

Agriculture & Extension/Land & Water Conservation Committee
January 9, 2012
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Paul Dean, Carol Pederson, Romelle Vandervest, Greg Berard and Miranda Zeller (TAG Representative).

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Jean Hansen, Erica Brewster, Michele Sadauskas, Jim Winkler, Brian Desmond, John Bowman, Kenneth Dirks, Shirley Ament, Nancy Smith, Jim Tharman, and Kerri Ison.

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

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

Approve minutes: Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the minutes of the 12/13/11 minutes as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Committee welcomed Clint Zimbeck, manager of Thunder Lake Cranberries, new FSA representative to the Committee and Miranda Zeller, a junior at LUHS, TAG representative. Round table introductions were held.

Dates of future meetings:

2/4/12	9:00 a.m.	Tomahawk High School (Lake Nokomis Lake District Public hearing)
2/20/12	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
3/12/12	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Wildlife Damage Program budget amendment: Tharman presented 2011 budget amendment for approval for the wildlife damage program due to an increase of \$4,500 for program delivery and permanent fence project at JJ's Acres. Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the wildlife damage program budget amendment as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Wildlife Damage Program fence contract: Tharman presented the contract for the permanent fence project at JJ's Acres for signature as the project was approved in 2011.

Lake Nokomis Lake District: Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel, reported the Judge has ordered a new public hearing must be held as the recording of the last public hearing was of poor quality and unable to be transcribed. Today will be the date of order to accept the petitions with other deadlines to follow per state statute. A court reporter will record and transcribe the next public hearing. There is no change in data or recalculation and mailings will be done using the same data. All new written and oral comments will be taken and all data will be assembled in report form again. The tentative timeline is as follows: public hearing 2/4/12; report available for committee approval 2/20/12; report distributed to County Board 2/21/12; resolution for committee approval 3/12/12; resolution to County Board for decision 3/20/12. Mike Fugel, Assistant Corporation Counsel will attend public hearing as Desmond is not available.

Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the public hearing date for Saturday, February 4, 2012 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Tomahawk High School. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment:

- Ken Dirks thanked this Committee for their past support and recommended sending a resolution to County Board to rescind their previous resolution to save the county money.
- John Bowman thanked the Committee for their work on this issue and noted the group hopes to fix some of things the rest of the County Board thought they had done wrong last time. They do not see this committee as the enemy.

UWEX Centennial update: Kuzlik announced 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of UW-Extension and the first Extension agent, E.L. Luther, was located here in Oneida County. Locally, the office will be promoting Extension with Ginger Terzinski spearheading the effort. There will also be a statewide celebration.

Agency reports:

- LWCB: Rudolph noted the next meeting is 2/7/12 in Madison and hopes to have allocations from DATCP. He urged committee members to contact their legislators regarding the importance of cost share and staffing grants to this county.
- WLWCA: Rudolph noted there is a joint meeting next week with WLWCE to finalize the position description for the Executive Director.
- RC&D: Rudolph noted three nominations have been received for at large members for the RC&D Board, leaving one vacancy. The next meeting is 1/13/11 in Florence County.

Monthly staff reports:

- Brewster has been working on year-end reporting.
- Kuzlik attended the Governor's Northern Economic Summit and private lunch meeting. The Governor addressed issues that affect our region i.e. broadband and AIS issues during the private lunch. Lake Nokomis issues have taken up considerable time.
- Sadauskas provided AIS poster contest information. Two volunteers from Leadership Oneida County will begin working on the AIS programming survey for area schools.
- Winkler noted the Holiday Craft workshop was well attended. Teen Court heard seven cases in Lakeland last month. Winkler met with Interim Judge Richards last week as he was not familiar Teen Court. After their meeting he seemed supportive and is interested in viewing a Teen Court session.
- Hansen spent time with the Lake Nokomis project and DATCP extensions. She also met with DNR Environmental Review Coordinator regarding a culvert issue in the Town of Lynne and hopes to provide some technical assistance and possible funding sources. Rudolph noted Hansen's outstanding effort in December in getting cost share reports and contracts in place to utilize all of the funding.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Brewster:

1/18/12	Forest County Family Partnership Coalition	Forest County*
2/1-3/12	Leadership Academy	Wausau**
2/16/12	Northwoods Coalition @ GLITC	Lac du Flambeau*

Hansen:

1/13/12	RC&D project proposal presentation	Florence County*
1/18-19/12	Lake Partnership Team meeting	Wausau*
2/4/12	Lake Nokomis Lake District public hearing	Tomahawk*
2/9/12	Soil & Water Conservation Service conference	Stevens Point*

Kuzlik:

1/18/12	Grow North general membership meeting	Crandon*
2/2-3/12	WCEA Board meeting	Stevens Point*
2/4/12	Lake Nokomis Lake District public hearing	Tomahawk*

Sadauskas:

1/18-19/12	DNR Lakes Conference	Wausau*
2/9/12	Water Quality Conference	Stevens Point*
TBD	Meeting w/Ted Ritter	Vilas County*

Winkler:

2/8/12	ND 4-H Agent meeting/training	Eagle River*
2/10/12	ACA accreditation	Manitowish Waters*

Committee:

1/13/12	Lumberjack RC&D	Florence County*
2/4/12	Lake Nokomis Lake District public hearing	Tomahawk*

*county expense
**district/state expense

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

Fair update: Kuzlik reported the Fair Planning Team is currently attending WI Association of Fairs Conference.

Monthly budget report:

- Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the UWEX monthly budget report for the period ending 12/31/2011. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the LWC monthly budget reports for the period ending 12/31/11. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices:

- Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the monthly invoices for UWEX as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Berard/Vandervest to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the LWC monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Blanket purchase orders: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the blanket purchase orders as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Line item transfers: Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

LWRM plan resolution: Hansen submitted an updated resolution for Committee signature as the one signed last month had an incorrect date. Rudolph requested all committee members receive a hard copy of the LWRM Plan.

County cost share program update/approval: Hansen reported all 2011 funding has been committed except for 69 cents. Two projects were completed in 2011. Remaining projects will be completed in 2012. When the office receives the 2012 allocation, staff will attempt to get funds committed earlier in an effort to complete projects prior to year end. Hansen reported the DATCP extension request was mailed by the required deadline.

Equipment rental rates: Corporation Counsel assisted in the revision of the contracts for the anchor chain scarifier, tree planter and portable timber bridge. After review, the last page of the scarifier contract should have signatories changed to Committee Chair and County Board Chair and correct the spelling of Dan Kuzlik. Motion by Vandervest/Berard to approve the equipment rental agreements as corrected. All ayes; motion carried.

Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) grant: Sadauskas requested approval to apply for a WEEB grant to conduct a weevil monitoring project and possibly an ice fishing survey. Grant submission deadline is 2/11/12. Motion by Pederson/Vandervest to approve the WEEB grant applications (with projects to be determined) and authorize Committee Chair to sign application if needed. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comments/communications: Kuzlik announced his resignation effective 2/10/12. He has accepted a position with UW Superior Extension as an Educational Outreach Specialist based in Rhinelander. He has really enjoyed his work here and the opportunity to work with great staff. The Committee congratulated Kuzlik on his new position and thanked him for the work he has done for this committee, staff and Oneida County; but are very sorry to see him go.

Kuzlik noted he has been working with LRES to get the full time AIS Coordinator and 80% Secretary I positions filled prior to his departure. He also plans to work with Rudolph and LRES to have the six-month mandatory vacancy period waived for his position. He also plans to work with Kathy Miller, Interim Northern District Director and Dean Klemme on the Extension hiring process. A meeting is scheduled for 1/26/12 with Lisa Charbarneau (HR Director) and Kathy Miller to discuss the position.

Items for next agenda: Line item transfers, Fair update, Lake Nokomis public hearing report, CNRED Agent/Department Head vacancy.

Adjournment: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Thomas Rudolph, Chair