

**Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
Monday, July 12, 2021 – County Board Room and Virtually by ZOOM
Minutes**

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

Others Present: Karl Jennrich, Michele Sadauskas, Baerbel Ehrig, Stephanie Boismenu, Jonna Jewell, Dan Butkus, Tom Jerow, Art Lersch, Terri Kolb, Anne Williams, Sharon Krause, Karly Harrison, and Merry Lehner.

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

Approve Agenda: A motion by Thome/Ives to approve the July 12, 2021 agenda; the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Announcements: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 8:30 am - 3:30 pm is the date of the North Central Wisconsin Land and Water Summer Tour. Held in Wood County at Nepco Lake County Park, Wisconsin Rapids. \$30 fee. To attend, contact Jonna for details.

Stephanie Boismenu was awarded an Oneida County Recognition 5 year Certificate for her work in AIS.

Approve Minutes: Thome/Mott made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021, CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Monday, August 9, 2021	1:00 p.m.	Meeting at Nicolet – Northwoods Center (update)
Monday, September 13, 2021	1:00 p.m.	Nicolet Northwoods Center conference room

Electronic Signature Approval for July 12, 2021 meeting:

Committee members present will sign documents while those attending virtually will permit their typed in names to be represented as their signature on all documents the meeting. Thome/Roach made motion to approve electronic signatures today. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: Becky Gaskill was involved in raising money for the Willow Flowage Scenic Waters Area and she presented a check to them.

Introduction of Amber Rehberg, Area Extension Director

Amber Rehberg, the new Area Extension Director, will officially start on July 28, 2021. The CUW Committee members made introductions. Rehberg is originally from Northern Wisconsin and grew up in Price County. She has worked in 4-H her entire career and gave a short history of the locations and positions held with Extension in Wisconsin. She most recently was an Educational Program Specialist in Madison. Extension is looking forward to welcoming her to Oneida County.

Extension Communication Strategies:

This was left on agenda for any further strategies. On Monday, August 9, 2021 there will be a reception at Nicolet from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm to introduce the CUW Committee members to the new Nicolet President, Kate Ferrell. Lersch would like to host the Committee meeting at Nicolet

following the Open House. Tentatively the event will occur at either the Northwoods Center or possibly the Lakeside Commons depending on attendees. Bob Mott has a meeting at Courthouse at 10:00 and cannot attend until later. LWCD will attend the CUW meeting virtually.

Educator Reports:

Terri Kolb: The first in-person StrongBodies class at the ADRC occurred this morning and was offered via zoom simultaneously. There is a class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A class at Rhinehaus is pending. Kolb is promoting people to be less sedentary and get their bodies moving. All classes are sponsored by Extension in the county. Kolb is collaborating with ADRC to offer more capacities to residents. Another partnership is with the Social Services staff, offering a course virtually, We Hope, in August and September. A larger survey project was on the assessment of 30 youth and 12 counselors at Camp Susan. Focus groups will be formed and they will wrap it up in October.

Anne Williams: The 4-H Garden project now has plants in Northwoods Community Garden. Last week she was at Camp Susan for at 4-H summer camp, an affordable camp experience at \$45 per child. She reviewed the activities. Williams and Sharon Krause trained the camp counselors. They had a total of 30 campers. They are working on a grant with WI Partnership program related to impact of Covid 19 on the adolescent population. If they receive the grant, they will receive funding for afterschool program.

Sharon Krause: She is working on the grant just mentioned and was working at the 4-H camp. Some plans were shifted at camp due to weather. It was an interesting and fun adventure. The WI Partnership program Williams and Krause are working on is dependent on their efforts to make it happen. They will make a strong case. She will connect with the population health institute for the grant. Raise Your Voice will be expanded to Three Lakes, if the grant comes through. It is established in Rhinelander with help from YMCA. The last piece of grant will include small community place-making. Krause should know in two weeks if their grant is approved. It will start 9/1/21. Teen court panelists were off in July. One other point, UW Health Lab is a resource we can use outside of Extension. An advantage of being with Madison.

Karly Harrison: Programing for Mary Stys is at 50% over the summer. She just completed a food nutrition for adults at Rhinehaus. Currently she is hosting the Hodag Food Wagon at Central Elementary. Second distribution will be at Pioneer Park, along with nutrition education is pending. She shared that Public Health would like to partner with FoodWise on food preparation with Extension. Educator, Terri Lindner retired. The 50% position will be posted for additional hours at 60-70% f. The educator focus will be on youth and parents.

Myles Alexander: On vacation. The first two weeks of June he was working with the Northwoods Round Table. He will be meeting with the Three Lakes Design Wisconsin Team for technical support next week. Alexander promoted the Water Action Team for Rhinelander and provided information through a survey he designed. He received 34 responses so far and would like to have over 100 in the end.

Extension-Nicolet Update: August 9 Reception update mentioned under Strategies agenda item.

Consent Agenda Items- UW Extension:

Budget reports were not available. A motion was made by Thome/Ives to approve item b, monthly invoices. All ayes; motion carried.

County Fair Report:

The Fair Planning committee met on June 22 and July 6, 2021. They will be meeting two more times before the Fair on July 20 and July 27. Their priority is a successful 2021 in-person Fair. Volunteers are still needed, please contact the Fair if you can help. Discussions took place regarding the resignation of their Volunteer Coordinator and finding a replacement. Their sponsorships are down and more funding is on-going. Promotional items, cost impacts, quantities, and budget impacts were discussed. Their focus is for to be successful and in the black. An inventory of fair equipment will take place after

the Fair. Other post fair items are a cash audit, contract options, and a business plan. Discussion on a budget for privatization and key points they will need to accomplish ensued. The Fair coordinator reviewed the tasks and updates of the Fair sub-committees on entertainment, sponsorships and funding needed for 2021 goals, among other topics. They are working out these details with Tom Wiensch, Corporate Counsel.

Update Fair/City Contract, Business Plan, 501(C)(3) Conversation:

This will not be discussed until after the Fair is over. Any update on hold until post fair. They need to see how Fair goes in order to do this.

Consent Agenda Items-Oneida County Fair:

Budget reports were not available. Motion made to Thome/Ives to approve monthly invoices for the Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

Lake District Reports:

Bear Lake – Bob Thome. Met on June 30 by zoom and all Commissioners attended. They reviewed the Treasurers report, which was approved. Two big items are records retention and they voted to follow the outline of the policy used by Squash Lake. The other topic was the Lake Management Plan and voted for the district to include 25% in the 2022 budget and apply for a grant on the remaining 75%. It will be completed in 2022. A long-term person retired as a volunteer. The next meeting is on Aug 25, 2021.

Crescent Lake – Bob Thome. The meeting was on June 30, 2021, and all attended. The Commissioners were appointed. Connie Anderson was appointed Chair. Temporary officers: Tim Kilgore Treasurer, Maria Rudesill, Town Representative Commissioner and Secretary, Jim Gehrke, and Thome as County Representative. They discussed establishing a physical and mailing address. A motion was made to approach the Crescent Lake Association and borrow funds from the association and repay it by August, 2022. Next meeting is July 22, 2021.

Manure Storage Ordinance – K. Jennrich/ M. Sadauskas

Questions were replied to from June meeting. How many farms or business would be affected? There are more than 100 small farms in the areas but they do not have storage. Not aware of any that have manure storage per Sadauskas and Jennrich. How the farmer stores the manure and whether there is a barn can affect if a farmer has unconfined manure stacks. An unconfined manure stack is limited to 175 square feet in the proposed ordinance. Another question was whether it will have an affect on existing facilities. They will check with Corporation Counsel. The last questions was what part of ordinance exceeds State standards and that will need more research. They will see if the State or DATCP code is best to follow. An updated verbiage that Tom Jerow and Dan Butkus added to the report was reviewed. Each area was read at meeting. Zoning will review and Corporation Counsel will review. Chapter 28 page 10. All wetlands are connected in some ways to our surface water. This ordinance has to be viewed with future water in mind. Steps: If Committee believes in substance of the ordinance, Jennrich will talk with Corp Counsel. They may recommend DATCP review first, by the next meeting. CAFO moratorium ends on August 30. Direction was that this was to be addressed before August 30. Fees and Violations of penalties are the two issues that need to addressing. Incorporate changes into draft, review with Corp Counsel. Extend the moratorium to March 2022. The hearing is on July 28, 2021. Motion made to approve the Manure Storage Management Ordinance. Directed staff to address any details or changes as needed by Thome/Roach Corporation Counsel review and move it. All Ayes; motion carried.

Definition of Vegetation – M. Sadauskas

The point of the definition of vegetation is to prevent erosion. L&W was asked to present quantifiable numbers to define vegetation a little further. Three options were presented. Mott favored recommendation #2 to retain vegetation. Sadauskas highlighted vegetation requirements for the Cost

Share Program (option #1). Committee decided to choose no quantifiable option, but opted to keep recommendations 1-3 as presented by Sadauskas at the April 2021 CUW meeting. Motion by Thome/Ives to keep Recommendations of one, two (mandate) and three and send to Planning and Development, then if approved will go to the County Board of Supervisors.

Cost Share Update:

Turco was approved earlier in the season. Small project but many conversations about expectations back and forth. Asked if wanted to be in the Cost Share program and they decided to pull out of the program. A \$500 deposit was received. Because a plan was completed, and LWCD thought it best that the project not be funded with cost share funds due to landowner concerns about LWCD recommendations, LWCD is asking to refund \$250 back to landowners. Motion made by Thome/Ives to refund \$250 on the Turco Cost Sharing. All Ayes; motion to approve.

Cost Share Project Cap. For next year four projects at \$12,000 are recommended. Last month they were working on seven projects as well as some violations and restorations, Sadauskas wants to lower the volume of projects. Would like to focus on less cost share projects and have the same value. She currently does not have a technician, like other counties. It takes time to do those plans. They are currently not able to do any more projects. A Motion was made by Thome/Ives to limit projects to four, for 2022 . All ayes; motion approved.

Byczynski Reimbursement Approval. Before and after pictures were provided. Estimated at \$14,814. They are asking for CUW approval of Byczynski project not to exceed \$8,000. Motion made by Thome/Ives. All ayes; motion carried.

Staffing Requests:

2021 – River Grant Awarded late February. JoAnne is working it right now. Motion by Thome/Ives to approve one 445 hour LTE at \$15.00 and is not an additional cost to County. All ayes; motion carried.

2022 – One request for LTE Project Coordinator, which is a County funded position. Fiscal impact sheet was attached and is not grant funded.

One AIS 600 hour lead \$16.00 per hour 100% grant funded. An AIS project LTE assistant and Two 1199 LTE project assistants.

The department expects increased DATCP funding. DATCP is hoping to fund 70% of the 2nd position (only has funded 40% of it in the past). Sadauskas is hoping to get extra hours to an LTE with the additional 30%. Will use existing staff at a larger capacity. Motion made to approve the staff request as presented by Thome/Mott. All ayes; motion approved.

Technical Assistance to Planning & Development:

Art Thompson Road – Formal recommendation was made on Friday. Jennrich will send a letter to Mr. Newkirk. LWCD will be working with Mr. Sache. Menzel (Two Sisters) Shulfer (Hodstradt). Michele visited the Menzel site and she will send recommendations.

Lumberjack Members-at-Large Approval: They do not have a person, so ceding right to other counties.

2022 Furniture and Equipment Requests:

A request for a new chair for the department was made to Building & Grounds. Motion by Thome/Roach made to approve the request for a chair. All ayes; motion approved.

Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Discontinue Portion of North Fork Road and Layout a New Road – Town of Minocqua: A turn around that goes at the Cote Point Condominium is what is involved where public road is discontinued and an easement placed where the turnaround will be placed.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation):

A motion made by Thome/Roach to approve c. All ayes; motion carried. Item b will be looked at next month. The court reporter invoice was reviewed.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Updates for LWCD, Cost Share, CAFOs, manure storage, vegetation. Draft Education on manure storage, comments from John Engel. County Fair Report, Fair Discussion. Extension Nicolet update, Extension Strategies, Educator Reports.

Adjournment: Mott adjourned the meeting 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair