

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
February 11, 2013
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Tom Rudolph, Greg Berard, Jim Intrepidi, Bob Martini, Bob Mott and Clint Zimbeck.

Others present: Tim Brown, Jean Hansen, Rosie Page, Erica Brewster, Roger Luce (OCEDC) and Kerri Ison.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Martini/Mott to approve the minutes of 1/14/13 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

3/18/13	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
4/8/13	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Oneida County Fair update:

- Oneida County Fair contracts: Motion by Intrepidi/Martini to approve the UB the Band contract in the amount of \$2,250 as presented contingent on approval by Corporation Counsel. All ayes; motion carried.
- Received a donation of \$1,000 from Associated Bank.
- Brewster will attend LRES Committee meeting this week discuss Fair Secretary LTE position.
- Approve new members: The Fair Planning Team has approved Otona Schickert, Tom Peterson, Sue Glentz and Lisa Kuczarski as new members. Motion by Berard/Intrepidi to approve all four applications contingent on proper background checks. All ayes; motion carried.

Agency reports:

- Lake Districts: Rudolph reported Horsehead Lake has not met but seems to be doing fine.
- FSA: Brewster received communication from Susan Hunter noting micro-loans are available for up to \$35,000 with a loan rate of 1.275% for 1-7 years. Great for small farms and non-traditional operations. Additional information is available through Matt Peplinski at the local FSA office.
- OCEDC: Luce provided brief report and reviewed items in detail. Several issues will be discussed in closed session at the next OCEDC Board meeting. Lengthy discussion followed.
- LWCB: Rudolph reported a board meeting was held via teleconference recently. Discussion was held regarding final allocation for staffing grant and cost share

programs. Frac sand mining forum is still in the planning stages. Officers have been re-elected.

- WLWCA: Executive Director sent letter asking County LWCD committees to contact the Governor and legislators regarding the staffing grant issue. Motion by Martini/Mott directing staff to develop a letter for committee to support the issue giving chair the discretion to sign the letter to expedite the process. All ayes; motion carried.
- RC&D: Mott spoke with Claudia Baker regarding using RC&D as fiscal agent for lake associations—based on the fee scale it is not more cost-effective for Pelican Lake. He suggested it be discussed at the next RC&D meeting.

Monthly staff reports:

- Brown has met with community leaders regarding the Wausau Paper Mill issue and distributed a letter to be shared with the Paper Mill representatives and local community. Discussion followed. Brown is working with Technology Committee regarding the broadband issue. The Annual Research Summit will focus on broadband issue. The summit will be held 3/21/13 at Treehaven; invitations will be sent soon.
- Brewster has been working with the Human Service Center on strategic planning. A subcommittee has been developed to move the process forward more quickly. "Raising a Thinking Child" state networking team will be holding facilitator training in March. Katie Leone, interim 4H/YD, came on board after the last meeting and is doing well.
- Hansen introduced Rosie Page, 600-hour LTE, employed by Lumberjack RC&D. Page performed the roadside terrestrial invasive survey in Oneida County last summer. She is now developing a roadside management plan. She noted the data collected last year has been uploaded to the County's GIS mapping website.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Brown

2/26/13	WHIP Annual Meeting	Vilas County*
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4/9-11/13	2013 Lakes Convention	Green Bay*
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4/9-11/13	2013 Lakes Convention	Green Bay*
4/8-10/13	2013 State WACEC Conference	Madison*

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

Monthly budget reports: Hansen reviewed reports in detail. Motion by Intrepid/Berard to accept the LWCD monthly budget reports for the period ending 12/31/12. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices:

- Hansen reviewed invoices for approval in detail. Motion by Berard/Mott to approve the LWCD monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Mott/Berard to approve the UWEX monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding the WJFW advertising invoice from the 2012 event. It was just received via fax today. Motion by Mott/Intrepid to approve the Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce invoice in the amount of \$50. All ayes; motion carried. Motion by Martini/Mott to hold the WJFW invoice until further information is received and an adjustment is made for the inconvenience. All ayes; motion carried.

Line item transfers: Hansen reviewed the line item transfers for LWCD and AIS budgets. Motion by Martini/Berard to approve the 2012 line item transfers for LWCD and AIS budgets as presented.

Proposed amendments to ATCP 50: Hansen contacted committee members via email regarding this issue. Rudolph distributed an email regarding proposed revisions to ATCP 50 which will impact county programs. Lengthy discussion followed. Rudolph noted the comment period deadline is 2/25/13. He hopes to get additional information at the Board meeting tomorrow. Motion by Martini/Intrepid authorizing staff and chair to develop a letter to enter into the record at the public hearing in Tomahawk. All ayes; motion carried.

Draft Oneida County AIS Strategic Plan: Hansen noted comments should be sent to Sadauskas. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

2013 Lakes Convention: The Annual Lakes Conference will be held 4/9-11/13 in Green Bay. The AIS budget will pay for one committee member to attend.

WLWCA Conference: WLCWA Annual Conference will be held 3/11-13/13 in Wisconsin Dells. Registration deadline was 2/8/13 however, registrations are still being accepted.

County Cost-Share program update/approval: Hansen reported all paperwork was submitted by the deadline. All funds (except for \$57) were allocated for 2012.

4-H/YD position update: Brewster introduced Katie Leone covering for 4H/YD programs until 3/31/13. Leone has a degree in community health education and worked as an intern at the Health Department where she worked with family planning, AODA, and organized the open house at the new facility. Brewster noted the 4H/YD

position was posted 1/18/13. The application deadline is 2/19/13 with preliminary interviews tentatively scheduled for interviews 3/25/13 in Stevens Point. Final interviews are tentatively scheduled for 4/2/13.

Public comment:

- Brewster provided information on the WACEC State Conference which will be held 4/8-10/13 in Madison. Registration deadline is 3/17/13.
- Rudolph attended NACD meeting in San Antonio, TX. Over 900 were in attendance. He discussed a resolution pertaining to separation of duties for NRCS employees, the wide-spread drought issue and soil health. Rudolph noted additional information can be viewed on the NACD website.
- Mott noted article in WCA Magazine, picturing Oneida County employees (including Ison) who participated in a healthy eating challenge with the County's health insurance carried. Oneida County won the grand prize of a \$500 donation to the food pantry of choice.

Items to be included on the next agenda: Draft AIS strategic plan, 4H/YD position update, line item transfers, WJFW invoice.

Adjournment: Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to adjourn at 4:13 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Bob Martini, Vice Chair