

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee

May 14, 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, Myles Alexander, Michele Sadauskas, Karl Jennrich, Fred Andrist, Theresa Seabloom, Autumn Lewis, Anastasia Bruss, Rachel Burns, 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: Jensen/Winkler made a motion to approve the 4/10/18 minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

June 11, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room
July 9, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room

Introductions were made to the Teen court panel members attending the meeting. Attending were Rachel Burns and Anastasia Bruss from Lakeland Union High School and Autumn Lewis from Rhinelander High School.

Nominations and Selection of CUW Committee Vice-Chair.

Alan Van Raalte was nominated by Jensen/Ives as new Vice Chair of the CUW Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

Horsehead Lake District – Mitch Ives

The meeting was held on the April 12 for the Horsehead Lake District in Lake Tomahawk. They just completed their lake study where a boring down to the bedrock and the results are pending for July. The study might look at the accumulated sediment, look at the seeds of curly leaf pondweed, or possibly climate. Their weed cutting is on standby where it costs \$18,000 to cut the weeds. A resolution was made to throw out the by-laws and adopt Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin State statutes. This will include a review on new voting procedures for the annual meeting.

Representation and Voting Eligibility for staff at Lumberjack RC&D meetings

Sadauskas and Mott & attended the last meeting of Lumberjack RC&D where there was a discussion on committee representation. They needed a procedure to follow when a committee member was not present to vote. They have it written in their by-laws that a staff member could vote in their place if a committee member is not present. They proposed that a letter be written designating who the staff member would be to represent the committee. RC&D wanted a specific staff member. Jensen/Van Raalte made a motion to allow Michele Sadauskas at the Land and Water Conservation department to be the designated staff member who can vote in the case when the Committee Chair or other Committee member cannot attend. All ayes; motion carried.

Lakes Convention Report: M. Sadauskas/B. Mott

Mott highly recommended that everyone attend a Lakes Convention in the future. Mott and Sadauskas attended the event Stevens Point. There were interesting seminars such as Finding and Stopping the Next Invader, addressing the spread of invasive species. AIS snapshot days engaged participants in the field to locate and identify invasive species. A large amount of data was gained from activity. Mott learned about suitability models, where it was found some lakes over time are less susceptible to AIS species outbreaks, such as curly leaf pond weed. He attended several fish related seminars and some on loons. A presentation on the use of county wide economic studies will involve a large amount of lakes in Oneida and Vilas counties. Mott has the listing of lakes involved where it will address how water quality impacts shore land dollar value. It should be an interesting study. A film called Great Lakes and Invasives discussed the impact of AIS on the Great Lakes. Both

Sadauskas and Boismenu had small parts in the film on aquatic invasive species. Sadauskas attended a seminar on restoration put on by another convention group at the same site. It was great to re-connect with peers.

LWCD Update

The LWCD department doors will be closed and locked from now on due to active shooter security and for climate control. All visitors must enter through the Planning & Zoning entrance to reach Land and Water Conservation department. Tomorrow, at the County Board meeting, Bob Mott will hand out the awards for the Land and Water poster and speaking contests. Three of the student winners will give their presentations to the County Board. Sadauskas also handed out a NRCS update.

Cost Share Project Update

Sadauskas showed slides showing updates on current Cost Share projects. They turned down one project for this year. Slides included properties at Minocqua Shores where work is in progress on 300 feet of shoreline, two properties on Lake Nokomis where rock and plantings will be added. A seawall is deteriorating so rock rip rap will be added. A third property, Pritchard, on Lake Minocqua near Stacks Bay will have a rain garden designed to take care of runoff from the house. The Ebert property on Bearskin Lake has 100 feet of frontage that will be riprapped. Another Lake Nokomis property, Kulakowski, has a very steep timber walls that will be re-graded and improved.

Courthouse Pollinator Garden

This garden is located on the East side of Courthouse. Buildings & Grounds marked a path area through the garden to immerse people to experience the pollinator garden. It is ADA compliant with some hard surfaces. They would like to apply for a small public service grant to build a pervious hard surface path. A motion was made by Winkler/Van Raalte for approval for an application of a WPS grant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest Wrap-up

LWCD received 586 posters for their contest that was held May 9, 2018. Of the eight different counties who participated, Oneida County had 43 winners. The 4th grade classes were the largest group with 294 posters submitted. The First place winners were: 4th Grade: "Gypsy Moth" from Phillips, WI, 5th Grade "Beware of Hitchhikers" from Mercer, 6th Grade "Remove the Invasive" from Northwestern in Poplar, WI, and poster on white nose syndrome from Rhinelander's JWMS 8th Grade was best of show.

Act 134 Mining & Oneida County Ordinance Amendment - Karl Jennrich

Jennrich distributed the most recent copy of the ordinance format. The pending public hearing will be held on June 6th or 7th at the JWMS site at 5 or 6 p.m. Formal notice of the public hearing will be announced. Their task will be to repeal and re-create 9.61, the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance in its entirety. They will regulate as before, such as exploration but a new concept called bulk sampling will be added along with metallic mining itself. Mining will be a "permitted use", within certain zoning districts, whereas it was previously a conditional use permit. The CUP had general standards that were more ambiguous. A permitted use sets the standards, which then have to be met. It offers the option to waive some points of the ordinance to a local agreement. In Oneida County, a local agreement would become a joint agreement between the county and the affected municipality. The towns have licensing agreements but no specifics. It is recommended to have a special mining permit with more specific wording. The County wanted local input for the impact committee. Things will not go well for un-zoned locations. Towns must vote in for zoning to have any control or protection. There will be a moratorium on bulk sampling, which is addressed on page five of the ordinance, with an 18 month prohibition on bulk sampling. This document will replace all others and it is the one that will go to the public hearing. They are not anticipating changes right now. Financial assurances are left up to the State. Ground water, surface water, road protection funds are where the County went further than the State.

Consent Agenda Items – Land and Water Conservation:

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

A motion was made by Van Raalte/Mott to accept items b, c, and d monthly budget report and approve the monthly expenses and line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

LWCD Staffing Requests 2019

Each year they request three AIS LTE's. In addition, the Conservation Assistant B. Ehrig and Office support J. Jewell were presented. All requests are grant budgeted except Jewell who is budgeted. Each sheet needs to be signed. A motion was made to accept staffing requests by Jensen/Winkler as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: 2:15 p.m. Jennrich and Simac.

County Fair Report / Update- Jim Winkler

Linda Walker was voted onto the Fair Board Committee. Walker who has a background in digital communication will assist with media promotion of the Fair. She will promote the Fair in Minocqua/Woodruff area. On June 16 a fund raiser will be held at Pat's Tavern at 2:00 p.m. The Fair would like to accept donations on-line similar to Pay Pal. They must determine if they are required to use the existing County payment system or use their own payment mode. Winkler will address this to Finance and the final decision is pending. The long term goal is to form a foundation or other fund raising vehicle and Winkler has spoken with Mike Boyd in this regard. Fred Andrist is looking at Pay Pal smaller donations. Tom Barnett is doing a great job bringing in sponsorships and vendors. Theresa Seabloom gave an update on Fair entertainment. The Yesterdays, a group from Florida, will perform Friday afternoon. The Yesterdays will perform again on Saturday night at 8-11 p.m. doing a Linda Ronstadt tribute. Friday features the Jimmies, a blues and funk group. On Saturday, The Mike Stone Trio jazz-group will play, while CTs Deli serves Catfish and Gumbo to match the Louisiana jazz. The Stage Hogs classic rock group will also perform. No music is scheduled on Sunday. Instead, a talent show will be offered to for teen age contestants from Noon to -2:00 p.m. The Teen Court panelists wished to see more emphasis on animals and another wants better amusement rides, where the rides are newer; they end up going to Wausau instead. Rock or Pop groups from the late 2000's would be nice, such as Rays Reckless.

Sadauskas excused 2:30 p.m.

Fair LTE Requests for 2019 Fair:

Andrist is carrying forward the two existing LTE positions for the Fair for Secretary and Treasurer with no changes. A motion to accept the Fair Secretary and Treasurer LTE positions was made by Mott/Jensen. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

- a. Monthly Budget Report –April 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders/vendor contracts
- c. Approve new committee member Linda Walker
- d. Line Item Transfers – None

A motion was made by Winkler/Jensen to accept line items a, b, c as presented and to accept Linda Walker as a new member. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

- a. Approve monthly budget reports – April 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- c. Line-Item transfers – (none)

Van Raalte/Winkler moved to accept the monthly budget report and monthly expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

UW Extension Update- Steve Nelson:

The Situational Analysis statewide begins May through July for a data analysis to determine the needs of each county. It gives the counties a chance to contribute their feedback on whether their needs are being met. This information will be passed on to the new institute directors. For the State, this analysis gives a snapshot of where Extension is at with the counties. There is a prioritization process followed for current open positions. More requests were made for positions from counties than state has resources available. Staff positions must be reduced as a result of the 3.2 million dollar budget cut. There is interest in a Horticulture Educator to cover the five counties of Iron, Oneida, Vilas, Forest, and Florence areas. The proposed position will be reviewed at budget time. The Institutes directors positions are finalizing the MOU's and Nelson will give an update next month. The FoodWise program is undergoing right sizing for the funding of SNAP, a supplemental nutrition program. Karly Johnson stated that as part of their budget reduction effort, they looked at the populations using Foodshare for the four county area. Oneida had most individuals receiving it. As a result, in October, Mary Stys from Vilas County will start working hours in Oneida County office with Terri Lindner. Not only youth but parents will be addressed in 2019.

Excused: T. Seabloom at 3:15 p.m. F. Andrist excused 3:45 p.m.

Agent Report-Teen Court – Lynn Feldman:

Feldman provided information about Teen Court. They use a restorative justice approach on first citation given to first time offenders between the ages of 10-16 years old. It is a second chance being offered to the offenders. Teen court offers teenagers sanctions giving students a chance to remove an offense from their record. The students learn a lot by going through this process. For example, a student would repair damages to victim's property. The panelists spoke about the value of teen court. One said her skills to speak in front of people has improved and she is more comfortable speaking at this meeting today. Empathy is being learned over snap judgment. It helps find out where the problems started and you get to see how they think. The goal is to restore people to the community. They may help an individual by being that one stable person in someone's life where the parents are unpredictable parents due to drug and alcohol use. The value of confidentiality is learned and required by all involved. Student accountability rates are better when a parent does not just pay a fine for their poor behavior. Teen court has helped the panelists form clearer career paths.

Teen court panelists excused.

Oneida County UW-Extension Support LTE Request:

It is proposed to go forward with the .53 percent LTE position. It was proposed to carry it over as LTE as opposed to part-time at \$22-24,000 annual wage. With a wage of \$12,000 as an LTE instead, it will be under budget. LRES requested it be proposed at budget time. The LTE position was presented now to meet the deadline. Jensen/Van Raalte moved to accept the proposed LTE administrative support position as presented for 2019. All ayes; motion carried.

Nelson offered an option of a LTE or contracted Teen Court position request as it is related to the 4-H Youth position on the agenda. It could be filled either as a LTE or a contracted position. Feldman currently administers Teen Court and with her leaving on June 30, Nelson proposed a Teen Court Coordinator position. The contracted Teen Court Coordinator is for 10 hours per week. Nelson said the best option would be to contract out the position for the remainder of 2018. A motion by Mott/Winker to support the contracted Teen Court Position for the remainder of 2018, with the job assigned for July, spending up to \$5,000.00 through December 31. All ayes; the motion carried. Brian Desmond will review and return to the Committee.

4-H Youth Position –Steve Nelson:

Nelson's recommendation is to instruct him to move forward with a 4-H Program Coordinator with Price County and to proceed with a .5 Positive Youth Development position for Oneida County as quickly as possible. Right now, Price County has interim 4-H program coordinator position to be filled by end of July. This person could run the program half time in Oneida and half time in Price County. Extension is moving from the county hiring people to where the county contracts for a level of service. The State is offering a level of service where they are contracting for half time 4-H and half time Youth Development. Services have already been agreed upon for 4-H and Youth Development. Two people perform the job instead of one.

Office Air Environment:

A comparison of the 2017 log and 2018 showed a significant amount logged for this year. Training of airport staff to keep doors closed will possibly eliminate fumes into the building. The new airport manager will receive updates.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda: Act 134 Mining and Oneida County Ordinance amendment, Cost Share, LWCD update. Extension staffing update, Air environment.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Van Raalte/Winkler at 4:30 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Mott



Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary