

Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee
November 8, 2010
Minutes

Committee members present: Tom Rudolph, Bob Evsich, Paul Dean, Carol Pederson, Romelle Vandervest. Absent: Greg Berard excused.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Nancy Hollands, Jean Hansen, Lawrence Eslinger, Erica Brewster and Kerri Ison.

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

Approve agenda: Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the agenda as presented with permission to change the order of day at the discretion of the Committee. All ayes; motion carried.

Introduce TAG member: Committee welcomed Eric Snyder, Teens Active in Government (TAG) representative. He attends NCSS and is trying to start up a yard working business. Roundtable introductions were held.

Approve minutes: Motion by Pederson/Dean to approve the minutes of 10/11/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

12/13/10	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
1/10/11	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Approve monthly budget reports: Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the monthly budget report for UW-Extension for the period ending 10/31/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Hollands reviewed the monthly budget report for LWCD in detail, noting line item transfers will be needed. Motion by Vandervest/Evsich to approve the LWCD monthly budget report for the period ending 10/31/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices: Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the monthly invoices for UWEX as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Evsich/Pederson to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Hollands reviewed list of invoices for approval in detail. Motion by Vandervest/Pederson to approve the monthly invoices for LWCD as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

County cost-share program update/approval: Hansen presented estimates for the Waldinger project which includes rock rip-rap, biologs, native plantings, and soil-filled bags in the viewing corridor for a total of 227' of shoreline. Motion by Dean/Vandervest to approve the

low cost estimate from DR Thomas in the amount of \$12,135 for the Waldinger project. Landowner's share is 50%. **All ayes; motion carried.**

Update of status of LWCD Typist II position: Hollands attended LRES meeting on 10/27/10 requesting the reinstatement of the Typist II position. LRES voted not to fill the position.

County poster awards presentation: Hollands noted the awards presentation will be held on 11/19/10 at 3:30 p.m. in the County Board room. Hansen, who has judged posters for several years, noted the students do a great job and many are worthy of placing. Rudolph urged Committee members to attend the poster awards presentation in support of these youth participants. He reported a local student placed first at the state poster contest and the poster will be forwarded to the national competition. Oneida County students placed first and second at the state speaking contest as well.

Report on North Central Association Fall Conference: Hollands reported Rudolph was elected as NCA nominee for Land & Water Conservation Board at the fall conference. Resolutions regarding deer management and Asian carp were approved and submitted for consideration at the WLWCA State Conference meeting. Rudolph noted the WLWCA Board did approve the resolutions at last week's meeting and they will be forwarded for consideration at the state conference. NCA also voted to donate \$1,000 to the WLWCA to assist with budget issues.

WACEC District 4 Annual Meeting Planning Committee report: Rudolph noted the District 4 WACEC Board met in Oneida County recently and selected a delegate and alternate to attend the PILD Conference in Washington, DC to lobby federal legislators on behalf of Cooperative Extension. The Annual District 4 WACEC meeting will be held February 4 or 18, 2011 in Park Falls. Information is forthcoming.

Update on proposed Lake Nokomis Lake District public hearing: Kuzlik reminded Committee members the hearing is this Saturday, November 13, at the Tomahawk School Complex, in the High School auditorium from 10 a.m. until noon. Signs will be posted. LWC has arranged to use the county van and those wishing to carpool should arrive at the Highway Shop at 8:15 a.m. Others should plan to arrive at the School Complex by 9:15 a.m. This is a listening session to gather information. No decision will be made at the hearing. Individuals will be allowed two minutes to speak and groups will get a longer timeframe. A final decision will be made by county board once it is determined if the group meets the 51% requirement. Staff is meeting on Thursday to work on protocol. Discussion followed.

Carol Pederson was excused at 2:20 p.m.

Monthly staff reports: Hansen is working to get cost share funds committed, all 13 groups have signed the MOU for WHIP, and the grant submitted by WHIP to do an inventory in Vilas County was not awarded. She presented a "Learning in Retirement" session with 87 participants and also assisted Eslinger with a purple loosestrife and Japanese knotweed workshop. Hansen is also partnering with Vilas County to compile a native vegetation list for

shoreland restoration. Discussion was held regarding the continuance of the Camp Luther project including a planting plan, Bio-log and rain garden installation.

Hollands noted she worked on the poster and speaking contests, reimbursements, and the Nokomis public hearing. The office did a large mailing of approximately 1,000 pieces regarding the Nokomis public hearing.

Lazers noted the backpack program is up and running for students at Pelican and Crescent Elementary Schools. Students who receive free and/or reduced lunch and are identified as not having enough food for the weekend may receive backpacks filled with healthy food each weekend throughout the school year. The program will continue for the remainder of school year and Lazers hopes to get youth from NCSS to help with the packing.

Kuzlik attended the America Saves Conference recently in Washington, DC on behalf of Northwoods Saves (NWS). Speakers addressed financial trends and issues facing military families. NWS was the first rural model of a Saves program and is the only one who has a 51-week segment on NBC TV-12. Program is supported by donations and grants.

Brewster has scheduled "Raising a Thinking Child" workshops in January for parents of children ages 3-8. The Poverty Simulation is scheduled for 12/8/10 and provided a brochure highlighting the event. The Smithsonian Exhibit will open on December 11th at Trig's Riverwalk.

Eslinger circulated an informational packet regarding the regulations to buy/sell non-invasive pond/aquarium plants and animals which was sent to 41 businesses. He is currently following up with them. He also circulated a brochure on the AIS program which will be printed and distributed next season. He is continuing to work on the AIS website and strategic plan.

Jean Hansen was excused at 2:50 p.m.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Brewster:

11/3-4-10	Strengthening Families training	Clark County*
11/5/10	Family Living Network meeting	Eau Claire**

Kuzlik:

12/1-3/10	NCEA Conference (presenting workshop)	Phoenix, AZ**
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Winkler:

TBD	Teen Court & other PYD programs	Lac du Flambeau/Eagle River/Arbor Vitae*
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*county expense

**district/state expense

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

Agency reports: Evsich noted Hansen is following up with Thunder Lake representatives.

FSA: Evsich highlighted available biomass programs, elections will be held for the FSA County Committee in Forest County this year, and new digital aerial photos will be available soon.

NRCS: Hollands distributed and highlighted NRCS report.

OCEDC: Rudolph noted the SpeedDee delivery building project is underway and ABX is currently pouring concrete.

LWCB: Rudolph has been nominated to serve on this board. Elections will be held at WLWCA meeting in December.

WLWCA: Board meeting was held last week.

RC&D: Raffle drawing will be this Friday in Medford.

Line item transfers for LWC budget: Hollands reviewed line item transfers in detail. Motion by Vandervest/Dean to approve the line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment: Tina Werres, Oneida County Fair manager, reported the annual convention will be held in January with approximately six people attending. She has been busy reorganizing the storage unit. Job Corps will be assisting with building shelving.

Rudolph reported Bob Williams' wife, brother and sister-in-law were killed in a tragic auto accident in New Mexico last week. Williams is the former president and a current board member of OCLRA.

Items for next agenda: Results of County Board budget meeting, Lake Nokomis hearing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Tom Rudolph, Chair