

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
November 13, 2014
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Bob Mott, Jim Intrepidi, Robb Jensen, and Scott Holewinski. Absent: Clint Zimbeck.

Others present: Tim Brown, Jean Hansen, Michele Sadauskas, Fred Heider, Lynn Feldman, Nancy Gehrig, Merry Lehner.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:30 p.m. noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

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

Date(s) of future meetings:

December 8, 2014	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
January 12, 2015	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

Approve Minutes: Motion by Jensen/Holewinski to approve the minutes of 10/20/14. All ayes; motion was carried.

Land & Water Conservation Department Long-Range Plan

Jan Hansen presented Resource Management Plan 2012-2016 Work Plan. Yellow shaded items on the report are plans currently being worked on and into 2015. Blue designates long term plans. Annual report, in spring of the year, shows items that have been completed.

Goal 1 Slow the spread of invasive species. Short discussion on EAB followed.

Goal 2 Protect shoreline areas. No duplication of services; Planning and Zoning looks at construction issues, but Land and Water is more from a conservation aspect.

Goal 3 Restore Shorelands.

Goal 4 Reduce sources of nonpoint source water pollution.

Goal 5 Educate the public about groundwater quality.

Goal 6 Protect the lake ecosystems from recreational pressure degradation.

Goal 7 Improve forest silviculture for multiple uses.

Goal 8 Promote on-line resource information distribution.

Goal 9 Minimize impacts on our natural resources from mining activities.

Goal 10 Reduce wildlife conflicts.

All appreciate the work being done on this plan. Plan has to be submitted by December 15, 2014. Requested that an additional column showing tasks accomplished be added to the report. A motion made by Jensen/Holewinski to accept the Oneida County Land and Water Resource Plan Long Range Plan through 2016. All ayes; motion carried.

Repurpose request for purchase of a canoe

Administration approved money for purchase of this canoe; it has been paid for, so committee's question has been addressed.

WACEC: Bob Mott was interviewed today. He should hear back mid-December for this visit to Washington DC for a leadership conference. Would meet with Congressman Duffy to lobby for UW Extension and all the things the Extension does. The conference is in April.

Update on Regional Planning Commission Study: (Agenda Item 13)

Planning commission met with Feldman and Brown November 12th. Documents were sent and reviewed in advance about plans of work and staffing levels historically. A discussion on what sort of work the department does and how they determine which work is performed was presented. An outline of each staff member's duties was reviewed. The interviewers indicated that they are unclear what the final product the LRES is expecting from them. They will meet with LRES in December to talk more specifically about what will be reported. Final results are targeted for mid-January. Jean Hansen also met with them yesterday and reported on department functions as well. It was a good discussion.

The committee had further discussion on what the expectations are of the study and what direction will be taken as a result. It is unclear what the LRES wants to know from the study. The committee concluded that some clarification is needed. A memo shall be drafted to LRES inquiring what the format of the study is and its purpose. Tom Rudolph will approve final memo and submit it to LRES. It was agreed to invite Lisa Charbarneau to December 8th meeting.

Jean excused 4:20

2015 UW Extension Long-Range Plan Update

Brown presented long-range plan that is submitted to the county annually. The plan consists of seven elements that the county looks for each year. It is not the full plan document. The departmental plan outlines the three agents with current, short term to long term goals to match up with the seven elements. They do focus on numbers, but this report reflects what county is looking for. This is completed once a year and goes with guiding documents of more detail. Motion Made by Jensen/Mott to approve the UW Extension long-range plan update. All ayes; motion carried.

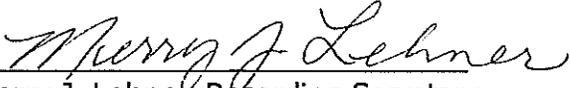
Office Space/Air Quality: The wall construction was supposed to be completed last month. The masonry bricks are here and the area is cleared, but bricks have not been moved into the building. New UW-Extension signs have been ordered as discussed during line item transfers. Signs will be placed under the Welcome to the Airport sign outside.

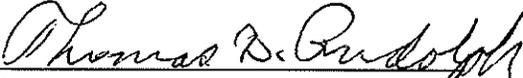
Public comment: County Government workshop went well last night. Response was positive.

Items for next agenda: Recap on 2014 Fair final report from last meeting and update on budget. Include LRES update.

Adjournment: Motion by Jensen/Intrepidi to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Merry J. Lehnel, Recording Secretary


Thomas Rudolph, Committee Chair