

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
May 13, 2019
Minutes

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

Others present: Steve Nelson, Andrea Rippley, Sara Richie, Karly Harrison, Myles Alexander, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenuue, Jim Tharman, Karl Jennrich, Fred Heider, Jason Rhodes, Fred Andrist, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was posted properly and the facility handicapped accessible.

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

Approve Minutes:

Jensen/Winkler made a motion to approve 04/11/19 CUW Committee meeting minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Monday, June 10, 2019	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room
Monday, July 15, 2019	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room

Airport Conference Room:

Airport Manager, Matt Leitner was unable to attend today.

USDA Wildlife Damage Program Update:

Jim Tharman presented the proposal to approve a permanent fence. The area is 4,898 projected linear feet or 35.8 acres, which amounts to \$29,388 at \$6.00 a linear foot. WDACP will pay 75% of the total cost, which is \$22,041. The landowner will pay the other 25% or balance. Upon County approval, it will go to the State where they will be looking at the cost effectiveness of a proposed fence installation over the cumulative costs of temporary fencing and repairs of \$60,500. The dollars saved would be approximately \$38,459. The proposed fence is in the Starks area for a Christmas tree farm. Jensen/VanRaalte made a motion to approve the permanent fence as discussed. All ayes; motion carried.

Tharman excused 1:30 p.m.

Bear Lake District Report – Robb Jensen:

They had a meeting in April and everything went well, however the draft of minutes was not available. Included was a report on the stocking of Walleye in Bear Lake.

Report on Lakes Convention – Jim Winkler:

A snowy convention attended by Winkler in Stevens Point on April 10 and 11. He received good information about Thunder Lake. Kate Bauman spoke about the value of technological services related to decision making on water issues on lakes. He attended a workshop on social media and learned about the condition of dams in Wisconsin from a DNR presentation. Stephanie Boismenuue had a poster presentation on Ice Anglers Survey called Frozen Down Under, and shared some slides. Sandy Wickman, from the DNR, who has judged Land and Water's AIS posters and Northwoods invasive species posters in the past, requested 25 posters to be on display for the Wisconsin Lakes Convention. Wickman offered to pay for the mounting of the posters and over 400 people were able to view them. Winkler thanked the conservation department for their efforts at the convention.

Cost to Department for Archiving Open Records – Social Media – Winkler/Boismenu

Jason Rhodes, from IT, attended meeting to give input regarding this subject. Winkler's concern was that he was attempting to look up some information on the AIS Facebook page, as he has done in the past and he could no longer access it. He learned from Boismenu that she had to take down the page due to storage issues. Boismenu explained that substantial costs were involved in storing the social media external pages, where funding it became an issue. This is a tool she would like to continue using. Boismenu asks at a workshop how people found out about it, and about 20% said they learned about it from Facebook. The problem is the cost and archiving information and Mott asked Rhodes for his input.

Rhodes said the IT Department is by law, required to have open records available and the County is required to archive all county websites and social media accounts. They must use an outside vendor for social media accounts. This year it costs \$300 for each account. Rhodes said they are still archiving for AIS and still being charged. Boismenu stated that the site is "disabled" not taken down completely. Websites are \$750 per year and LWCD used funding for this purpose. The LWCD currently has two websites and they have the option to migrate the information of one of them onto the County Website, where the County can do the hosting and archiving. The County cannot do social media. If AIS website goes onto the County website, they will do away with the Facebook account. For open records requests, the data has to be available for seven years.

Presentation & Discussion of DRAFT of 2020-2029 LWRM Plan:

Fred Heider reviewed the two resource advisory committee meetings, which helped them create their goals and objectives for the LWRM Plan. Michele and Fred then updated the data and work plan for the next ten years in a draft, which ultimately will be adopted by Land and Water Board at DATCP, on August 6, 2019. In the meantime, final comments on the draft were presented to the Committee, to review and make any changes, as soon as possible. Once final changes are made, it will go be posted two times in the newspaper and then go to public hearing. The public hearing date is set for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 5, held in the County Board Room. If adopted by DATCP, the final plan will be presented for approval will be at the County Board. The purpose is to receive annual money from DATCP to fund the LWCD department.

Alan Van Raalte reviewed some editing errors with the Committee. Mott asked about substance of the report. Mining is touched upon on page 52 and also in Goal #1 on page 43. A new GIS map will be included in the final draft, which will include any impaired lakes in the County. After this meeting, any further comments need to be sent to Sadauskas or Heider by May 15. If by public hearing date, there are no further questions, this Committee could approve it at that time, if they have a quorum.

LWDC Update:

Upcoming workshops and events for the LWDC department were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. It is a listing all the events for May and June. Three Committee members can attend any of these events, avoiding a quorum.

CAFOs Concentrated Animal Feed Operations Ordinance Update:

An update on State rules, Jennrich printed off the regulations from the State of Wisconsin. He asked if the Committee would like a State DATCP representative to come and speak at a meeting about CAFOs and if so, Jennrich can schedule it for the next meeting. The process of researching how other counties handle CAFOs will begin soon. There are three un-zoned towns in Oneida County, and if a CAFO were to look at those sites, it would be a logical first choice. DATCP has the job of regulating and the permitting process, not the County. Mott asked that Jennrich contact DATCP for a template on CAFOs for the County or have DATCP could come present to the Committee next month.

Septage Disposal:

A letter was sent to the DNR, who is in charge of enforcement. Fourteen names were copied on Mott's letter to the DNR regarding the septage complaint from the Stella area. Septage disposal by one company was violating the law by applying septage onto frozen or snow covered ground. Mott only received one response from Connie Antioch from the DNR, who stated that the conservation warden position was vacated for that area which caused a delay responding to the complaint. Mott is to receive a response from the DNR after May 14.

Consent Agenda for Land and Water:

Jensen/Winkler made a motion to accept items a, b, and c as presented. No line item transfers. The Committee should contact Sadauskas, if they plan on attending any of the events. No more than three can attend to avoid a quorum. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: Jennrich, Sadauskas, Heider, Boismenu, and Simac 2:20 p.m.

County Fair Report Update/Discussion:

Jim Winkler: A new Fair Committee member, Amanda Wendt, has experience working at the Hodag Festival, where she worked behind the scenes to promote the festival venues. She will be the media specialist for the Fair. Winkler thanked Myles Alexander for his help on setting the vision for the Fair and working on a Strategic Planning Session. They recently participated in a SWAT exercise to address ideas and plans to get things accomplished for the Fair.

Winkler presented the new 2019 Sponsorship guide created by Tom Barnett. He asked the Committee members to share the Sponsorship guide with their towns or business contacts. In the past, general monetary donations from businesses and individuals funded payment for entertainers for the Fair. This year, businesses can sponsor a specific entertainer, or musical group that will perform at the Fair. Sponsorship will have three levels, Funnel Cake, which is the highest level, Cotton Candy level two, and the Sno-Cone as level three. Regular donations will continue to be accepted.

Winkler complimented Fred Andrist on his efforts for the Fair. Andrist continues to pursue a plan for a different Fair site in the future. He requested a Fair Credit/Debit card to the Finance Department and has a second meeting scheduled with Darcy Smith on Friday, May 17. Andrist asked for committee support to obtain a Fair credit card. The request will have to go before the Administration Committee. Card approval is more likely if only specific people are authorized to use the card and only for designated purchases. Andrist will attend Building and Grounds meeting on May 20 regarding storage issues.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

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

UW Extension Annual Report – Draft

Steve Nelson reviewed the handout distributed for the 2018 annual review. The educators will review with the Committee today what they plan to present to the County Board in June. Nelson will give an introductory piece about Extension. There will not be a power point presentation but a hand out will show that 101 programs were provided throughout Oneida County. Extension worked with 20 partnering agencies and 78 volunteers in 4-H and Master Gardeners. There 7,622 people were engaged in duplicated services and 3,610 people were served. Each educator gave a two minute speech on the aspects of their program. Afterwards the Committee gave feedback and asked that the educator services should show how each service benefits the county. Educators should show how they bring resources and information to the County. Each person should state their position and the purpose of their programs. They should specifically state which towns they serve. Inform the county board members about where the educators are serving. A pending trifold brochure will list specific programs and their impact to the community. The services specific to this county could be a different color of print, showing exclusively benefits to the County. Last year the Area Director and one educator presented, but this year all staff will present to give the Board a better understanding of who the educators are and what they are doing. A question and answer period will follow.

Educator Updates:

The educators gave their program updates to the Committee as will be presented next month to the Board.

Ripley: Gave an update on the Microsoft grant informational meeting in June. Clover Day Camp for Oneida County is on June 12 at Pioneer Park grades K-3. The 4-H Camp Counselors Training was completed. The counselors will be confident in their roles and are ready for camp.

Alexander: The 2018 mining information, collaborated with Stacy Johnson, was main focus. He prepared the engagement plan and oversaw the public engagement work. Alexander developed a pool of 30 experts and representative stakeholders in which 14 participated in an issue mapping day and 8 evaluated the information received. He conducted three focus groups and community forums with the input of approximately 62 people. He launched an

informational website on mining, published and dispersed information around the county, and distributed materials to the media and press.

Harrison: FoodWise is part of the Health and Well Being Institute of Extension. It is a federally funded program through the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program Education or SNAP-Ed. These funds pay for their salaries, benefits and programing costs for Oneida County staff. They are an obesity prevention program that works with families with limited financial resources. They teach families how to prepare healthy meals and to promote eating fruits and vegetables. There are 8000 people in the county under the federal poverty level who benefit from the program. They reach people through the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, the Department on Aging, Head Start and Rhinelander Elementary Schools to provide nutrition education. They worked with 5th graders and found vegetable consumption improved after the program.

Richie: By 2040, a third of the population in Oneida County will be 65 years old or older. Addressing the needs of that aging population and their families is a critical part of maintaining community health and wellness, preventing public health issues and supporting economic productivity and development across the aged spectrum. The Strong Bodies Program addresses the health needs of this population by increasing strength, health, and reducing falls. It increases social connectedness. In 2018, 183 community members participated in one or more of six Strong Bodies programs offered in Oneida County.

Office Air Environment:

For the month of May, there were eleven reports filed. Two were for diesel fumes and nine of the reports were for sewer odors. The problem appears to be a venting issue. Address whether the Airport has hired a professional plumber to investigate this specific sewer odor in basement.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

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

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Airport Conference room update and request for report from a plumber on sewer fumes. Model for CAFOs and Septage, Further responses to DNR Letter to DNR, LWRM and public hearing update, LWCD update, Report on the hearing for the LWC Long Discussion/Action. Fair Report/Discussion. FoodWise support Letter, Carrie Kubacki will present her educator update, and Office Air.

Adjournment:

Mott adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair