

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
Monday, March 8, 2021 - VIA ZOOM ONLY
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Bob Mott, Bob Thome, Jr., Jim Winkler, Mike Roach, Mitch Ives, and FSA Representative, John Engle. Engle is a voting member of the Committee.

Others Present: Karl Jennrich, Michele Sadauskas, Baerbel Ehrig, Jonna Jewell, John Engel, Brian Desmond, Mike Fugle, Mike Romportl, Dan Butkus, Ryan Peterson, Jim Gerke, Terry Goldbach, Alan Janssen, Connie Anderson, Art Lersch, Myles Alexander, Anne Williams, Terri Kolb, Karly Harrison, Meg Sprecksel, Thomas Barnett, Beckie Gaskill, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

Approve Agenda: A motion by Winkler/Thome to approve the March 8, 2021 agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

Winkler/Thome made a motion to approve February 8, 2021 CUW Committee meeting minutes, with one amendment. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Monday, April 12, 2021	1:00 p.m.	County Board Room and Zoom
Monday, May 10, 2021	1:00 p.m.	County Board Room and Zoom

Public Comment: None

Electronic Signature Approval for March 8, 2021 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/Thome made a motion to approve electronic signatures for today's meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Introduction of New County Board/Committee Member

Mike Roach was welcomed as a new member on the CUW Committee. John Engle is new FSA Representative, he will present at the April meeting.

Crescent Lake District:

- a. Court Reporter Invoice Review – On October 22, Jonna spoke with Grossbier regarding the Crescent Lake Public meeting. There were some questions on the charge for one court reporter and one extra person when there was only one requested, a fee for two phone calls, a \$160 appearance fee, and one transcript with two copies. The total was \$1,258. Mott/Winkler made a motion to pay the bill but remove \$120 for the second person. All ayes, motion carried.
- b. One-page Verification of Petition. This has not been seen by the County before. Desmond said the petition being verified shows an example where each signature page is verified. The Committee all felt that the one page verification will work.. It does not say specifically that signatures needed to be verified per Chapter 33.25, sub 3. The Committee all felt that the one page verification will work. Dan Butkus said that Wisconsin Lakes is looking at changes to clarify this in the future and they are comfortable with the one page verification. A motion was made by Thome/Winkler to approve the signatures without individual verification and that the one-page verification sheet turned into the County Clerk was acceptable as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- c. Review Final Report/Recommendation to County Board:
Final report and recommendation was discussed. Resolution became part of the discussion.
- d. Resolution: The highlighted insert: Whereas, within 6 months after the date of the public hearing, the County Borad shall issue its order, was discussed. A decision will be needed by June to meet the

requirements of state law. A motion is needed to forward the final report to the County Board for their review and consideration along with the CUW Committee's recommendation to the County Board. Winkler/Ives made the motion to forward the final report and resolution to the full County Board in March with the Committee's recommendation for the approval of the proposed lake district. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: Desmond and Fugel

Lake District Reports - None

Cost Share Update:

The Fostner/Van Asten project on Lake Tomahawk had discussion to extend the rip rap footage on the shoreline. The owners and the department did not come to a final conclusion on extending the rip rap. The land owner decided to pull out of the project. LWCD would like to refund deposit the full deposit to the landowner due to minimal work being done. The deposit amount was \$1,000 and Sadauskas recommended refunding the whole amount. The Committee wanted a small reduction made. A motion was made to reduce the refund to \$900 by Winkler/ Thome. All ayes; motion carried.

LWCD Update and Upcoming Events:

The 2021 Wisconsin Lake and Rivers Convention is virtual this year. It is \$20 per day. Other March events were listed on the flyers distributed.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation):

The \$900 Cost Share reimbursement discussed above was added to this month's invoices. A motion made by Thome/Ives to approve c and d as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Land and Water excused.

Oneida County Fair Report/Discussion:

Winkler said there are verbal agreements in place for the 2021 Fair Entertainment. There is a new carnival for 2021. The Committee reviewed the report sent in the information packet.

Oneida County Fairgrounds Proposal:

Tom Barnett and Meg Sprecksel shared the proposal for leasing land plot PE-69. The Scope is to develop dedicated and functional fairgrounds, to put on the annual Oneida County Fair as well as other year-round attractions. This option will allow the Fair to finish its transition into being self-sufficient. Plans will include storage facilities at the fairgrounds along with the construction of buildings for animals. Plot PE-69 was the site previously considered for the Highway Department/County Garage.

Mott would like to see a financial picture on the initial cost of infrastructure and how and what the plan would be for paying for it. Ives asked if it was a timber sale; the county land has logged it off. Barnett stated that if the Fair is to lease the property, and the Fair becomes independent, the Fair would not be an entity of the County anymore.

They would like Committee to forward this to County Board in April or May. Thome asked about road access and if anyone has spoken with the Town of the Pelican. Kerry Bloedorn plans to approach the Town of Pelican. There will be revenue generated with the Fair located at this site. Mike Roach has a background in road access and they must check to see if it is available. Tom Barnett has reached out to County Supervisor Pence and he is on board with this location.

Fair Privatization:

Tom Barnett will bring up the plans of the Fair at the meeting with the City tonight. Brian Desmond did not receive the annual contract back between the Fair and the City. He will pass that duty on to Mike Fugle for follow up.

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

Sprecksel received a response from the IRS asking for more information. The IRS asked about how they report to County and the oversight committee, and Sprecksel responded. The end goal will be for them to receive money as a private entity and not receive money through the County for the Fair anymore.

Consent Agenda Items Fair:

A motion was made by Winkler/Ives to approve consent agenda items a and b. All ayes; motion carried. Mott reviewed their financials with Sprecksel. He would like to see some projections for the year.

Extension Area 4 Extension Director Position:

Art Lersch introduced the Extension staff to the new CUW Committee member Mike Roach. Lersch announced that the posting for the Area 4 (AED) Area Extension Director Position closes on March 18, 2021. A review committee will go over the position applicants along with Catherine Neiswender, Assistant Dean of the Northern Area Extension Directors. The AED position is an administrative position paid by the State.

Teen Court Update:

Carrie Kubacki has left Oneida County Teen Court and started her position with Langlade County on March 1, 2021. Sharon Krause is the new Teen Court educator for Oneida County. She will work half time here and the other half of her time will be as Positive Youth Educator with the Lac du Flambeau tribe. Krause has past experience as a Teen Court educator, while in Vilas County. Kubacki provided a nice report, lending a smooth transition for Krause.

Strategies for Presenting to County Committees:

Extension is forging connections with the County Committees and Departments. Sharon Krause with Teen Court and Anne Williams, 4-H, will work together to communicate with county departments, such as social services, to help youth make healthy decisions through their programming. The plan is to make some presentations to departments soon. In-person programming will be starting January 2022.

2:30 Bob Mott Excused

Educator Reports:

The Committee received the written educator reports in their packets. If there are any questions, the Committee can ask. Thome was pleased to see efforts by Kolb in having meetings with social services, ADRC, and human services. Harrison reviewed that FoodWise is a federally funded SNAP Ed grant where Extension provides the office space. FoodWise started their needs assessment for the next three years. Northwoods Thinkers is a group Alexander is working with which is more of a round table group. They look at organization-based models where leaders talk with one another to work together to address problems.

Extension-Nicolet update:

Lersch contacted the State regarding an Extension sign for Nicolet. The State is starting to distribute and put up the new signs around the state. Winkler asked Roach for input on how to post a sign on Highways 8 and G.

Consent Agenda Items: A motion made by Thome/Ives to approve Extension consent agenda items b and c. Review and approval of the monthly budget reports for January through March will take place next month. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Discussion to alternate who presents first for Extension and LWCD each month. Introduction of new FSA Representative. Sadauskas to discuss a definition for vegetation, shoreline restoration and permits. Final report Crescent Lake District Petition. LWCD updates, Cost Share. County Fair Report, Contracts, and 501(c) (3) and privatization. Extension update of Area Director and introduce new Teen Court educator, Sharon Krause. Nicolet update, Educator Reports and Strategies.

Adjournment: Winkler, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner
Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott
Bob Mott, Committee Chair