

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
Monday, November 9, 2020 - VIA ZOOM ONLY
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Jim Winkler, Mitch Ives, and Bob Thome, Jr.

Others Present: Michele Sadauskas, Baerbel Ehrig, Jonna Jewell, Ryan Peterson, Dan Butkus, Art Lersch, Myles Alexander, Anne Williams, Terri Kolb, Carrie Kubacki, Karly Harrison, Fred Andrist, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and the meeting was properly posted.

Approve Agenda: A motion by Thome/Winkler to approve the November agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

Thome/Winkler made a motion to approve 10/14/20 CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Monday, December 14, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Zoom Only
Monday, January 11, 2021	1:00 p.m.	To be Determined

Public Comment:

No public comment was made at beginning of the meeting.

Electronic Signature Approval for November 9, 2020 meeting:

Chairman Mott reviewed that Committee members will permit their typed in names to be represented as their signature on all documents for this virtual meeting. Winkler/Ives made motion to approve electronic signatures for today's meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Crescent Lake District Petition – LWCD and Ryan Peterson:

Agenda: The schedule has changed and the agenda will be addressed next month.

Court Reporter: Grossbier & Associates, Inc. information was shared. Sadauskas asked for Committee approval regarding the option of court reporter. Motion made by Thome/Ives to hire the court reporter with the funds coming from the contingency or general fund. All Ayes; motion carried.

Date, Time, Place for Public Hearing: The hearing will be located in the County Board Room with in person and Zoom access. LWCD requested December 14, 2020 as submittal date in order to accommodate staff. The Public Hearing date is set for Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Chapter 4 document-p.50: A document was shared on how to prepare for a public hearing. Mott recommended sending out the document to all the participants. The bullet points outline the proper procedures and Committee agreed to have it included with the rest of documents.

Ryan Peterson: He has started reviewing all the petitions to verify that signatures match the tax roll identically. He recommended a December 11 submission date, but is adaptable. The Public Hearing will be in January 9, 2021. Responses were at 62% while summertime property owners were present but now the rest will have to be contacted by mail. He is working on the legal description. The general description will be sent to LWCD.

LWCD Update: No updates.

Cost Share Update:

Everything is proceeding well. Contractor availability is still a obstacle. With so many projects, it is a concern. They have two contractors in place so far for projects.

Lake District Reports.

a. Horsehead Lake-Mitch Ives: Ives was recently assigned to Horsehead Lake and has contacted the district, but has not attended a meeting.

b. Mid Lake – Bob Mott reported: The new president is Ed Bruner. Wake boats have affected shallow lakes. It is affecting the habitat for fish and there is a decline on fishing populations. The wake board document will be shared with the Committee members. The DNR has been contacted for further assistance on this concern. A discussion about staggered terms for officers took place at the meeting and they will be looking into that subject further.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation).

A motion made by Ives/Thome to approve b and c, as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Oneida County Fair Report/Discussion:

Winkler proposed to request restoring the Fair budget to the former amount of \$15,000 at the County Budget Hearing tomorrow, November 10. Last year they received the full \$16,000 and currently the 2021 budget was approved at \$5,000. The carryover amount is \$14,155.00. The Fair has relied on local businesses have been hesitant to contribute to the Fair this year. An exit resolution has been proposed, where if the 501 (c)(3) is approved; it requests the carryover money to be transferred. The resolution will ask to retain title of the Oneida County Fair, retain the trolleys, tents, supplies and equipment that are essential to the Fair. Winkler asked if the three trolleys that the Fair uses could be stored at a county facility.

Andrist asked the Committee for their support in the above request. Andrist sent a letter to the Board members asking for the restoration of the \$16,000 budget amount to the Fair, which would be \$10,000 more from the current \$5,000. If the Fair leaves the County, it would provide enough seed money to run the Fair independently. If their request were approved, the parties would enter into an agreement to become independent by January 2022. The Committee advised Andrist that a motion is required at the Budget Hearing tomorrow. Andrist stated that if the County Board accepts motion, then the Fair would be able to get the ball rolling as part of their exit discussion for 2022. The Fair needs the financial reserve and the equipment to continue, with the understanding that by January 2022, they will go independent.

Andrist reported their pending rental contract with KSH Property Service for new office space at the Curran Building. The Fair Committee approved the contract at their meeting on November 5. Rent will need a line item on the budget. There is a \$400 security deposit and three months of rental totaling \$16,000 they will request next month. Rent will be included in future budgets.

Fair Privatization and Fair 2021 Budget: See above

Update Fair/City Contract, Business Plan, 501(c)(3) Conversation: The Business plan and 501(c)(3) were addressed above. The City plan has not progressed further due to the pandemic circumstances. There is no contract in place for Pioneer Park for next year, at this time. Brian Desmond will be working with the City. Myles Alexander and Ray Bergman are working on business plan with the Fair Committee. The 501(c)(3) was submitted and can take up to six months for the IRS to approve.

Consent Agenda Items Fair:

A motion by Winkler/Ives to approve consent agenda items a and b, was approved and item c to be approved for a new Fair Committee member upon positive background check results. All ayes; motion carried.

2021 Extension Budget and Process:

Art Lersch kept this item on the agenda pending any questions or new motion that may occur at the County Budget Hearing. A power point presentation on Extension is available to distribute to all County Supervisors if need be. Thome suggested emailing the presentation to all of the supervisors. There will be a public comment section for any comments about Extension at the budget hearing. Supervisors cannot respond to the public comments. This year, most will attend by zoom for this purpose, including educators. Mott received a number of letters in favor of the services Extension offers. The only cost to the County for FoodWise is office space rental and supplies. Mott stressed the breadth of services that Extension offers the community is far reaching. The county sales tax is doing quite well and the County found a way to balance budget through the prisoner revenue and the general fund.

2021 Extension Contract Status: No update. LRES tabled discussion until the Budget Hearing.

Educator Reports:

The Committee received the written educator reports in their packets. The educators made brief presentations.

Anne Williams: 4-H has 35 new members. Fall programs are in full swing. She reviewed the most recent programs and the amount of youth that participated. They will have a Field Day in December for Animal Tracking. The Project in a Box program was very successful. There is a 4-H Science Night from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, on Zoom where speaker Justin Ulland, an engineer who works for Blue Origin, a private space company, strives to help people visit outer space!

Karly Harrison: The first Healthy Sense Program will begin on December 3. FoodShare participants will work on budgeting in three areas. Lesson 1: Basic Budgeting. Lesson 2: Tracking their child support, WIC benefits, and food share income, along with their expenses. Lesson 3. Food budgeting. Overspending on food is a trend, which the program addresses to eliminate future need for FoodShare benefits. A three-week follow-up is included. Pre-recorded, closed-captioned videos are in production. Oneida County is a pilot project for the video programing with the school district.

Myles Alexander: Design Wisconsin in Three Lakes will have a presentation at 7:00 p.m. on the November 18 via Zoom. On November 19, zoom break out groups will start work on specific projects. The next phase will be the implementation portion of the projects. He continues to work with the PFAS group and a public information group. Last month, Purdue University offered to work with the Mayor and Extension making Rhinelander a research site for PFAS. Northwoods Community Gardening group at the Nicolet College site is off to a strong start.

Terri Kolb: The Strong Bodies strength building program for older, inactive adults has begun virtual classes. The virtual program is for 8 weeks, meeting twice a week. Participants are appreciative and happy to be back to moving their bodies. They will collaborate with FoodWise, who will tack on learning modules on nutrition. Everyone stayed on for the nutrition segment at this morning's session. A wellness and a coping component will be included. Mental Health First Aid Program training and a suicide prevention piece will be other areas of importance during the pandemic.

Carrie Kubacki: Teen Court had two virtual hearings and teen citations are down. In Jan 2021, recruitment of new panelists will start from LUHS, Rhinelander and the Three Lakes high schools. The Restorative Justice Summit will take place one Friday per month, for the next three months. All teen court panelists attend the Summit. Both Kolb and Kubacki trained in the Mental Health First Aid program. She will function in the role of Health and Well Being educator for Oneida Co. with Kolb. Coalition groups on suicide prevention training are in place. Mindfulness and Strengthening Families Programs continue. Kathy Reiner from the LUHS is working with Kubacki on vaping concerns. The Learning to Breathe program involves graduate students who are assisting in the study of marijuana use.

Extension-Nicolet Move/Airport as a Storage Facility: Final removal of items will occur this week.

Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Winkler/Ives to approve the Extension consent agenda items a and b. All ayes; motion approved.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Updates for LWCD, Cost Share, Crescent Lake District formation, Lake District Reports/project approvals as needed. County Fair Report move to independence. Fair Discussion and Contracts, and 501(c) (3). Extension Nicolet update, Educator Reports, Extension Carry-overs.

Adjournment: Mott adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair