

**Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee**  
**June 10, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Chairman Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Alan VanRaalte, Mitch Ives, and Jim Winkler. Kim Simac excused.

**Others Present:** Steve Nelson, Carrie Kubacki, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenu, Karl Jennrich, and Merry Lehner.

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

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

**Approve Minutes:**

VanRaalte/Winkler made a motion to approve 05/13/19 CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Future Meetings:**

Monday June 24, 2019	1:00 p.m.	DRAFT of 2020-2029 LWRM Plan	UWEX Conference Room
Monday, July 15, 2019	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room	
Monday, August 12, 2019	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room	

**Adoption of DRAFT of 2020-2029 LWRM Plan:**

On Wednesday, June 5, a Public Hearing for the LWRM Plan took place. Three comments from people were received at the meeting. An additional comment received on Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m., from the Lac du Flambeau Band of the Chippewa Tribe, stated they had not been included for consultation, coordination nor involvement of the LWRM Plan. Since Land & Water Conservation did not receive final comment from DATCP or the DNR, the Plan could not be approved at the Wednesday night Public Hearing.

Sadauskas and Heider worked this morning regarding additions to the Plan. They will have a small mineral section, a land resource section, and in the special concern section, they will add a metallic mining piece. Groundwater, wetlands, and surface water will be touched on as well. Mott added that there should be comment that the County shall be more stringent and proactive in preventing pollution from mining, if it were to occur in the County. The plan statements are perhaps too soft. The tribe should have been included in the Plan. Some mapping of wetlands and water quality and mining could be included. Vilas County's LWRM Plan did not have Tribal participation and it is possible the mining concern prompted concern. According to DATCP, the plan included the entities that it needed and they followed the proper guidelines for advisory committees. DATCP will sent out notifications to the Tribes in the future. Van Raalte commented that the County will no longer pursue mining within County-owned lands. Mott reviewed the referendum on Non-ferrous mining. Pending the June 24 meeting, Sadauskas and Heider will look at the public comments and invite these parties to attend that meeting. A follow up letter will go out to the Tribe and DATCP.

**UW Support Staff Time Study – Charbarneau**

A recommendation by Charbarneau is to maintain the staffing levels of administrative support with no changes. For 2019, staff was budgeted as one part time 80% position and one LTE position at 53% or 1.33 FTE (Full Time Equivalent). The educators, at times, perform their own clerical work due to the current staffing levels. The Teen Court educator wrote letters, made copies, kept records, while her support staff was on vacation. Could resources come from the courts or the schools? The educators will provide documentation of further instances. The reorganization and the absence of a department head have changed staffing needs. The time study was during a slow period of the year. A proposal to initiate two more months of time logs during these busy summer months will take place. Any new staffing requests for 2020 can be re-visited and submitted by the end of this month or through budget time.

**Thunder Lake District Report:**

Winkler attended a meeting on June 1 with 18 people in attendance. The major issue was regarding the dam. Three Lakes spent \$100,000 on improving it and there is still not a lock in place. The DNR owns the land around the dam but the city owns the dam. They stocked more fish. A picnic meeting is scheduled.

**Speaker's Task force on Water Quality:**

Two documents were distributed in packets to the Committee that described the Speaker's Task Force. There are upcoming meetings Sadauskas is asking the Committee for out of county travel to Tomahawk where she looks forward to the opportunity to speak at the open session part of the meeting. The date of the Tomahawk and Stevens Point meetings are still pending. Mott will ask for approval for Sadauskas to speak and he may attend as well. There will be invited speakers as well as open sessions later, limited to three minutes. Mott asked Sadauskas to touch on the septage issue in Oneida County, along with her comments.

**Cost share Update:**

Kim Payment- A reimbursement in the form of an invoice will go out shortly. An update was given on seawall removal and putting in rock rip rap. The majority of the reimbursement will be given.

Blue Waters Project – A request for an extension to 2020 was proposed. A document showed the timeline that ranges from 2016 through 2019. A formal letter sent to Tim Sullivan on Oct 17, 2017 stated that the LWCD would hold the deposit until 2019. Since it has been three years since project inception, Sadauskas will need to re-assess their needs. Mott made a motion to keep the \$1,000 deposit, if there is no commitment from Blue Waters and work is not completed and approved in 2019. A deadline of Monday, July 8, 2019 will be set or they can start over with a new cost share project in 2020 with a new deposit. A letter will be sent to this. Winkler seconded the motion, all ayes motion accepted.

**Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operations CAFOs Ordinance Update:**

Jennrich sent out information from DATCP about how to regulate CAFO's with frequently asked questions and answers. There are two points, one is to control them though a zoning ordinance, where they are allowed in certain zoning districts that allow agriculture and prohibit them in the rest of the zoning districts. He will discuss this point with the Planning and Development Committee soon. He has drafts 9.20 completed regarding the 13 or 14 zoning districts. It covers what are permitted uses, administrative review uses, and conditional uses. Months ago, the Committee was going to prohibit CAFO's except residential farming and general use. If commercial agriculture is allowed, then the CAFO feedlots can be allowed. If a district specifically allows for such use, it may become discriminatory amongst districts on who allows it and who does not. The second point is does the County want to regulate them or leave it up to the State. Mott asked for a recommendation. Jennrich is not able to work on this until the end of August. Mott stated that our concern is to protect the waters of Oneida County as the Conservation department.

**Staffing Requests 2020:**

The LTE requests and fiscal impact statement for 2019 budget was distributed. The LTE Project Coordinator will have a \$474 increase from 2019. This is a County position that is not funded by grants. All other department LTE positions are grant funded. A motion by Jensen/Ives to approve the LTE positions and the 2020 Project Coordinator, as described. All ayes; motion carried.

**Disposal Update- Bob Mott:**

Mott received a letter from Michelle Balk that stated the steps taken to investigate the complaint regarding the spreading of septage onto frozen or snow-covered land. Winter spreading of holding tank waste is allowed. The hauler in question transports both septage and holding tank material. They have retrieved the logs of the hauler and if the records show material spread contrary to regulations, proper enforcement will occur. This will be hard to prove. Mott would like to see surveillance in the future and have licenses revoked in these situations

**NCLWCA Spring Meeting Report:**

Mott attended the North Central Land and Water Conservation meeting in Langlade County. There were interesting discussions on water quality, which is the big topic of the year. A headwaters, drainage, and wetlands study on the Little

Plover River will take place through UW Stevens Point. Mott asked about both the septage issue and the CAFO issues in Oneida County.

**Consent Agenda Items: Land and Water Conservation:**

A listing should be made of meetings the Committee members can attend. A motion was made by VanRaalte/Winkler to approve items a, b, c, and d. All ayes; motion approved.

Excused: Jennrich, Sadauskas, and Boismenu 3:10 p.m.

**County Fair Report Update/Discussion:**

Andrist attended the Administrative Committee requesting approval of an addition onto the storage facility at the River Street site. He would like to store the trolley and other Fair equipment there. The request was not approved at this time. A better view of how the County will spend the \$800,000 funding will need clarification first. Andrist would like to know about storage before the snow flies. Winkler reviewed latest information on the Fair. They are addressing concerns over fund raising. The Fair cannot charge at the gate because the City does not want them to charge at Pioneer Park. A fund raising event at CT's Deli is on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. A second event will take place at Pat's Tavern on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. On July 6, there will be an outdoor movie at Pioneer Park to raise funds. Different businesses will be sponsoring the fund raising. The Pallet contest was discontinued, but the Ugly Lamp contest will continue this year. The City will be flattening and smoothing out the area around where the Entertainment stage is located. The ground was uneven by the stage and there were tree roots above ground. The Committee requested that the City contract should be renewed by the October meeting. Long-Range plans and course of action continues where Alexander is overseeing their progress. The parade over the July 4 holiday will take place in both Rhinelander and Minocqua. Winkler would like to see if a County Board member will be a part of the Fair board next year. Winkler asked for volunteers from the County Board to make a donation.

**Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:**

Motion by Jensen/VanRaalte to accept agenda items a and b as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Office Air Environment- Sewer Fumes and Airport Conference Room Update- Matt Leitner:**

Howard Brothers Plumbing came to the Airport last week to assess matters and Leitner will give the Committee an update with their final report later this month. Bids in June for the new waiting area are in place. The construction will begin in October of this year. At that time, all piping and plumbing replaced, which ultimately could correct the sewer smell problem. Leitner removed the carpet cleaner from the utility closet downstairs, which had a very bad odor. The odor is coming from the old restaurant where the new secure area will be located. All the plumbing will be replaced when new restrooms are built in the secure area of the lobby. The conference room work for re-decorating plans will continue to replace the wallpaper, carpet and paint the walls after August.

**Wisconsin Association of County Extension Committees (WACEC) Resolution:**

The instructions for the WACEC Dissolution asked that each CUW Committee member vote yes, by placing their signature on the Consent Resolution form. No signature represents a "no" vote. A list of the CUW Committee members will be sent along with the signature page to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**Educator Update- Kubacki:**

Kubacki distributed data on teen court cases, closed or in progress in Oneida County, divided by school district, gender, race, and age. Further details reveal the type of offense and if the parent or guardian were in attendance. For cases completed, approximately 86% successfully completed their teen court case. Survey responses showed that 66% of people felt cases were handled in a fair manner and were satisfied with the sanctions received. Kubacki wishes to see if teen court has impacted teen's lives. Most youth felt teen court did make a difference but fewer adults felt this way. Students felt the sanctions were helpful. Most teen court panelists, 90%, felt they were doing something good for their community. Some students found that being a panelist was difficult because they did not like missing class. Panelists related that some respondents were not engaged in the process, giving only one word answers. They did not always take it seriously. The school needs to be more actively involved, was a comment of one committee member. Most teen

offenses take place at school, found by the school officers. Kubacki feels counselors and assistant principals, and Trauma Informed Education, included in monthly meetings at the school. They want to ensure that this quality program continues. The referral process for teen court participants will include sponsors in the future. The Committee would like to see more help given to Kubacki to perform other aspects of her Positive Youth Development position.

**FoodWise Agreement Letter:**

This agreement letter has not changed since last year and Karly Harrison sent it to ask for approval. Jensen/VanRaalte made a motion to approve the FoodWise Agreement letter as presented. All ayes; motion approved.

**Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:**

VanRaalte/Jensen moved to accept items a and b, for monthly budget reports and expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Extension will report to the Full County Board next week on June 18, 2019 for their annual report.

**Items to Include on next Agenda:**

LWRM and public hearing updates. Follow up on further responses on CAFOs and Septage issues. LWCD update. Fair Report/Discussion, City Contract with the Fair. Follow up on LRES meeting regarding Extension support staff. Additional help for Kubacki to complete/perform her position. Office Air update. Funding opportunity update for LWCD and UW Extension.

**Adjournment:**

Mott adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

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Bob Mott, Committee Chair