

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
March 15, 2010
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Paul Dean, Romelle Vandervest, Denny Thompson and Wilbur Petroskey. Absent: Mary Benbenek, excused.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Lawrence Eslinger, Erica Brewster, Kari Lazars, Jim Winkler and Kerri Ison

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Paul Dean at 1:35 p.m.

Approve agenda: Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

April 12, 2010 1:30 p.m. Extension meeting room

Introduce AIS Coordinator: Kuzlik introduced Lawrence Eslinger, new AIS Coordinator who started on 2/15/10. His office is based out of the UW-Extension office. Roundtable introductions were made. Eslinger earned his BS degree at UW-St. Point majoring in water resources and earned his MS degree in environmental science and policy at UW-Green Bay. He has worked as a fisheries technician with the DNR and as a research assistant at UW-Green Bay on a muskellunge research project (in cooperation with the UWGB and the DNR) as well as a Great Lakes watershed project. He has made many contacts in the first five weeks and is very impressed with the motivation, interest and excitement of those contacts -- everyone has been very welcoming.

Oneida County Fair report: Kuzlik reported plans are progressing well. During the budget process, the County approved an additional \$10,000 in funding for the fair budget and that a portion may be used for a paid fair coordinator. Kuzlik will request an hourly LTE position (600 hours or less) at the LRES meeting next week. Funds would come from the current fair budget. Discussion followed.

Kuzlik reported the lease with Hodag 50 has been cancelled and Brian Desmond is working on a memorandum of agreement for the use of Pioneer Park. He noted it is not a contract and the County will not incur a cost.

Approve invoices for Oneida County Fair: Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve 2009 line item transfers for Oneida County Fair: Motion by Thompson/Vandervest to approve the 2009 line item transfers for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Fair Committee members: None at this time.

Approve fair contracts: None at this time.

Monthly budget report: Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the monthly budget reports for the periods ending 12/31/09 (Close-2) and 2/28/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve monthly invoices: Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the monthly departmental invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve 2009 line item transfers: Motion by Thompson/Vandervest to approve the 2009 line item transfers for the department as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

OCEDC monthly update: Jim Kumbera unable to attend.

Teen Court update: Winkler reported Teen Court cases are sporadic -- this month there are 4 cases in Rhinelander and 9 in Minocqua which includes several 17 year olds who attended adult court. Winkler worked with MOCK trial coordinator on recruitment and 5 students have applied to serve on the Teen Court panel. Last Friday, 11 Rhinelander and 8 LUHS students attended a Teen Court training in enabling them to serve on the Teen Court panel. Discussion followed.

Winkler recently submitted a grant proposal to help fund Teen Court. The proposal did not receive funding but he plans to resubmit at a later date. Financially the program expenses consist of Winkler's time and time of a support staff (2-4 hours per week) and minimal postage. Dean suggested soliciting civic groups for funding. Winkler would like to make a presentation to County Board after the program has been operating for one full year on the success of the program.

Monthly agent reports: The information provided regarding youth risk behavior covers schools in Oneida and Vilas counties. The survey was done nationally through the CDC, statewide through DPI and locally through area schools. Discussion followed.

Kuzlik will be attending a sustainability conference focusing on conserving energy, recycling products, using food grown close to home and getting communities and government to live accordingly. He plans to share information taken from a local focus group at this conference.

Cantastic, a canned food sculpture contest, is scheduled for 4/24/10 at Trig's Riverwalk Centre. Several teams have already registered to participate.

Motion by Thompson/Petroskey to approve the monthly agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Brewster:

2/1/10	AODA Joint Coalition Steering Committee	St. Germain*
2/11/10	Parent Network Formation training	St. Germain*
3/2-4/10	New Colleague Orientation	Elkhart Lake**
4/5/10A	AODA Joint Coalition Steering Committee	St. Germain*
4/7/10	Vilas Visions AODA Assessment presentation	Land O'Lakes*

Kuzlik

3/25/-26/10	UWEX/UW Colleges Sustainability Conference	Kaukauna**
4/6-8/10	JCEP Conference	Madison*

Winker:

3/12/10	Teen Court training	St. Germain*
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*county expense
**district/state expense

Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried

Public comments: Kuzlik noted Petroskey has chosen to retire from County Board after serving for 22 years and 17 years on the Ag & Extension Committee. Since he will not be attending another committee meeting, Kuzlik presented Petroskey with a clock commemorating 17 years of continued support of the department. He is a great advocate of the department, has challenged us and kept our "feet to the fire".

Petroskey noted he really likes Extension and hopes the department will never have to go through another uphill battle like they did in the 1970s. He believes 90% of citizens don't know everything UWEX does and the department needs to "blow our horn". He also suggests agents appear at county board at least every few months. Let it be known what good work we do.

Items for next agenda: Recap virtual WACEC meeting, fair update.

Adjournment: Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to adjourn at 2:34 p.m. All ayes;
motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Paul Dean, Chair