

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday February 13th, 2013 10:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Frank Saal, R.Wayne Plant, Hans Breitenmoser Jr., James Alber

Excused Members:

Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Dan Marzu, Amanda Kostman, Tammy Hansen, Meghan Young, Art Lersch, Laurie Groskopf

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The Land Information, Conservation & U-W Extension committee meeting was called to order by Chair Saal at 10:03 am.

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 10th, 2013 Committee Meeting

Motion by Saal second by Plant to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2013 committee meeting. Motion carried.

3. Public comment

Laurie Groskopf introduced herself as a Conservation Congress representative and encouraged attendance to the local Conservation Congress Spring Hearings. She also encouraged the committee to consider having a Conservation Congress representative on the committee.

LAND INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION

4. Wildlife Damage Program Update – Jeremy Irish, Wildlife Services

a. Review/Action on 2012 Wildlife Damage Claims

Diane reviewed the 2012 proposed Wildlife Damage claims. **Motion** by Saal second by Breitenmoser to approve the 2012 Wildlife Damage Claims as presented. Motion carried.

5. Review/Action on 2013 Budget Modification

Diane reviewed the 2013 budget modification with the committee. **Motion** by Plant second by Breitenmoser to approve the 2013 budget modification. Motion carried.

UW-EXTENSION

6. WACEC North Central Region Annual Meeting, January 23, 2013 in Keshena

Wayne provided a report on the WACEC NCR Annual meeting that he attended on January 23, 2013 in Keshena

7. State WACEC Conference, April 8-10, 2013 in Madison (Materials enclosed)

Debbie report that the Registration deadline is March 17, 2103

8. Review 2013 Extension Budget Report

Debbie reviewed the budget report with the committee that was included in the agenda packet.

9. 2013 Contract Between Lincoln County and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

Debbie provided overview of the contract. **Motion** by Plant second by Breitenmoser to move to County Board February meeting and recommend approval of contract. Motion carried.

10. Discuss/Action on 2012 Budget Modifications

Debbie reviewed the 2012 budget modification with committee. **Motion** by Breitenmoser second by Saal to approve the 2012 budget modifications. Motion carried.

11. Update on Family Living Educator

Debbie reported that the position is likely to be posted in late April or early May per Regional Director Tom Schmitz. Amanda Kostman will continue in role as interim

12. Barn Quilt Project

Alber asked for update, subject came up at Ag Forum in Tomahawk. Debbie reported that she continues to work with members of the Merrill Historical Society. They will be meeting on March 8 to finalize interest letter to the Century farm recipients to see if they want to participate in this project. The small group working on this effort continues to look for more partners to expand the project.

13. Q&A on Agricultural Development Educator Written Report

Dan highlighted his written report which was included in agenda packet for committee review. Reiterated the themes that arose in Town forum meetings. Alber requested that follow up suggestions related to the matters brought up at the meetings be discussed next committee meeting.

a. 2013 Summer Affirmative Action Internship Program and North Central Region Innovative Grant; Request for Committee Chair to Sign the Grant Application and any Proposal Acceptance Document forwarded by either the 2013 Summer Affirmative Action Internship Program or North-Central Region Innovative Grant

Dan handed out and provided an overview of the grant proposal. **Motion** by Saal second by Breitenmoser to move forward with summer intern position and submittal of grant proposal to support the position. Motion carried.

14. Q&A on Community and Economic Development Educator Written Report

Art highlighted his written report which was included in agenda packet for committee review. Art provided update on Merrill Community forum project and last week's fairgrounds meeting. Discussion followed.

a. Letter from Wisconsin Conservation Congress related to Art Lersch's work with them(enclosed)

Debbie reported that she was asked to forward the letter from WCC to the committee in appreciation for the work Art did with this group.

15. Q&A on Interim Family Living Educator Written Report

Amanda highlighted her written report that was included in agenda packet for committee review. Amanda reports the Strong Women and Healthy Heart programs are expanding by leaps and bounds. She has been working hard to create the structure to support these programs, including recruiting more individuals to become trainers for the program.

16. Q&A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

Tammy distributed her written report at the meeting. Tammy Hansen discussed staffing changes, new people hired to fill open slots in Lincoln and Marathon Counties. She introduced Meghan Young as the new Lincoln County nutrition educator (60% FTE). Discussion ensued related to WNEP and Family Living funding mixes. Alber requested WNEP and /or Ag to provide updates on Farmer's Market food voucher programs at future meeting.

17. Q&A on 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor Written Report

Amanda highlighted her 4-H Youth Development programming that was included in her combined written report included in the agenda packet for committee to review. Amanda highlighted her work with 4-H Ambassador and Teen Court trainings.

a. Facebook grant North-Central Region Innovative Grant

Amanda explained the grant proposal she handled out during the meeting. She would like to submit this proposal for training local community organizations and staff to use Face book to promote programs. **Motion** by Breitenmoser second by Alber to approve submission of the grant. Motion carried.

18. Q&A on 4-H Youth Development Educator/Department Head Written Report

Debbie highlighted her written report which was included in agenda packet for committee review. Debbie highlighted her work with the 4-H After school Clubs, Drug Free Coalition and 4-H Community Club program.

a. STOP Act and Drug Free Communities Grants

Debbie explained that she has decided not to apply for STOP Act grant by wants to pursue Drug Free Communities grant. **Motion** by Alber second by Plant to pursue the Drug Free Communities grant with the county serving as the fiscal agent. Motion carried.

Breitenmoser left at 12:04pm

REGISTER OF DEEDS

19. Q & A on ROD Monthly Munis Report

Sarah highlighted her report included in the committee packet.

20. Q & A on ROD Monthly Written Report

Sarah highlighted her report included in the committee packet.

21. Discuss & Set next meeting date and time

The next Land Information, Conservation and University Extension Committee meeting will be held March 13, 2013 at 10:00am.

22. Adjournment

Motion by Saal second by Alber to adjourn at 12:09p.m.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Art Lersch, Debbie Moellendorf and Terri Pankow