

**Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee**  
**March 13, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Vice Chair Romelle Vandervest, Carol Pederson, Paul Dean, Greg Berard and Clint Zimbeck. Excused: Tom Rudolph.

**Others present:** Jean Hansen, Jim Winkler, Erica Brewster, Susan Hunter, Michele Sadauskas, Brian Desmond, Court Reporter, John Bowman and Kerri Ison.

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

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Dean/Pederson to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Pederson/Dean to approve the minutes of 2/20/12 as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

**Lake Nokomis Lake District petition update:** Brian Desmond noted that following correspondence received from the plaintiff's attorney Oneida County is required to recount the signatures based on the 2011 tax rolls. This process is currently underway and plans are to have it done by the April meeting. Last time it took six weeks to go through the data. Desmond believes the recount will result in a diminution of signatory support. He recommended the report be updated with the new data and gain this Committee's approval. The updated data must be distributed by May 5th to County Board members, who then has six months to render a decision. Hansen reported two retirees have come back as LTEs to assist in verifying signatures.

**Public comment:** John Bowman noted the LNCC monthly meeting was held Saturday and reported Gary Baier and Mike/Margaret Bills met regarding the formation of a lake association to take over the maintenance of Lake Nokomis.

**Agency reports:**

- Susan Hunter, FSA, reviewed printed report in detail. The local FSA office has been designated as overstaffed and will be losing two employees within the next month. Hours of operation will be affected.

**2012 UWEX Lakes Convention:** The UWEX Lakes Convention will be held 4/10-12/12 in Green Bay. Rudolph, Pederson, Sadauskas and Wenninger will be attending. Sadauskas reported Oneida County AIS will have three posters at the conference.

**Monthly staff reports:**

- Since LWC assisted with two grazing plans within the last year, Hansen is working on a grazing program grant. She also reported a confirmed stand of invasive phragmites near Golf Course Road. She and Sadauskas are working on this project.
- Sadauskas noted all three AIS Tech LTE positions have been filled. Angie Wenninger has been on staff since the end of January, Chris Bender will begin in May and Jake

Lindner in June. Staff will be hosting an afterschool program at the libraries in Rhinelander, Minocqua and Three Lakes to promote the AIS poster contest.

- Brewster has been teaching a life skills program at the Oneida County Jail. Classes are held on the secure side and dorm side of the jail. Both programs are full.
- 4-H worked with Partners in Education (PIE) to offer the Mad City Money curriculum at the Rhinelander High School in February. Winkler noted this is the fourth time the program has been offered in the community and it has been enhanced each time with additional business involvement.

### **Out-of-county travel requests:**

#### Brewster:

3/21/12 Present at Fulfilling the Promise Conference Stevens Point\*

#### Winkler:

4/26-27/12 Teen Court delegate training St. Germain\*

#### AIS Techs:

3/19-20/12 Project Assistant training Stevens Point\*

#### Sadauskas:

3/21/12 CBCW workshop refresher course Stevens Point\*\*\*

4/10-12/12 Annual Lakes Convention Green Bay\*\*\*

5/8-9/12 State AIS Coordinator meeting Stevens Point\*\*\*

#### Hansen:

4/4/12 Grazing Educators workshop (tentative) Marshfield\*

\*county expense      \*\*\*grant expense

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

**Fair update:** Kid Davie has declined performing at the Fair although he gave a verbal commitment. The Fair Manager is following up.

### **Monthly budget reports:**

- Motion by Berard/Dean to approve the UWEX monthly budget reports for the periods ending 12/31/11 (Close 2 report) and 2/29/12 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Berard/Pederson to approve the LWC monthly budget reports for the periods ending 12/31/11 (Close 1 report), 12/31/11 (Close 2 report) and 2/29/12 as presented.

### **Monthly invoices:**

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

**Line item transfers:**

- Motion by Berard/Dean to approve the line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion Pederson/Dean to approve the line item transfers for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Dean/Berard to approve the line item transfers for LWC as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Environmental Education Scholarships – Youth and Teacher:** Hansen noted LWC annually offers teacher scholarships to attend workshops offered by Trees for Tomorrow. Scholarships for two high school youth to use towards Youth Conservation Camp at Trees for Tomorrow are also available. Hansen distributed brochures with details noting promotion will be done to recruit participants.

**County Conservationist/CNRED Agent positions:** Brewster met with Hansen to discuss the position(s) and with the State regarding a visioning process. The Northern District is currently trying to fill ten positions so there is a backlog in filling vacancies. Brewster will have more to report in April.

**County cost-share program update/approval:** Hansen reported rock was put in over the winter at project site on Lake Tomahawk. Hansen and the engineer will visit the site to approve the work after ice-out.

**Public comment/communications:** Nothing further.

**Items for next agenda:** County conservationist/CNRED agent positions, Lake Nokomis Lake District petition update.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Berard/Dean to adjourn at 2:26 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

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Romelle Vandervest, Vice Chair