

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
October 6, 2008
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Paul Dean, Wilbur Petroskey, Tom Rudolph and Romelle Vandervest. Absent: Denny Thompson, excused.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Jim Winkler, Jim Kumbera and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Paul Dean.

Approve agenda: Motion by Rudolph/Vandervest to approve the agenda for the day. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Petroskey/Rudolph to approve the minutes of September 8, 2008 as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

November 13, 2008	9 a.m.	Extension meeting room
December 8, 2008	9 a.m.	Extension meeting room

Monthly budget report: None.

Approve monthly invoices: Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the departmental invoices and the invoices for the Oneida County Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

OCEDC update: Jim Kumbera distributed copies of a handout from Competitive WI, Inc. Bill McCoshen, Senior Vice President of Capitol Consultants will speak at the OCDEC meeting on October 8, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

Kumbera has received the first draft report from Indigo Development regarding the business park. The review group will meet on Friday to review the report and will begin circulating that document following that meeting for public comment. A public meeting will be held in November and marketing/feasibility studies will be completed at that time. Two separate meetings for government agencies and private industry in the area will be held after that. Discussion followed.

WNEP Coordinator position: Kuzlik reported over 40 applications were received for the WNEP Coordinator position for Oneida/Langlade Counties. Preliminary interviews for six applicants were held in Stevens Point on Friday. Final interviews are scheduled for 10/29/08 in Antigo with two or three applicants participating. Kuzlik requested two committee members participate in the interviews. Vandervest volunteered to do so. Kuzlik will forward her the information to review as soon as possible.

Update on 2009 personnel requests: Kuzlik reported the 4H/Youth Development Summer Coordinator/Horticulture Assistant LTE position was brought before the LRES Committee for approval in September. At that time Kuzlik was asked to reconstruct the job description and eliminate all 4-H duties except for horticulture items relating directly to the Fair. Ison presented the new job description at the LRES Committee meeting on 9/30/08 and received approval for 280 hours of horticulture support during the summer months of 2009.

Poverty Matters workshop recap: Kuzlik and Mcgee presented a session during the Poverty Matters workshop in Appleton. Their presentation was based on the poverty documentary, sharing synopsis of the video plus a segment regarding transportation. Kuzlik also spoke about the tri-county transportation survey project, its results and the effort to put together a regional, rural transportation system. Kuzlik felt a short presentation to the County Board showing the synopsis of the video would be appropriate. Discussion followed.

Oneida County Fair planning: Kuzlik noted the planning team has not yet met but 2009 dates have been set for August 13-15. Winkler has confirmed this date with Hodag 50. Winkler noted all planning is speculative at this time based on county budget approval of funds. Kuzlik will request remaining 2008 funds be carried over to 2009.

Teen Court: Winkler reported a planning meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss the logistics of the program. Dean noted he spoke with Chief Steffes who indicated the City is waiting to see what happens at the County level before moving forward. Discussion followed.

Nature Trail invitation: Winkler has scheduled a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Airport Nature Trail at 1 p.m. on October 21. Hodag paw prints were painted across the parking lot leading to the trailhead. The City delivered additional wood chips for the trail and a local business has donated a bench. Signage is not complete at this time. Winkler indicated the trail can be used during winter months; however, no maintenance or grooming will be done. Committee members proposed a time change for the ribbon cutting in case the board meeting lasts longer than 1 p.m. so board members wishing to participate may do so.

Monthly agent reports: Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the monthly agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Kuzlik:

10/3/08	WNEP preliminary interviews	Stevens Point*
10/9-10/08	WCEA Conference presentation	Green Bay**
10/28/08	Regional Manufacturer's dinner meeting	Mercer*
10/29/08	WNEP final interviews	Antigo*
11/5-7/08	UWEX Leadership Academy	Madison**

Winkler:

11/11-14/08	WI Rural Leadership Program	Milwaukee**
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Vandervest:

10/29/08 WNEP final interviews

Antigo*

*county expense
**district/state expense
***grant/other expense

Motion by Petroskey/Rudolph to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Northern District Director update: Kuzlik reported John Preissing has taken a three-year leave of absence from the University to take a position with the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization as their Senior Officer, Extension Systems position. He will be based in Rome, Italy. Kathy Miller will serve as Interim Director until the position is permanently filled.

WACEC PILD representative nominations: Committee members received information in their packets. Each district has a representative and an alternate to participate in the PILD Conference in Washington, DC. District 4 will make the final selection from the nominations they received. Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to nominate Rudolph as a PILD delegate. All ayes; motion carried. Ison will forward the nomination on to the Northern District Office.

Public comment: None.

Items for next agenda: Budget hearing report, update on Fair, WNEP position update.

Adjournment: Motion by Rudolph/Vandervest to adjourn at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Paul Dean, Chair