to see new people and organizations attend and they received many good comments on their presenters and had good feedback on pollinators. Anne Mawicke, from Natural Lakes Association in Vilas County, who has worked with WHIP on a grant project on controlling honeysuckle, had a very informative and popular presentation. She offered information on how to obtain money, technical expertise, and tapping the resources available. Thanks was given to Beckie Gaskill for recent news articles on the WHIP meeting. WHIP will receive some funding from the Conserve School to help fund projects in the future, which will also provide cash match for future funding from Lumberjack RC&D. The group is progressing well, they have meetings are every other month, and have a strong group.

Committees' (CUW, Forestry, and P & D) Responsibilities related to Metallic Mining- Karl Jennrich

Jennrich could not attend. Mott asked what responsibility this committee would have with respects to metallic mining. Sadauskas had not yet discussed it with Jennrich from her department's viewpoint. Sadauskas referred the Committee to the handout on County Board Rules of Procedures. The mining committee is under the Forestry, Land, and Outdoor Recreation Committee, as listed under 2.39 in the County Board Rules of Procedure. Under 2. (a), the committee will act as a liaison between the County Board and the CUW Committee, Administration Committee, and Planning and Zoning committee in all matters pertaining to mineral exploration, prospecting, mining, and reclamation of mineral resources located in the County. She wanted to know if any technical staff will sit on that Forestry Committee. Mott and Jensen had points to forward to the Planning and Development and to William Scott. The draft language on many aspects of the ordinance will need changes and there is concern over the July 1 deadline. Mott shared points from the Wisconsin Counties Association on Nonferrous Metallic Mining Regulation Handbook, March 2018. Questions include: Will they re-write chapter 293? Where does the technical aspect come in? Whose task will this be? Will it be compliant with the new law? William Scott's draft does not include any specific information. Planning and Development is in charge of the ordinances and the Mining Committee inside of the Forestry Department is in charge of any changes. Jensen felt that Phase I will be to strike out what no longer applies and Phase II is what is in the new law that needs to be drafted into the new language. Then the ordinance document will need to be re-written. The last time the ordinance was written was ten years ago and many new updates are required. The current ordinance is inadequate. Van Raalte said the last interest in the Lynne deposit was in 2014. It was rejected per the Forestry Committee due to mining no longer being a part of county policy as of August, 2012. Based on Act 134, the current CUP's are not up to date. Winkler asked if the county rules and regulations can be more restrictive than the State law. The answer is no, in most cases. The DNR has some controls in the permitting process. Deviation from set regulation by the State in the past has resulted in allowing less input at the county level. The State removed local protection or control, because it was perceived that local control was too restrictive. The State warning is that the County should not go too crazy in this respect. This Committee could address financial assurance and if non-ferrous mining should be prohibited. Mott had questions about wetlands, bulk sampling, notice of intent and permit deadlines and hearings. Mott suggested to seek Bob Martini's group, Green Fire, for further input. The group consists of retired DNR people in all areas, including legal, environmental, and fisheries. They could assist Planning and Development over topics of concern and proper language to use. After final language is received from Scott, it will go to committee for agreement, then they will vote to change the ordinance, and then it will go to public hearing and then back to the County Board. All of this will have to occur before July 1.

Jensen/Winkler made a motion to allow the Chairperson Mott to review suggestions to submit onto Planning and Development for their consideration relative to the mining ordinance and updating the mining ordinance. All ayes motion carried.

Extension Educator Plans of Work:

Lynn Feldman - Plan of Work

In place of sharing her Extension work plan, Feldman announced her resignation effective June 29. She will continue to volunteer for some areas of Extension programming as she is very devoted to 4-H Youth Development. She plans on offering

volunteer time to the Fair. She is licensed therapist and will focus more on that in the future. More work life balance is something she will concentrate on as she moves forward. Mott commented that there is now no interim position available. Mott asked who would handle the programs. Steve Nelson said there were fifteen State-wide interim positions but those will expire as June 30. There will be a gap in filling the positions. Currently, there are about 41 positions more than what the State can provide within the budget. The State will look at prioritization of vacant positions. There will be more multidisciplinary positions between the counties. Jensen asked how long it will take to fill the position as of July 1, 2018. Nelson will put a priority request to the State and if the position is not replaced there will be a reconciliation. There was a concern about who will oversee the Teen Court program, the 4-H clubs, and the overseeing of Fair related duties. Liaison Specialists are still available, but they cover ten counties. The Committee will need a plan by the May meeting.

Sara Richie - Plan of Work:

The agents prepared a 2018 plan of work for the State. Richie will continue to coordinate the StrongBodies program, facilitate Cancer Clear & Simple, as well as other health programs that align with the Community Health Improvement Plan. She will also continue to participate as an active member of Northwoods Coalition for Activity and Nutrition! (CAN!) and move community level health initiatives forward in partnership with several community organizations. She will also explore facilitating the Taking Care of You program in the future. Feldman has held two successful sessions and there is continued interest from the community. Richie will continue the co-parenting program. A new law, if passed, will require the co-parenting classes to be mandatory as part of divorce and paternity cases. This may increase the programming success in this area. She will also continue to co-facilitate the Strengthening Families with the Health Department. Just in Time parenting newsletters for new parents and e Parenting will continue. Trauma-informed parent training is something she is looking into for the future.

Myles Alexander - Plan of Work:

As Alexander continues to look at the visioning session list from 2015, he is checking off items. Common vision is on that list and he plans on re-visiting it this year. He will query, what has worked when things were at their best, and he will gather information from face to face interviews. There will be layers of shared vision that will include Oneida County in the Northwoods, the county overall, and the part of Oneida County where I live, or by a particular town. Different locations have different perceptions of what the County means to them. The desired outcome in 2018 is an agreement that there is a possibility for a shared vision. The other piece of the 2018 workplan is community capacity building and leadership development. He continues to work with people who have approached him for assistance. He just completed a six hour workshop for the Campanile of the Arts, another workshop for the Arts Warehouse in Eagle River, and is working on a development plan with Art Start in Rhinelander. He will continue to look for opportunities to connect organizations that need direction. Word is out that Alexander facilitates these community meetings. Last month he worked with the Three Lakes Community Foundation board which invited every organization in town to a meeting. Forty five people represented over 28 organizations. The purpose was to identify what was important to the community that they were doing. They came up with a list of eight important topics to address and began to organize work for the top three: employment, housing, and the natural environment. To do this work better local people need facilitation training.

Feldman excused at 2:25 Richie excused at 2:35

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Winkler said that Fair Agenda item 13 will be postponed, as it is pre-mature and the topic needs to be discussed further. The Fair Committee did not meet due to the snow storm. A motion was made by Jensen/Winkler to postpone Agenda Item 13 to a later date. All ayes; motion carried.

Tom Barnett excused.

County Fair Report / Update- Jim Winkler

Tom Barnett announced that a Talent Show will be scheduled for Sunday at the Fair this year instead of musical entertainment. They want to bring more families to the Fair on a Sunday, which is historically the least attended day at the Fair. Adding something new and different will bring people back. Brittany Wagner, Ms. America, will be coming to judge some events, at the opening ceremony, and at the parade. She will also emcee the talent show. Sponsorships are coming in and things are going well. Winkler said that tents will be provided for all venues if there is bad weather. They would like a sub-committee to devote some time to long term financials for the Fair. Fred Andrist has sub-committees working on getting more future work groups like this together. There are some new names pending to join the Fair Board.

Consent Agenda Items – Land and Water Conservation:

- a. Approve out-of-county travel requests as presented.
- b. Approve monthly budget report(s)
- c. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- d. Line item transfers

A motion was made by Jensen/Van Raalte to accept items a, c, and d and the receipt of the monthly budget report. All ayes; motion carried.

Sadauskas and Lonsdorf were excused. 2:50.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

- a. Monthly Budget Report –March 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders/vendor contracts

A motion was made by Van Raalte/Winkler Jensen to accept consent agenda items 14a and b. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

- a. Approve monthly budget reports – March 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.

Winkler/Jensen made motion to accept the monthly budget report and approve the monthly expenses. All ayes; motion carried.

Continuation of Discussion on 4-H Youth Development Position:

Jensen asked if hours were reduced would Feldman share a position with Vilas County. Nelson said that in her retirement notes, Feldman has trained Teen court panelists to be in place. Other counties run Teen Court through Social Services. The Vilas County 4-H Youth Development position was vacant but Nelson said a priority request for that full time position was completed and sent through to the State. In the future, positions will be pooled within the counties. Feldman is not leaving due to the re-organization or for any issues with the county. She is leaving to take more time off because she is at that point in her life.

Office Air Environment:

Alexander commented that there have been some events this month. One involved a prolonged idling of a plane in for some repairs. For the month of April there were eight reports made on fumes being present. There were no reports last year for the month of March. The committee asked for a report from last year.

Public Comment:

County board elect Steven Shire was present at our meeting and will soon be sworn in for service.

Items to Include on next Agenda: Act 134 Mining and Oneida County Ordinance amendment, Cost Share, LWCD update. Extension update, Air environment comparison report. Steve to report on Extension addressing Lynn’s position. Horsehead Lake.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Van Raalte/Winkler at 3:15 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Mott Committee Chair



Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary