

**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee**  
**April 12, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Romelle Vandervest, Paul Dean, Tom Rudolph, and Wilbur Petroskey. Excused: Denny Thompson, Mary Benbenek.

**Others present:** Dan Kuzlik, Erica Brewster, Jim Kumbera, Kari Lazars, and Kerri Ison.

**Call to order:** Chairman Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Rudolph/Petroskey to approve the agenda for today as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the minutes of 3/15/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Date(s) of future meetings:** Dates of future meetings will be set after new committee is seated.

**Oneida County Fair report:** Kuzlik reported planning continues to progress. Petroskey felt people are stepping forward and taking responsibility for certain aspects of the planning.

**Fair Coordinator LTE position:** At the March committee meeting, a general discussion/agreement was held/made regarding the creation of a Fair Coordinator LTE position. Managing the event takes a lot of time and is becoming more complicated.

Kuzlik presented a written request for a Fair Coordinator LTE position along with a position description and fiscal impact. The request is for 400 hours @ \$16/hour. A volunteer currently holds that position but if it becomes a paid position more direction can be given to that person. Kuzlik noted the Finance Committee approved additional funding for the 2010 budget. A portion of that funding will be used to fund this position—no additional funds are being requested. Discussion followed. Motion by Vandervest/Rudolph to approve the Fair Coordinator LTE position as presented. Discussion continued. All ayes; motion carried.

**Monthly invoices for Oneida County Fair:** None.

**Approve Fair Committee members:** None. There are currently two openings available.

**Approve Fair contracts:** None.

**Approve monthly budget report:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 3/31/10. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve monthly invoices:** Motion by Petroskey/Rudolph to approve the monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**OCEDC monthly update:** Kumbera reported the OCEDC Annual Luncheon will be held on 4/23/10 at Holiday Acres. Dick Leinenkugel, WI Department of Commerce, was scheduled to be the keynote speaker; however, he recently resigned his position. Kumbera is working to schedule Butch Johnson from Flambeau Papers in Park Falls as a replacement. Kuzlik noted Johnson was a speaker at 3rd Annual Research Summit and received great reviews.

**Letter to town chairs:** Kuzlik distributed copy of letter sent to town chairs providing information about our merged department and requesting time on their town meeting agendas to promote our services. He noted a PowerPoint presentation has been developed for this purpose. Rudolph suggested following up with the town clerks since they draft the agenda. He also feels this will help get the grassroots support that Extension needs.

**WACEC District meeting recap:** Rudolph and Petroskey participated in the virtual WACEC District Conference. Extension offices participated statewide and felt it worked quite well. Rudolph reviewed content of the meeting and noted WACEC, on the state level, is healthy and has a good leader and board members.

**Teen Court update:** None.

**Monthly agent reports:** Vandervest noted the Demmer Library is impressed with Brewster's work on their survey.

Lazers noted there are three teams who have submitted plans for the Cantastic contest and are soliciting donations to build their structure. Structures will be judged on creativity, number of cans, and public voting via canned good donations. Structures will be on display in the Trig's Riverwalk Center and all food will be donated to RAFFP.

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

**Out-of-county travel requests:**

Brewster:

4/16/10	"Build a Healthier Community" conference	Lac du Flambeau*
4/21/10	PACE Curriculum training	Stevens Point**
4/28/10	"Raising a Thinking Child" curriculum training	Stevens Point*

5/13-14/10 WI Humanities Council program conference Madison\*\*

Kuzlik:

4/14-15/10 International Council of Shopping Centers Madison\*\*

5/5-7/10 UWEX Downtown Development Team Madison\*\*

Winkler:

4/16/10 AODA Partnership Area meeting Lac du Flambeau\*

\*county expense

\*\*district/state expense

Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the out-of-county travel requests. Motion amended by Rudolph/Vandervest to include the March 5th WACEC meeting for committee members. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public comment:** Petroskey voiced his enjoyment of serving on this Committee and plans to enjoy his retirement. Rudolph thanked Petroskey for his work on behalf of Extension and WACEC throughout the years. The County owes him a debt of gratitude for all the work he has done.

**Next agenda:** Fair report.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Petroskey/Rudolph to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

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Paul Dean, Chair