

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee

October 8, 2018

Amended Minutes

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

Others present: Steve Nelson, Karly Johnson, Sara Richie, Myles Alexander, Mary Stys, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenu, Karl Jennrich, Jim Tharman, Fred Andrist, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. noting it was properly posted. The facility is handicapped accessible.

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

Approve Minutes: Van Raalte/Winkler made a motion to approve the 9/10/18 minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of Future meetings:

November 12, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room
December 10, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room

Conference Room Discussion - Airport Manager-Matthew Leitner:

Leitner addressed the sewer fumes reported by UW-Extension and OCEDC. The Airport hired a new contractor, Howard Brothers, from Woodruff, WI, who identified some lines that were not capped and repaired some blocked vents. Mott asked if there are any plans to redecorate the Extension conference room. The estimate for new conference room furniture to replace the existing worn out furniture was submitted to the Buildings and Grounds, pending the 2019 budget. It is important that the appearance of the conference room makes a good impression on the many public groups that use it. Leitner requested the Committee and Extension to submit their ideas on what updating the décor would entail. Basic improvements such as having the walls painted would be supported. Mott asked if Leitner if the Airport might cover some cost of the new furniture if it does not pass the budget process. Leitner responded he perhaps might consider helping with that cost.

Wildlife Damage 2019 Budget:

Jim Tharman stated the only change in the 2019 budget is a 1.9% increase in salaries, to match the cost of living and a 10% increase in abatement. There may have to be a budget amendment later in 2019 due to potentially two more fences that may go up but they are not reflected in the presented budget. When the cost is determined, he will come back and present that budget amendment. A motion to approve the 2019 Wildlife Damage Budget as presented was made by Winkler/Van Raalte.

Wildlife Damage Cooperative Services Agreement:

There are no changes in the agreement from the past. It spells out rules and responsibilities for all involved in the agreement. This agreement is renewed every five years. Van Raalte/Ives made a motion to approve the Wildlife Damage Cooperative Services Agreement. All ayes; motion carried.

Squash Lake District and Bear Lake District Reports – Robb Jensen: Rescheduled to next month

Mid Lake District Report – Bob Mott:

The annual meeting went by without any controversy and he noted they have a new president, Ed Bruner. There was discussion on the replacement of the weed harvester at the September 10 meeting. There are two companies that

produce the large harvesters and conveyors where bids came in at \$231,000 and \$221,000 for a new harvesting system. There is a 50% split with the State on the cost of these harvesters. The district has a good amount of money saved and he believes they will look at the two bids. The district will sell the old harvester.

Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM) 2020-2029:

Sadauskas provided an update on Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan Update. They have been gathering names for the Resource Advisory Committee. Fred Heider, NCWRPC, and Sadauskas have found it is difficult to include cranberry growers because it is currently harvesting time. They will be in contact with potato growers for their representation. They have not had a good response from small scale farmers such as McLaughlin or EverGood Farms. Sadauskas reviewed a list of people they have on the committee so far. They will have representatives from WVIC and NRCS, Ed Hammer, Town of Newbold, Tracy Beckmann from RC&D, and others. The week of October 29 will be their first meeting. The second meeting will be Nov 26-30, tentatively. The two meetings will address goals and objectives and how they look with their current plan.

LWCD Annual Report – Michele Sadauskas:

A draft of the 2017 Annual Report was distributed to the Committee. The final copy will go to the County Board later this October. The grants total \$208,401, which include the DATCP staffing Grant, Wildlife Damage, Cost Share Program, DNR AIS Program Grant, Bayer Pollinator Grant, and SARE Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Grant. The wildlife damage report is included in this report, which included a \$20,000 fencing budget from 2017. AIS is highlighted in the reports due to the amount of education outreach and management going on with the program. The report highlighted the student poster and speaking contest, which has been very successful and fun.

DNR AIS Grant Resolution:

Boismenu reviewed the application for a one-year grant to the DNR for the AIS education, planning and prevention program. The State share for the 2019 AIS grant is 75% and the County portion is 25%. The Department is asking for a total of \$38,263.00. A total of 600 hours will be the AIS Coordinator's time to oversee the project and 100 hours will be logged by volunteers. The grant will fund LTE salaries, purchased services, travel/mileage expenses and general supplies. The LTE's will be required to perform 625 hours of Clean Boats. Van Raalte/Winkler made motion to approve the consent agenda resolution and move on to the County Board for their approval. All ayes; motion carried.

Mining Update – Karl Jennrich:

Jennrich gave a composition of MOLIC that will be forwarded to the Administration Committee. It was proposed to consist of the County Board Chair, Jennrich listed who would be on that committee. It ultimately is the decision of the Administration Committee. Mott updated who will be on the Eagle Mine tour. Dave Hintz and Richard Moore cannot attend. There was discussion about laws concerning quorum issues. There will be eleven county staff attending. The referendum is on the 6th and a press release on public deliberation forum participation. An update on the mining information will be provided by Myles Alexander. The Press conference was on October 5. There will be Public deliberative forums on October 10 and 11. Mott named the people who will make up the Advisory Panel: Ken Bradbury, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, UW Extension, Steve Donohue, Foth and Van Dyke, Phillip Freeburg, Local Government Center-UW Extension, Derek Heikkinen North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Tom Jerow, Wisconsin Green Fire, Larry Konopacki, Stafford Rosenbaum, Paul McGinley, Center for Watershed Science and Education, Zoe McManama, WDNR Bureau of Environmental Analysis & Sustainability, and Eric Olson. UW Extension will distribute the information that Myles provided to Mott. The ballot question is: After performing their due diligence, should Oneida County allow Lynn Site.

Consent Agenda for Land and Water:

- a. Approve out-of-county travel requests
- b. Approve monthly budget report(s)
- c. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.

The Lumberjack meeting is on November 1. Jensen/Van Raalte made a motion to accept items a, b, and c as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: Jennrich and Sadauskas excused at 10:15 a.m.

County Fair Report– Jim Winkler:

Winkler reviewed the regular business. Fred Andrist reviewed the budget process. They reviewed this year to have serious discussion about the Fair being self-funding and if they should stay at the current location of Pioneer Park. Andrist will be meeting with the new City Administrator regarding the current site or a new Fair Grounds. The Fair Committee members were surveyed about obtaining a new fair site and whether to explore that direction. The normal Fair will be scheduled next year ~~as~~ ~~it~~ and then start a budgeting process towards their own future Fair site. The goal has been to be self-sustaining within five years. If the Fair remains at Pioneer Park it would require infrastructure improvements. The Hodag Music Festival has one county structure on the grounds. Storage is the most pressing issue. The trolley is being moved out of the current location. There is Bldgs. & Grounds meeting on the 15th to discuss storage. The River street site has storage available where it would cost \$900 per year to store the trolley. They need a place to store the trolley, a small trailer, and a tent. Darcy Smith is estimating that they are slightly over budget around \$536. The proposal to keep the budget at the same dollar amount was made at the Budget Hearing. The increase in the Fair Budget was not approved. Mott suggested to list in-kind Fair donations. More budget information should be provided to the County Board meeting. The Year-end report is due December 31, 2018 ~~goes to DATCP~~ and they will present a report to the County Board.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

- a. Monthly Budget Report
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders/vendor contracts

A motion was made by Van Raalte/Jensen to accept line items a and b as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

- a. Approve monthly budget reports
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.

Jensen/Winkler moved to accept the monthly budget report and monthly expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Teen Court Coordinator Update:

Lynn Feldman started as an LTE with the county on Sept 15. She trains teen court panelists to bring them up to speed. Feldman will not be involved in the case management the remainder of this year. The clerical portion of Teen Court details were presented to Social Services, which meet the fourth Tuesday of month, and follow up is pending.

Positive Youth Development Educator Position:

The State has approved a full- time position split between Oneida and Langlade Counties where the Committee will need to accept this position for Oneida County at 50%. The position description was approved last month. It was formalized by Art Lersch last week. The recruitment has to be sent to the Institute at the State level first. It will be housed out of the Human Health and Well Being Institute, where the director will need to speak with Positive Youth Development, John Demontmollin. Nelson has not received any further update.

Program Assistant Update:

The LRES Committee reviewed and denied the request for the position to go from part-time to full-time at their last meeting. A proposed work/needs study could be performed and when completed, the CUW Committee can revisit a full-time position request after the study. The position description was updated to cover the current duties of the Program Assistant. The Committee want to know what this time study entails. A motion was made by Jensen/Winkler for Steve Nelson to contact Lisa Charbarneau in LRES to conduct a work/needs study for the program assistant position and then provide an electronic draft of the results to Nelson and the CUW Committee before November 1. All ayes; motion carried.

136 Contract for UW-Extension:

A draft of the contract was distributed to the Committee members. Corporate Counsel will have to approve. Final signatures will be presented in November. The figures have to be run through the Dean, it will go to County Board Chair and final budget will be approved in December. The \$10,000 discount is guaranteed for 2019. The Committee will read over and address at next meeting. Wisconsin Counties Association added section B, liability language issues, regarding County or UW-Extension issues.

2019 Budget:

Teen Court-Training and Education will be addressed by the Positive Youth Dev. position where \$10,000 is budgeted towards that. Social services could cover case management but they will be asking for funding. They are setting money aside for

has a list of county contacts available where testimonials of UW-Extension could be offered. There may be programs that have to be cut due to revenue caps. An efficiency study looks at public safety/public health and may not apply in the same way to UW-Extension.

Work Needs Study for Support Staff:

LRES sent out forms from Carlson Dettman that were completed by both the support staff for the work needs study. The study will be at a cost of \$12,000 where it will assess any county positions that require job re-classifications.

Educator Reports:

Mary Stys was introduced as the Nutritional Educator with FoodWise for Forest and Oneida County. Stys formerly worked in Forest and Vilas Counties. She facilitated the Master Gardener course in Vilas County was involved in the Snap-Ed and FoodWise programs in Forest County. This week she has visited Head Start and the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry.

Sara Richie will present the Cancer, Clear and Simple program at Rhinehaus and will possibly start a Taking Care of You, which is an eight-hour program. Minocqua Library Strong Bones programs will not be charging for classes.

Myles Alexander is providing information about mining. The Advisory panel is working well. He hopes to have documents on the website. The website launch was reviewed by Mott earlier in the meeting. Environmental groups will not associate with their program, who feel that it is too pro-growth. The PlaceSpeak website will show that participants have an Oneida County address. A poll asks if they are aware that a referendum is coming up. Channel 12 wants to air a show on how to sign up and a You-Tube demo will be available as well. Tomorrow there is a meeting at Nicolet for facilitators.

Andrea Rippley is working with Crescent Afterschool Program to conduct a Junior Master Gardener program. She wants to show all the things 4-H can do. She is working on setting up camp for next summer where all four counties can attend at one location. Rippley will be doing a needs assessment for both Oneida and Price counties. She has met with the Rhinelander area 4-H clubs. Last year there were 120 youth and 50 adults/volunteers involved in 4-H.

Office Air Environment:

Six reports were logged for sewer odors for September.

Public Comment: None

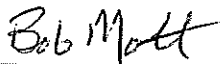
Items to Include on next Agenda:

Mining update, Cost Share, LWCD update, 2018 Teen court update, Community Youth Dev. Educator, Educator Update Office Air, Fair and Building & Grounds- storage facility discussion.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Winkler/Jensen to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Mott, Committee Chair


Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary