

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
September 3, 2009
Minutes

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

Others present: John Potters, Jim Kumbera, Dan Kuzlik, Jim Winkler, Kari Lazars, Jim Lillis and guest, Kerri Ison.

Approve agenda: Motion by Rudolph/Petroskey to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

October 13, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
November 3, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
December 8, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

OCDEC monthly update: Kumbera has been dealing with NR115, the new shoreland zoning issue which will affect many businesses in Oneida County. He estimates 95% of businesses in Minocqua/Woodruff and 75% in Three Lakes will be affected by this new ruling. Cities and villages are exempt from this new rule. Kumbera reviewed some things that can be done as far as exemptions from the rule and tax credits. This new law will largely hamper all future development/re-development and cause costs to skyrocket.

Kumbera encouraged individuals to attend a NR115 listening session to voice concerns and noting there is a listening session tonight at Three Lakes High School. A public hearing will be held in Madison and personal communications can be submitted to the public hearing record. Kumbera will provide Ison with contact information to submit written comments. Lengthy discussion followed.

Monthly budget report: Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 8/31/09 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices: Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the monthly department invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Oneida County Fair invoices: Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Oneida County Fair report: Kuzlik indicated initial figures indicate a carry over balance of about \$8,000 after all expenses are paid. Attendance was great with over 10,000 people attending. He noted there were issues with the carnival and the Planning Committee hopes to address the location change as well as a change in dates to avoid conflicts with neighboring county fairs.

Approve Fair Committee members: Jennifer Talley has applied and worked with the Committee during the 2009 fair but has not been approved at this time. Application will be brought to October meeting for approval.

Hodag 50 lease: Based on this year's success, Kuzlik indicated the Fair Planning Team wishes to permanently move the Oneida County Fair from the Hodag 50 grounds to Pioneer Park. This Committee must authorize Corporation Counsel to begin the negotiation process. Motion by Rudolph/Petroskey to proceed with negotiating out of the Hodag 50 lease. All ayes; motion carried. Kuzlik will contact Desmond to begin this process.

2010 departmental budget: Kuzlik presented a zero based budget except for salaries. He noted there is an increase in the employee travel line item which has been an issue for several years and is using savings from agent's furlough days. Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the 2010 department budget as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

2010 Fair budget: Committee members wondered if there is a way to track the sales tax impact during the fair. Discussion followed. Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the 2010 budget for the Oneida County Fair as presented.

Leadership Oneida County: Kuzlik provided information on Leadership Oneida County, a leadership program being sponsored by UW-Extension and the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce. Program is one day per month for nine months. Participants will gain leadership skills to help them start a business, run for office, join a civic organization, etc. The cost for the program is \$350 which includes program, materials and lunch/breaks. The program is open to 20 applicants with two 50% scholarships available. Applications are available at the UWEX and RACC offices. The program has been advertised in the paper, on TV-12, RACC and MAVACC have sent information to their membership, etc.

Teen Court: Winkler hopes to hold a planning committee meeting in mid-October at which a governing council will be formed and the youth will give a presentation. Winkler has also met with Three Lakes High School principal regarding the formation of a court there. Discussion followed. Dean indicated the District Attorney's office may abolish the Restorative Justice program which will send more participants to the Teen Court program.

Monthly agent reports: Lazars indicated family income levels are falling, due to the economy, allowing her program to reach more people. Oneida County statistics have stayed the same but Langlade County increased programming by three schools. The number of families qualifying for free/reduced lunch has increased and the number of food stamp recipients has doubled in Oneida County since 2000. Discussion followed.

Motion by Thompson/Petroskey to approve the agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Kuzlik:

9/22/09

Leadership Oneida County

Tomahawk*

9/24/09

State Tenure Workshop

Stevens Point*

Winkler:

9/13-18/09	WI Rural Leadership Program	Colorado**
9/25-27/09	State Shooting Sports Training Team meeting	Stevens Point*

Terzinski:

9/16/09	4H Plus software training	Spooner*
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Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment: Kuzlik noted Extension staff (Kari Lazars and Corrine Michniak) is providing two out of the five programs being offered at the County's In-service on September 23, 2009.

Kuzlik requested a special meeting be held to address the Agent's 133 contracts. It was decided to meet at 9:15 a.m. in Committee Room #2 prior to County Board on 9/22/09.

Items for next agenda: TAG update, fair update, Leadership Oneida County, Hodag 50 lease.

Adjournment: Motion by Vandervest/Rudolph to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Paul Dean, Chair