

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee

December 9, 2019

Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Alan Van Raalte, and Jim Winkler. Mitch Ives unexcused.

Others Present: Steve Nelson, Andrea Rippley, Myles Alexander, Carrie Kubacki, Karl Jennrich, Fred Andrist, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was posted properly and the facility is handicapped accessible.

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

Approve Minutes:

Van Raalte/Jensen made a motion to approve 11/11/19 CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Nicolet-Northwoods Center 128
Monday, February 10, 2020	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room, Mott out all month

Lumberjack Update and Grant Recipients Announced:

Alan Van Raalte presented the report on funded projects for 2020. Funding of \$54,254 for six projects are: Phelps Lakefront Pine Kayak Launch, \$10,000, Northern Saddle Club Fresh Water Project, \$5,754, WHIP and TIP for \$10,000 each, the Northwoods Gateway Butterfly Garden, \$10,000, and the KinderWild at Trees for Tomorrow, \$8,500.

LWCD Update – Upcoming Events:

Jennrich gave an update on the grants: the River Grant is in and the AIS Lakes Grant will be on December 10, 2019. The Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association will hold their Winter County Conservationist Meeting on Thursday, December 12 and Friday and December 13, 2019 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation).

Van Raalte/Jensen moved to approve travel for Sadauskas to attend the Contractors DATCP workshop in Mercer, WI and for Mott and Sadauskas to attend the WI Land+Water Conservation Association meeting in Stevens Point. All ayes; motion approved.

A motion by Van Raalte/Winkler to approve Consent Agenda items b and c as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

County Workman's Compensation Report:

Jennrich said this report came out of LRES/Administration Committees as a focus on employee safety. Each department head was to take the report on a quarterly basis to committee to review if there were any injuries. The risk manager will try to make any necessary corrections that may have led to an accident. Land Water Conservation does not have any at this time, but will provide safety training. The department created a requirement for the AIS coordinator and County Conservationist to call in at the end of a day while out in the field. This is to ensure that the employees left the site safely. Social Services have had this in place for a long time. LRES will send this out quarterly to departments.

Jennrich excused at 1:25

County Fair Report/ Update/Discussion – Jim Winkler:

Fred Andrist thanked the Committee for their support with the 2020 Budget. Elections of the Fair Board positions were completed last Tuesday and the Fair President is Fred Andrist, Vice President is Bill Freudenberg, Treasurer is Meggan Sprecksel, and Secretary is Theresa Seabloom. The Fair Committee completed a survey evaluating the Fair Coordinator position for this past year.

The Tri-State Amusements dba Kerry Schneider contract will be presented for approval by the Committee in the next agenda item. Tri-State offers separate carnivals only, that could be offered in other towns to bring in additional money to the Fair. The Fair is planning a fund raising carnival in Minocqua for 2020, the weekend before Labor Day. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to the Fair.

Andrist discussed two topics with Brian Desmond about the Fair at Pioneer Park. One is concerning the City contribution towards electrical needs for the Fair. Every year the Fair pays several thousand dollars for additional electrical needs and they no longer want this to be a recurring bill. With the pending remodel of Pioneer Park, this is a good time to propose electrical needs. The other topic to address is regarding the need for additional restrooms. The City Hall contract will expire at the end of December, 2019 and they are working on a mutual agreement at this point. The City has been very agreeable in working with the Fair. Andrist spoke with Chris Frederickson and he could be in favor of a nominal entrance fee for the Fair in the future.

Fair Carnival Contract with Kerry Schneider, dba Tri State Amusements:

Andrist explained that annually they look at the new possibility of a carnival vendor. A mutual date has to be open for the Fair and the Carnival of choice. Josh Skubal, Fair Vice President, searched out the new Tri State Amusements in place of K & M Amusements. Andrist gave the contract to Tom, Corporation Counsel, made some changes to the carnival contract and the vendor agreed with our changes, such that the Committee is simply approving the contract. Van Raalte/Winkler moved to approve the carnival contract with Kerry Schneider, dba Tri-State Amusements and the Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

Designation of a Representative to Discuss Fair Contracts with Corporation Counsel:

In the past, Tom Barnett, Fair Coordinator, was the contact person who worked with Tom Wiensch. Fred Andrist and Josh Skubal worked with Wiensch on the carnival contract recently. Wiensch preferred to have a designated person from the Fair to work with the County. Andrist most likely will be that designated person to work with Corporation Counsel for future contracts. This will avoid having multiple people involved with Fair contracts. It would be the best and most efficient method to handle contracts. Van Raalte/Jensen made a motion to approve a representative to discuss Fair contracts as the Fair President or his designee with Corporation Counsel. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items Fair:

There are two budgetary issues regarding payments for the 2019 books. They will not be able to pay out until next month when they are resolved. Those expenses will be held over to 2020 to payout \$418 for 2019. The final Fair balance will be near \$3,000 outstanding at year end. A motion made by Van Raalte/Mott to accept agenda items a and b. All ayes; motion carried.

The Fair approved an application for a new Fair Committee member, Kerry Bloedorn. He is the Director of the Logging Museum at Pioneer Park and the Fair is asking for committee approval. A motion made by Jensen/Van Raalte to approve Kerry Bloedorn as a Fair Committee member. All ayes; motion carried.

Extension Facilities Discussion:

Steve Nelson presented the process that will allow Extension to move forward with the relocation to Nicolet College. There was a \$4,500 balance remaining for the rent at Nicolet College for the first year and that amount will be addressed in the 136 contract with the State that will be looked at shortly, which will carry through with the move to Nicolet College.

There have been recent meetings where IT costs will not be as high as anticipated. Between UW Madison Division of Extension and Nicolet College, and the County, the three IT departments will need to work with each other to maintain a secure environment. Nelson reported the possibility that Nicolet will provide furniture for Extension. Their "Systems Furniture" will be provided to Extension as part of the lease. Currently, they are still working out the details. The most optimistic date for the move would be March 1, 2020. The systems furniture has to be ordered which will take about five weeks. Design work is being collaborated and loaded into a CAD system ultimately by Nicolet. Nicolet wants the building to be set up with the same office modular furniture for the whole building, where they could provide the set up to any organization. There are three rooms available. Two are classrooms and are a bit claustrophobic, whereas the third has two entryways and is much more suitable.

The staff is going through many old documents to purge, to come up with a realistic inventory of paper records. They need to determine what needs moving to Nicolet. Nelson went over a graph depicting workspace for the staff and square footage.

Mott spoke with Billy Freid and the Buildings and Grounds Committee who had many questions about the move. Building and Grounds thought there would be no cost to the County for the move. Jensen discussed the UW Madison contribution of \$13,500 whether the \$4,500 used to pay balance of first year rent be used to assist in the move. Jensen said that the motion was vague on who would pay for the move. It is the County's responsibility to find a place for Extension. There was a question if the County had other buildings that were not County property. Mott said the conversation went well with Building and Grounds and he requested a list of any of their concerns. There was a question to see if the CUW Committee could have their next meeting there for January 2020.

136 Contract 2020:

Steve Nelson distributed the 136 contract for review with the update, since presented in August, 2019, regarding the cost of rent at Nicolet College and the \$4,500. The State is expecting the contracts back Monday, December 16. Dave Hintz will need to sign as County Board Supervisor, and send back to Steve Nelson by Friday, December 13. The \$4,500 is in the facility (Building and Grounds) budget. Jensen asked that the plans be in place for the contract and strategy for 2021. Van Raalte/Jensen made motion to approve the State 136 Contract for 2020 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Educator Reports:

Carrie Kubacki presented her educator report via ZOOM along with a printed document distributed to the Committee. She gave a summary on Volunteer Panelists, Respondent/Case Updates, and Community Partnership meetings. Kubacki has suggested an Advisory Board where both CUW Committee and County Board Members attend. The CUW Committee asked about how much time she has had for education. Kubacki stated that she has limited time due to the number of Teen Court cases. There are areas such as a Juvenile Task Force, School District Administration, counselors, etc. that could become more involved. The committee discussed possibilities of Teen Court continuing perhaps through the School District or Social Services.

Myles Alexander is working with the Three Lakes community on the Implementation Team every two weeks to find out what makes things successful in Three Lakes. The next step of the project is asset mapping and community capitals. On December 18, they will meet to discuss the Design Wisconsin Team visit for weekend of September 18, 19, 20, of 2020. The Extension Housing Group met last week to address housing crisis and to look at workforce housing in the area. Alexander hopes that the entrepreneurship idea, GRID Guiding Rural Integration Development, starts to go public in January.

Interviews for the Health and Well Being position occurred on Tuesday, December 3 in Vilas County. The approved start date is January 1, 2020. The verbal approval is pending.

Andrea Rippley will be leaving Extension in Oneida County and relocating to the Trempealeau and Jackson County 4-H Program. Her last day here will be December 20. The Committee asked that she identify what the challenges of 4-H are in Oneida County and make recommendations for the coming year. How can 4-H boost the numbers here? There is a rich history of 4-H in the County but school sports demand much more time of students now than in the past. Family commitment is another variable and not having a Fair grounds is also a contributing factor. In a Zoom on leadership meeting, the possibility of a stand-alone part time position for Oneida County, may be considered. After school STEM meetings, after school specialty programs, foster care 4-H clubs, and special interest clubs will be the push for the future.

Office Air Environment:

There were four reports for diesel fumes in the main office and a two from Alexander's office for the month of November.

Extension 2020 Budget:

Nelson thanked the Committee for their support of the 2020 Extension budget. Nelson spoke with Darcy Smith about any further adjustments and she said no, the 2020 budget was approved, but if it were brought up it would take a 2/3 vote if someone were to bring forth a resolution.

Consent Agenda Items – Extension:

The second educator contract of the year is \$3,500 less to reflect the vacant Health and Well Being position. Jensen/Winkler moved to accept item a and b as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment:

Please contact Mott or Lehner if you cannot attend the Committee meeting.

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Cost Share update, LWCD update, Lake District Reports as needed and project approvals. Fair Business plan. County Fair Report/Discussion and update Fair/City Contract. Facilities discussion, Educator Reports, and Office Air updates. Review rules of quorum. Media coverage Extension at Nicolet. Next Meeting is January 14, 2020 at Nicolet College.

Adjournment:

Mott adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair