

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT LAND & WATER CONSERVATION & AGRICULTURE AND
EXTENSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Oneida County Courthouse – 9:30 a.m. – County Board Room

UWEX Members Present: Chairman Paul Dean, Romelle Vandervest, Denny Thompson, Wilbur Petroskey, and Tom Rudolph

UWEX Members Absent: None

LWCC Members Present: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Wilbur Petroskey, Jack Martinson and Gary Baier

LWCC Members Absent: Rod Kuczmariski and Matt Matteson (excused absences)

Others Present: Nancy Hollands (County Conservationist); Barb Payne (Secretary); Chuck Wickman (County Supervisor); Dan Kuzlik (UWEX); and John Potters (County Coordinator).

Call to Order

LWCC Chairman Rudolph called the meeting of the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. in County Board Room on the second floor at the Oneida County Courthouse. He noted this meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and meets the Americans with Disabilities Act.

UWEX Chairman Dean called the meeting of the Oneida County Agriculture and Extension Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room on the second floor at the Oneida County Courthouse. He noted this meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and meets the Americans with Disabilities Act.

LWCC Approval Agenda/Minutes

Motion by Baier, second by Martinson to approve the current agenda with the order of the agenda items at the discretion of the Chairman. Motion carried; all ayes. Motion by Petroskey, second by Martinson to approve the minutes from the September 10th meeting. Motion carried; all ayes.

UWEX Approval Agenda/Minutes

Motion by Petroskey, second by Vandervest to approve the current agenda with the order of the agenda items at the discretion of the Chairman. Motion carried; all ayes. Motion by Rudolph, second by Petroskey to approve the minutes from the September 13th and September 22nd meetings. Motion carried; all ayes.

Set date for next meetings

LWCC Chairman Rudolph noted the next meeting date will be Wednesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.

UWEX Chairman Dean noted the next meeting dates will be Tuesday, November 3rd at 1:30 p.m. and December 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Amendment to ordinance on UWEX and Land & Water Conservation Departments

UWEX Chairman Dean explained he was submitting this resolution to amend the original resolution eliminating the obligation for both the Committees to meet together until after the County Board April 2010 elections. Committee discussion followed.

UWEX motion by Vandervest, second by Thompson to approve the resolution to remove the obligation for both the Committees to have joint meetings until the April 2010 elections, when new supervisors are elected for the next term. Motion carried; all ayes.

LWCC motion by Martinson, second by Baier to approve the resolution to remove the obligation for both the Committees to have joint meetings until the April 2010 elections, when new supervisors are elected for the next term.

LWCC Wildlife Damage Program Services – Agreement with USDA/APHIS for 2010

Hollands gave a brief update for the Committees. Hollands reported she had forwarded the draft agreement to Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel for his review. Desmond indicated the County's insurance requirements could be waived for this agreement, as the USDA/APHIS is a federal agency. Motion by Petroskey, second by Martinson to approve the agreement with USDA/APHIS to provide wildlife damage program services for 2010, subject to the Finance Committee's approval of the insurance waiver for USDA/APHIS. Motion carried; all ayes.

Update on Budget for 2010, LWCD, WDP, and AIS programs

The revised budget worksheets were distributed to the Committees. Hollands explained she had met with the Finance Committee on the 2010 budgets. The LWCD Budget was decreased by \$4,525.00. Hollands reported she has received official confirmation from Kevin Gauthier, DNR Water Resources Specialist, that Oneida County has been approved for an AIS grant in the amount of \$47,147.00. Hollands explained that Finance Director Margie Sorenson stated that the AIS budget could be increased by \$22,147.00 due to approval of the AIS grant. Motion by Petroskey, second by Martinson to approve the reductions in the LWCD Budget and the increase in the AIS Budget for 2010. Motion carried; all ayes.

County Cost Share Program

Hollands reported Hansen is out in the field doing some site surveys with the State DATCP Engineer, Stacy Dehne. Hansen is currently assessing a possible project with the Boy Scouts. They want to do some shoreline restoration and will be using donated funds to cover their cost of the proposed project. The Dorion project has been finished, which is the last carryover project from 2008 to be completed. Hansen is busy committing the 2009 funds for cost share projects.

Update on AIS Coordinator Position

Hollands reported the County Board approved continuation of the AIS Coordinator position at their October 20th meeting. We have been working with LRES to fill this position. The position was posted internally within the Courthouse for the required five days, and no one signed the posting. The position is now being advertised to the general public. The completed applications are due at Job Service on Wednesday, October 28th by 4:30 p.m. The job announcement has been posted on the internet statewide by Hollands and Kuzlik. Potters commented he is still trying to find a way to get this position out of the union. Kuzlik expressed the importance of keeping an open mind as Invasive Species has no restrictions where boundary lines are concerned, as Invasive Species are everyone's problem now. In the future we must all work together. Kuzlik reported he had recently met with Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator. He is very interested in working together on invasive species issues. Committee discussion followed.

Supporting Documentation for 2010 Staffing Request and Typist II Position

Hollands gave an update on supporting documentation for 2010 staffing request for the Aquatic Invasive Species LTE's, Conservation Specialist, and the 2009 Typist II positions. Hollands stated the supporting documentation for these positions will be presented to LRES at their next meeting.

Update /Status of AIS Grants/Budget/Activities

Hollands commented she had nothing further to report.

Lake Districts/Agency Reports (FSA, NRCS, LWCD, UWEX, DNR, LWCB, WLWCA, & RC&D)

Bear Lake District – Martinson reported Bear Lake District is still in litigation.

Mid Lake District – Petroskey had nothing new to report on the Mid Lake District.

Thunder Lake District – Baier had nothing to report on the Thunder Lake District.

Horsehead Lake District – Rudolph reported the Horsehead Lake District will be having a meeting on Saturday October 24th to review the report on the completed lake study.

FSA – No one was present to report this month.

NRCS – No one present to report this month.

LWCD – Hollands reported the Department has been busy working on the contractual services agreement for the wildlife damage program. Considerable work is being done on the AIS Coordinator position. The 2010 budgets are currently being finalized. The Department's staffing requests for 2010 have been updated. Hollands indicated the staff has been busy getting everything ready for the Speaking and Poster Contest which will be held on the 22nd of October.

UWEX – Kuzlik had nothing further to report at this time.

DNR – No one present to report.

LWCB – Rudolph reported the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) are currently working on their report to the legislature on the future role of the LWCB which is due in January. The Board has developed a draft, which is subject to change based on the comments they receive. They will have a final report completed and submitted by the deadline.

WLWCA – Rudolph reminded the Committee about the annual conference to be held on December 9 & 10 in La Crosse.

RC&D – Rudolph reported the WI Association of RC&D's Annual Conference that was hosted in Rhinelander in September was a huge success. A wrap up of the conference will be at the next Lumberjack RC&D meeting which will be held on October 23rd in Florence.

LWCD Monthly Budget Review

Motion by Petroskey, second by Martinson, to approve the August budget for the Land & Water Conservation Department, Wildlife Damage Program, and AIS Program. Motion carried; all ayes.

UWEX Monthly Budget Report

Motion by Petroskey, second by Vandervest to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 9/30/09 as presented. Motion carried; all ayes.

LWCC/LWCD Travel Authorization

Motion by Baier, second by Martinson to approve attendance at the following meetings. Motion carried; all ayes.

- October 28, 2009 WHIP Meeting Woodruff, Wisconsin (Jean)
- December 9-10, 2009 WLWCA Annual Conference La Crosse, Wisconsin (Staff/Committee)

LWCD Approval of invoices, purchase orders, and line item transfers

Motion by Petroskey, second by Baier to approve the invoices as presented. Motion carried; all ayes.

A list of the approved bills is kept on file.

Baier and Martinson were excused.

UWEX Approval of Monthly Invoices for Oneida County Fair

Motion by Petroskey, second by Vandervest to approve the monthly departmental invoices as presented. Motion carried; all ayes.

Oneida County Fair Report/Hodag 50 Lease

Kuzlik reported that Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel, met with the owners of the Hodag Country Festival grounds in reference to the county signing off on the lease for the Oneida County Fair. Kuzlik commented he would bring back any information at the next meeting. Committee Discussion followed.

UWEX Approve Fair Committee Members

Motion by Vandervest, second by Thompson to approve Jennifer Talley's application for membership to the Fair Committee. Motion carried; all ayes.

PILD Representative Nominee

Kuzlik asked the Committee if everyone had a copy of the PILD report. It officially stands for Public Issues and Leadership Development (PILD) Conference in Washington D.C. The Justice Committee does have the opportunity of nominating someone that we can then send on as a potential representative to WACEC. If anyone has a desire to be nominated, have them fill out the description. Their name would then be forwarded on to the WACEC.

UWEX Monthly Agent Reports

Kuzlik handed out agent reports for himself, Winkler, and Lazars. Kuzlik briefly summarized his monthly report on his participation and facilitation activities and programs that he is responsible for in the community. Motion by Thompson/Rudolph to approve the monthly agent reports as presented. Motion carried; all ayes.

UWEX Approval Out-of-County travel request

Motion by Petroskey/Thompson to approve travel requests as presented. Motion carried; all ayes.

Public Comments/Communications

No public comments or communications.

LWCC Items for the next meeting agenda

Items will be determined at a later date.

UWEX Items to be included on next agenda

Update on the status of Hodag 50 lease.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Motion by Rudolph, second by Petroskey. Motion carried; all ayes.

Thomas Rudolph
Land & Water Conservation Committee Chairman

Nancy Hollands
County Conservationist

Paul Dean
Agriculture & Extension Committee Chairman