

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday November 4th, 2009 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 and FSA Representative Hans Breitenmoser Jr.

Members Excused: David Fox and Ramona Pampuch

Visitors: Debbie Moellendorf, Amanda Kostman, Art Lersch, Diane Hanson, Tim Meehean, Paul Daigle, Marge Johnson, Terri Pankow and Tom Schmitz (by phone for item #6 only)

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 December 2, at 9:00am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Approval of Minutes from the October 7, 2009 Committee Meeting

Motion by Anderson second by Bailey to approve the minutes from the October 7th, 2009 committee meeting. Carried all ayes.

4. No public comment

No public comment

5. Update on 2010 Budget and Re-organization of First Floor Support Staff

Tim Meehean updated the committee on the re-organization of First Floor Support Staff. Discussion followed.

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6. Discussion/Action on Family Living Educator position

Debbie called Tom Schmitz, Central District Director, to join the meeting by phone for this item. Debbie and Tom informed the committee that Brenda Janke has resigned from her position due to health issues as of November 1st. Tom reviewed the steps for filling the Family Living Educator position with the committee. Discussion followed.

Motion by Anderson second by Saal to approve replacing the Family Living Educator position. Carried all ayes.

Motion by Saal second by Bailey to approve back filling the Family Living Educator position and forward to Administrative and Legislative committee to request removal of the 90 hiring freeze. Carried all ayes.

7. Review Extension Budget Report

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

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

Debbie provided an overview of the purpose of the review and guidelines. She indicated staff are currently completing their action plan to be submitted to Tom Schmitz by November 6th. The action plan will be shared with the committee along with feedback we receive from the review team.

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

Staff shared with the committee new posters and flyers that have been created. The flyers will be distributed throughout the county at a variety of locations to communicate the services available through our department. A discussion followed regarding marketing of UW-Extension on an institutional/state level. Andy Anderson requested that this be placed on the next committee agenda so the committee could share their ideas with Tom Schmitz, who will be in attendance.

10. Q&A on Agriculture Development Educator Written Report

The Agriculture Development Educator written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review.

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

The Community and Economic Development Educator written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review. Art highlighted some areas he is shifting his focus to based on emerging needs and local economic situation.

12. Q&A on Family Living Educator Written Report

The Family Living Educator Written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review. The committee was very complimentary of the work Jennifer Smith did during the month of October when she was serving in the interim position when Brenda was gone on medical leave.

13. Q&A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review.

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

The 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review. Amanda highlighted her efforts with Teen Court and potential changes due to Municipal Court being dropped in 2010.

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

The 4-H Youth Development Educator/Department Head written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review. Debbie shared with the committee displays and resources that she made available at the Parenting Program hosted by Tomahawk Together last night where over 130 parents and middle/high school students attended.

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16. Discussion related to Consolidated Assessment – Marge Johnson

Marge reviewed the proposed Consolidation of Assessment with the committee.

17. Review and Take Action on 2009 Budget Modifications

Diane reviewed the 2009 budget modifications with the committee. **Motion** by Saal second by Bailey to approve the 2009 budget modifications. Carried all ayes.

18. Lincoln/Marathon Grazing Project Report – Paul Daigle

Paul updated the committee on the Lincoln/Marathon grazing project. Discussion followed.

19. Wildlife Damage Program Update

a. Review and Take Action on 2010 Wildlife Damage Program Budget

Diane reviewed the 2010 Wildlife Damage Program budget with the committee. **Motion** by Bailey second by Anderson to Approve the 2010 Wildlife Damage Program budget. Carried all ayes.

20. Department Head Report

a. Update on status of 2010 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Allocation

Diane updated the committee on the status of the 2010 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Allocation.

b. Wisconsin Land & Water Association Annual Conference attendance/voting proxy

Motion by Bailey second by Anderson to approve Diane to be the voting proxy at the WLWCA Annual Conference in December. Carried all ayes.

21. Review and Take Action on Land and Water Resource Management Cost Share Agreement(s)

Diane reviewed the Land and Water Resource Management Cost share Agreement for Pat and Jill Massa with the committee. **Motion** by Saal second by Anderson to approve the Land and Water Resource Management Cost Share Agreement for Pat and Jill Massa. Carried all ayes.

22. Adjournment

Motion by Saal second by Anderson to adjourn at 11:56am. Carried all ayes.

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