

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday March 3, 2010 9:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Frank Saal, John Bailey, Arlan Anderson, Dave Fox, Ramona Pampuch.

Visitors: Jeremy Irish, Art Lersch, Amanda Kostman, Debbie Moellendorf, Dan Leydet, Tim Meehan, Nancy Bergstrom, Diane Hanson, Tammy Hansen, Tom Cadwallader

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Saal at 9:00 am.

2. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The next Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension Committee meetings will be held Monday, April 5, 2010 at 9:00am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Approval of Minutes from the February 17th, 2010 Committee Meeting

Motion by Anderson second by Bailey to approve the minutes from the February 17th, 2010 committee meeting. Carried all ayes.

4. No public comment

No public comment

5. Discussion/Action regarding employee reductions in the Land Services Departments – John Bailey

John Bailey expressed his concerns regarding the employee reductions and the actions of the January County Board meeting regarding the Highway Department employee. Discussion followed with input from Nancy Bergstrom, Tim Meehan and Dan Leydet.

LAND INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION

6. Wildlife Damage Program – Jeremy Irish

Jeremy provided a report on the results of the 2009 Venison Donation Program and the 2009 crop appraisals. He also reported that there will no longer be any lethal control of depredating wolves.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

7. ROD Monthly Budget reports

The ROD monthly budget reports were included in the committee packet for review.

8. ROD Monthly Written Report

The ROD monthly written report was included in the committee packet for review.

UW-EXTENSION

9. Review Extension Budget Report

Debbie reviewed the Extension budget report with the committee. The Extension budget report was included in the committee packet for review.

10. Update on Family Living Educator Position

Debbie informed the committee that there are 3 candidates who will be participating in preliminary interviews on March 12th in Stevens Point with Tom Schmitz, Nan Baumgartner and Debbie. Final interviews will be held on March 30th, 2010 with the committee. Debbie will be sending a schedule for the day following preliminary interviews.

11. Report on September 15th UW-Extension Civil Rights Review

The report back from the review taken and our office plan was included in the committee packet for review. Staff members shared how they are engaging in outreach efforts to reach underserved audiences throughout the county.

12. Continue Discussion on Marketing/Promotion of UW-Extension

Debbie informed the committee of current marketing efforts. Staff will be learning about the institution marketing efforts as March 17th District meeting that we will bring back at future committee meetings.

13. Q&A on Agriculture Development Educator Written Report

Tom's written report was included in the agenda committee packer for review. Tom highlighted his efforts with the Wind Energy-Broadband project and work with individual farm families in these difficult economic times.

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

Art's written report was included in the committee packet for review. Art highlighted efforts with City of Merrill Strategic Planning process.

a. Discussion/Action Neville Public Museum Strategic Plan Review Project

Art thanked the committee for the great discussion at last meeting on this topic. After considering these items along with his own workload, he decided not to do this project.

15. Q&A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

Tammy's written report was included in the committee packet for review. Tammy highlighted additional programs that Deb is adding as result of increase in her time from 50% to 70% that began in February through increased federal grant funding.

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

Amanda's written report was included in committee packet for review. Amanda highlighted her efforts to increase efficiencies in communicating with clientele through the new blog she has developed (<http://fyi.uwex.edu>) and the Central District Innovative grant she has received to create on-line trainings. She also highlighted the recent Teen Court trainings.

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

Debbie's written report was included in committee packet for review.

a. Overview of Educational Roles of County Extension Agents with 4-H Group, Organizations and the Lincoln County Fair.

Debbie included in the packet three handouts for the committee's review: The Relationship Between UW Cooperative Extension and 4-H Groups and Organizations in Wisconsin; County 4-H Leader Organizations and the County 4-H Youth Development Professional, and Educational Rules of County Extension Agents at County Fairs. She indicated that she and other Extension staff utilize these three documents in carrying out their educational role with the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Board of Directors and Fair Board. Lincoln County is one of two county fairs in the state that are operated by a 4-H Leaders' Association which makes clarifying Extension's role a challenge especially in a situation like the current vendor(s)/Fair Board dispute. Supervisor Saal indicated that Debbie informed him of this potential issue last March when the matter first came to her attention. Discussion followed. No action taken at this time but there was interest in exploring how other county fairs are structured/operated throughout the state.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Anderson second by Pampuch to adjourn at 11:15 am. Carried all ayes.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, and Terri Pankow.