

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
April 14, 2009
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Paul Dean, Denny Thompson, Tom Rudolph, Wilbur Petroskey, Romelle Vandervest. TAG member: Mary Benbenek.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Kari Lazars, Jim Winkler and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Dean.

Approve agenda: Motion by Vandervest/Rudolph to approve today's agenda as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Thompson/Petroskey to approve the minutes of March 10, 2009 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) future meetings:

May 12, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension Classroom
June 9, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension Classroom
July 14, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension Classroom

OCEDC monthly update: Kumbera was unavailable to report.

Family Living Educator position: Kuzlik noted Patricia McGee, Family Living Agent, resigned effective 4/3/09 due to an illness in the family and other family issues. The County has a mandatory six-month vacancy hold on all positions; however, John Potters indicated he would recommend the six-month waiver because agents are contract employees. The University has also placed a hold on position vacancies until the state budget passes. Kuzlik will work with both entities regarding filling the vacancy. McGee left a list of projects she was working on and staff will carry through with those projects if possible. Kari Lazars was a Family Living Agent in Langlade County prior to being hired as the WNEP Coordinator and may be able to assist when needed.

Monthly budget report: Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 3/31/09. All ayes; motion carried.

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

Approve monthly 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.

Oneida County Fair planning: Kuzlik reported the Planning Team is meeting tonight and will be looking at changes to the bylaws. Members of the Team and representatives

from the City did a walk through at Pioneer Park yesterday. They discussed how the road will be reconstructed. A copy of the carnival contract has been received and will be forwarded to Corporation Counsel following approval by the Fair Planning Team. Kuzlik has a meeting on 4/20/09 with John Potters, Tom Wiensch, Bill Bell and the City Attorney to discuss liability, contracts, and other issues. Discussion followed regarding the carnival, additional vendors, etc. Kuzlik noted the Fair Planning Team passed a motion to charge non-profit vendors \$150 to participate. Committee members felt the cost is too much because the money these groups make comes back into the community. Motion by Vandervest/Dean that civic organizations are not charged a fee to participate in the Oneida County Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

Kuzlik will give a brief report regarding the Oneida County Fair at the April 21, 2009 County Board meeting.

Approve Fair Team Planning members: Two members recently resigned and those resignations will be accepted at tonight's planning meeting. There are no new members at this time.

Teen Court: Winkler reported Judge Mangerson will dictate a letter to the District Judge in Wausau for final approval of the program. Four of the five Teen Court members recently discussed Teen Court live on Coyote 93.7 Radio and then went to the Courthouse for a few practice runs. Judge Mangerson came in to meet with the group during practice. Winkler noted their first case will be heard next week.

Oneida County will have two teen courts. Oneida County youth based in Rhinelander will be seen at the Courthouse and the program will be administered by the YMCA. Oneida County youth based out of Lakeland Union High School will be seen there and Winkler is acting as Coordinator at this time. Discussion followed. The decision to keep the name Teen Court was made to keep continuity between counties. Court is open to youth ages 10-16. Youth over age 16 are typically are forwarded to adult court.

Monthly agent reports: The Rhinelander Chamber interviewed seven people and brought two finalists back for a second interview. The position was offered to a candidate from West Bend with nine years Chamber experience and direct experience handling room tax issues and bringing back Chambers in decline. There were no local candidates with specific Chamber experience.

Kuzlik noted that since the federal government got involved in the rural transit initiative the project momentum has slowed down. Stimulus funds may be available (\$750,000) to fund the project and it has been put on state priority list to help fund vehicles, drivers, dispatchers, etc.

Lazers is planning for the next fiscal year and plans to keep the contracts already in place and asked the Committee for areas/topics in which to expand programming. Petroskey noted he would like to see programming for Food Pantry clients on how to prepare the

foods they are getting or how to grow their own food. Rudolph suggested UWEX promote support of the food pantries since the demand is growing for these services.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Kuzlik:

4/17/09	WACEC District Conference	Mole Lake*
5/5/09	North Central Regional Extension Conference	Milwaukee*

Winkler:

5/28/09	Camp Counselor Training (5-9 p.m.)	Antigo*
6/8/09	Camp Counselor Training @ Camp Susan (5-9 p.m.)	Langlade Co.*

Committee:

4/17/09	WACEC District Conference	Mole Lake*
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*county expense

**district/state expense

***other expense

Motion by Thompson/Vandervest to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented.

Public comment/communications: Ison provided registration information for the WACEC Annual Conference in Madison in June. Rudolph noted this meeting conflicts with county board meetings statewide and the WACEC Board has adjusted the dates for next year to avoid such conflicts. Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve registration/travel for the Annual State WACEC Conference for staff and Committee members. All ayes; motion carried.

Kuzlik congratulated Winkler on his election to the Rhinelander School District Board.

Items for next agenda: Fair report, fair members.

Adjournment: Motion by Rudolph/Vandervest to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Paul Dean, Chair