

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
June 8, 2015
Minutes

Committee members present: Tom Rudolph, Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Scott Holewinski, Jim Intrepidi.
Kim Simac excused.

Others present: Jean Hansen, Matt Peplinski, Karl Jennrich, Kathryn Noel, Lynn Feldman, Sara Richie, Joel Knutson, Terri Lindner, Ginger Zastrow, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 p.m. noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve Agenda: A motion was by Intrepidi/Holewinski to approve today's amended agenda with the order of the items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes: A motion by Jensen/Holewinski to approve the amended minutes of 5/11/15 where highlighted corrections were made as discussed. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

July 16, 2015	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
August 10, 2015	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Farmland Preservation Plan Update

Hansen has received signatures from Brian Desmond and Karl Jennrich for the Farmland Preservation Plan certification. Now it will be submitted for DATCP approval and then will come back to the County Board for approval.

Results of Joint Meeting with CUW and LRES Committees including NCWRPC Study Update

At the joint meeting a motion was made and passed to direct Land and Water Conservation to join Planning and Zoning beginning in August with a one year trial period. Rudolph stated we are currently a joint committee and with the merging of Land and Water with Planning and Zoning it would appear that separate meetings will take place in future, where Land and Water will be a division of Planning and Zoning. Jennrich agreed this would be so. Holewinski believed it might not occur until the County Board changes next spring and new committees are assigned. It might be changed sooner; this would be up to Dave Hintz. Hansen stated since this is a trial period from August to August it may be premature to do any committee reorganization changes. It was the understanding of Jennrich that the committee structure was going to stay the same until after elections. Jennrich may have to attend two meetings, one with Conservation and UW-Extension and the other with Planning and Zoning. Rudolph said this can be kept in mind for the July meeting.

Hansen announced that she hired a new LTE who will start on Monday. His name is Ben Jeffrey, from Wisconsin Rapids. He has a bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point and will work in the office and out in the field for a total of 487.5 hours.

Joint Resolution for the LWCD merger with Planning and Zoning

This information was in the committee packets and will need approval. Item #2 confirms that Jennrich, as discussed above, as Planning & Zoning Director will "report to the Planning and Development and Conservation/UW-EX Education Committees".

Further discussion on item #3 took place. A motion was made by Rudolph to add the wording "if favorable" at the end of line 35, in reference to whether the resolution will be a permanent merger. Holewinski seconded the motion. Upon further examination, the Committee also added the phrase "or return to a stand-alone department". Lines 34-37 were re-worded to read: "The Conservation & UW-EX Education and LRES

Committees shall consider these recommendations and forward to the County Board of Supervisors a resolution recommending a permanent merger; or return to a stand-alone department". A second motion was made by Rudolph/Holewinski to amend the resolution and this second motion will supersede the former amendment from the first motion. All ayes; motion carried.
Hansen will make the changes today so the Committee may sign the resolution.

Joint Finance Committee motion #520 RE: Shoreland Zoning Standards (Paragraph 23) and possible resolution

The Committee reviewed the possible resolution and made several amendments. Shoreland standards define what structures are permitted on shorelines. Paragraph 23 of Motion#520 changes the standards for regulation of existing structures in the Shoreland area contrary to adopted standards in NR115 and to the detriment of environmental quality, resulting in unchecked development along our shorelines which will cause irreparable harm to the water quality of our County. It will result in a drop in property values which in turn will damage the economy of Oneida County. The committee made amendments on the following: on Line 42 the word "protective" will replace the word "restrictive". At Line 66, it was proposed to add an additional "Whereas" clause will be added to the resolution. It will read as follows: Oneida County Board supports the June 5 and June 8, 2015 letters from Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County Code Administrators, Land + Water Conservation Association, and Wisconsin County Planning and Zoning Directors. The letters will be attached and Tom Rudolph read the letters to the Committee. At Line 72, and additional "Now, further, be it resolved" will be added. It will read as follows: that Oneida County Board approved Resolution to repeal Paragraph 23, of Motion #520 to the 2016 – 2017 Budget Bill (SB 21 and AB 21), be forwarded to member of the Joint Committee on Finance, area Legislators, and the Governor's office.

A motion was made by Jensen and seconded by Intrepidi to amend Lines 42, 66 and line 72 as discussed. There were three ayes and two nays; the motion carried.

FSA Farmland Update

Matt Peplinski, County Executive Director of Oneida County provided information on dates for upcoming events. Currently, they are doing crop reporting appointments. They will continue with these until July 15, 2015 which is the deadline. June 15, 2015 is the start of the 2015 election nomination period and it closes August 3. The election would not affect Oneida County this year. July 1, 2015 is the start of the 2016 Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy) enrollment period, with an ending date of September 30, 2015. An anticipated date of June 15, 2015 will be the start of ARCPLC, Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC); enrollment period will be ending soon, (TBD). Peplinski was excused after these updates.

Notice of Public Hearing for proposed discontinuance of a portion of Moen Lake Road

Hansen shared that an informational public hearing will be held on July 1, 2015 regarding a portion of Moen Lake Road.

Consent Agenda Items

After a brief review of items presented, Intrepidi moved to approve the consent agenda items as stated and Intrepidi and seconded it. All ayes; motion was approved.

Agency Reports

Lake Districts: No new reports on Lake Nokomis or Mid Lake. Horsehead Lake will have their meeting in July. Jensen will email Bear Lake minutes from the last meeting.

FSA: Peplinski reported earlier.

No other agency reports were submitted, as needed, for the month.

Air Quality Update

Feldman provided an update on the Air Quality Response Report. It was noted that there was a day where it was very warm in the office and no apparent air flow was present. There were several days of diesel fume smells reported and one day where cigarette smoke was very strong. A cigarette butt container apparently

had caught on fire. Most notable was the report of dirt or debris falling out of the vents. It was reported from several desks in the office, but one specifically has a large amount of debris every Monday morning. The information and samples were submitted to Joe Brauer. He is in contact with vent inspectors and they will have to be cleaned. He feels that the debris is coming in from outside. There was a discussion about how the flex pipes have not been cleaned for many years so some debris will show up. Brauer stated that the filters will now be replaced every two months. Installation of a fan and positive pressure vent system are pending. Further discussion touched on how diesel fumes exist at times when no aircraft are present. Holewinski suggested that the wind chamber be checked the next time fumes are present. If the fumes are coming through the ventilation system, fumes will be present in the wind chamber. The timeline and resolution of these issues was discussed. Rudolph requested that the Air Quality Update be put on the agenda for July.

UW Extension Office Location

If air quality is not resolved then this subject matter will be brought up again. Until the fan is put in place and the ventilation is replaced, there is no way to tell if the fumes will or will not continue in the office area. If the \$100,000 renovation budget is available to address this issue and there is not improvement, then this option will be explored. The State will be comfortable with our current office situation if the air quality issue is fixed. If there are still fumes present after measures are put in place, UW Risk Management will discuss further air quality testing.

Phone System Update

The new telephone system for the office will be coming very soon. Lynn Grube informed Feldman that it may not speed up the internet. She also stated that if there is still an issue with the internet service, they might have to look into getting a new provider. Once the building is rewired for the phone system, we will know how strong our network connection will be. If strong enough, we will be able to use the Citrix system that the rest of the County is using. If the network is not strong enough for the system we will have to get new computers and IT will have to re-load software onsite. Network capability is the determining factor for either upgrade. Program updates are an on-going issue and a fact of life with IT departments.

Agent Report

Terri Lindner and Ginger Zastrow of the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) gave an informational presentation for the Committee outlining what the program does and how it contributes to the community. Committee members and the Extension staff participated in a true or false question game to learn about the WNEP program. The goal was to educate all involved on what the program offers. All statements presented were true except two false answers. Some key points are that WNEP is an educational program for income eligible Oneida County residents. The mission of WNEP is to respond to community needs with research based education. It is a major educational program within the UW-Extension Family Living Program. Participants of the program are taught how to make healthy, low cost, delicious meals. They are also taught how to improve their shopping and budgeting skills by learning to buy more food for their money. Safe food handling skills is another area that is stressed. It was shared that Oneida and Langlade county WNEP programs will go through a \$56,000 budget cut within the next three years, where \$18,000 will be cut this year. Because it is federally funded, it involves all the states, so there is an effort to more evenly re-distribute this funding. The program is available in 69 Wisconsin counties.

Update on CNRED Position including interview committee selection

The CNRED position posted May 29, 2015 and the application due date is June 30, 2015. Feldman said it will be posted for six weeks. There will be no interviews yet. The final interviews will be in August and the candidate would come on board in late September. The process will start with a screening of the applicants at the state level, where candidates will be chosen for preliminary interviews via Skype. From that pool, a few candidates will be chosen for a final, in-person interview with the interviewing committee. The preliminary interview will be conducted by Tom Schmitz, Lynn Feldman, and a State CNRED Program Liaison. The final interview will be Schmitz, Feldman, and the whole Committee, if desired. Rudolph stated that he would prefer that the whole Committee not be

present due to the pressure it would put on the candidate. Chair and Vice Chair will most likely be the people selected. The state will formulate the interview questions. If the three candidates are interviewed and none are preferred, then the process would start over again. Further discussion ensued regarding all committee members being present at the final interview took place. This will be on the agenda for July.

Oneida County Fair Update

Jim Intrepidi reviewed checks that need to be distributed to vendors at the Fair Grounds and that this Committee will need to approve those requests. Casady's Critters, UB the Band and the Mark Skinner Sound System will need vouchers for checks submitted. There was also a request to start the Fair Petty Cash Box. A refund check will need to be issued to Bayou Billy, a major food vendor for the fair, who had to cancel their booth at the Fair this year. In other news, Evelyn Virgilio was voted on a new Fair Planning Team member. Donation boxes should continue to be promoted as much as possible. A motion was made by Jensen to approve these checks and it was seconded by Holewinski.

Public Comments

Wednesday Night at the Lab (Northern Lights Tour) will be held at Nicolet College Auditorium on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. These presentations are broadcast on PBS. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote science in the County.

Items to include on next agenda

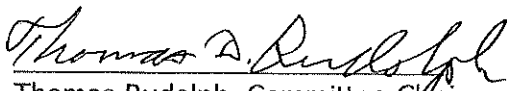
Updates on Study Results, CNRED position, Oneida County Fair, Office Space/Air Quality.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Holewinski and was seconded by Intrepidi. All ayes and meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Merry J. Lehner, Recording Secretary


Thomas Rudolph, Committee Chair