

Conservation/UWEX Education Committee
June 18, 2012
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Tom Rudolph, Jim Intrepidi, Greg Berard, and Bob Martini. Excused: Bob Mott and Clint Zimbeck.

Others present: Erica Brewster, Jean Hansen, Michele Sadauskas, Lisa Charbarneau and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by Chair Rudolph noting the meeting has been properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible.

Chairman's announcement: Rudolph noted this meeting is to discuss departmental management structure and financial issues.

Approve agenda: Motion by Berard/Intrepidi to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Fair contracts: Werres reviewed contracts for approval: Tuck Pence, Primitive Culture, Bill Hassey Orchestra, Liz Gregory Talent International, Red Head Express/Walker Family, Fiddlers Four, Bobby Bullett. Total cost \$5,450. Motion by Martini/Berard to approve the fair contracts as proposed. All ayes; motion carried.

Management of staffing and department structures for the Oneida County Land & Water

Conservation Department and Oneida County UW-Extension: Discussion was held regarding future of staffing and structure for both departments. Kathy Miller, Interim Northern District Director, joined the meeting via telephone. Several scenarios were discussed in detail, highlighting pros and cons of each as well exploring the combining budgets.

Brewster reviewed spreadsheet of UW and LWC proposed changes and handout of talking points in detail. It was noted the LRES Committee has agreed to fill the County Conservationist and CNRED positions at 100%.

It was the committee's consensus that a joint meeting with the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee would be beneficial.

Motion Martini/Intrepdi directing staff to prepare resolution to recreate the conservationist position at 100%. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to request a joint meeting with LRES Committee on July 16 or July 25. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comments: None.

Items for next agenda: Joint meeting, resolution.

Adjournment: Motion by Intrepidi/Berard to adjourn at 4:11 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Thomas Rudolph, Chair