

Land Information, Conservation and University Extension Committee
Minutes of Wednesday November 7, 2007
Land Resource Center Meeting Room
1106 E. 8th Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members present: James Alber, Frank Saal, Wayne Plant, Gail Schneider, Carl Short

Visitors: Brenda Janke, Amanda Kostman, Debbie Moellendorf, Brenda Herrell, Art Lersch and Beryl Vandre Emerich

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Alber at 9:30 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes from the October 10, 2007 Committee Meeting**

Motion by Plant, second by Short to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2007 meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

3. **Public Comment**

None

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4. **Review Extension budget monthly report**

Moellendorf reviewed the October revenue and expense report along with written explanation which was included in the committee's packet. Supervisor Alber asked Moellendorf how the recently adopted state budget will impact the UW-Extension budget for the rest of 2007 and 2008. Moellendorf indicated that the direct impact will be in the area of pay and fringe benefit costs for staff covered under the 133-contract. To date we have not received the final figures for actual pay increases and fringe benefits.

5. **Discuss/Action on District 3 Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) Meeting to be held on January 4, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point**

Moellendorf indicated that committee members will be receiving a registration packet in the mail for the District 3 WACEC meeting in the near future. She then indicated she had received a request from Wayne Lato, President of District 3 to submit questions that the legislators present for the panel discussion or any resolutions to bring forward to this meeting. Both of these items need to be to the Central District office by November 15th. Moellendorf will forward the one question committee identified – "What are their plans for improving the state budget process for the next budget cycle to avoid the situation we had this year?" The committee is asked to get any additional questions to Moellendorf by the 15th to be submitted on their behalf.

Motion by Plant, second by Schneider to approve mileage and per diem for committee members to attend the District 3 WACEC meeting on January 4, 2008 in Stevens Point. Motion carried, all ayes.

6. **Update on State WACEC Conference being hosted by Central District on June 16-18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point**

Wayne Plant, Brenda Herrell, Tom Cadwallader and Debbie Moellendorf are serving on the planning committee for the June 16-18, 2008 State WACEC Conference being hosted by Central District in Stevens Point. Committee members were provided with an update on tentative plans for the conference to date.

7. **Discuss/Action of Sue Buck's resignation**

Supervisor Alber and Plant shared a letter they each received from Sue Buck, Central District Director indicating she will be retiring on January 3, 2008. Supervisor Alber

asked if the committee would like to send a letter thanking Sue for her support and work with Lincoln County.

Motion by Plant, second by Saal to write a letter from the committee thanking Sue Buck for her service and to wish her well in her retirement. Motion carried, all ayes.

8. Q & A on Agriculture Development Agent Written Report

Tom Cadwallader's will be combining his written report for October with his next report. Tom is currently in Guyana and will be returning next week.

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

Art Lersch's written report for October was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file.

a. Lincoln County Aging Population Demographics Refresher

Art presented a demographics refresher of Lincoln County for the committee. He has been providing this overview to many groups during the past several months throughout the county. Similar to Wisconsin, particularly the north/central part of the state, Lincoln County's aging population will be increasing over the next 30 years. The committee discussed some of the changes that will result, including the labor market available, service needed, and housing needs.

10. Q & A on Family Living Educator Written Report

Brenda Janke's written report was handed out at the meeting and will be placed on file. She asked if the committee would like to invite someone from HCE to attend a committee meeting in the future to share more about the history of this group, relationship to UW-Extension and programs they do locally. The committee members consensus was that would be beneficial and Brenda will arrange for future committee meeting.

a. Update on Process for Handling of Food Preservation and Other General Family Living Questions with Changes in Support Staff

Brenda worked with support staff to develop a process for handling food preservation and other family living questions. Support staff is forwarding these questions to Brenda for responses. Will continue to monitor how this is working and report back to the committee periodically.

11. Q & A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

Brenda Herrell and Karen Thell's written report for October was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Herrell highlighted feedback they received from Washington Elementary Parents regarding their programs during the 2006-07 school year. They had an excellent response of parents returning the surveys to the school.

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

Amanda Kostman's written report for October was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Kostman highlighted two conferences that youth from Lincoln County attended and/or taught at during the month of October. She also indicated that as a result, the 4-H ambassadors who attended are exploring the possibility of starting an Operation Military Kids program locally. She also indicated that Teen Court continues to be successful with 23 cases heard this year.

13. Q & A on 4-H Youth Development Agent/Department Head Written Report

Debbie Moellendorf's written report for October was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Debbie indicated that in addition to talking with the reporter from the County Today for the article attached to her report, she has also been interviewed during the past month regarding the need for After School programs in

rural areas and challenges. Debbie also indicated that Cindy, our Senior Aide started this week in our office and explained more about how this program works for the committee members.

14. Next Meeting Date

Moellendorf spoke with Diane Hanson regarding committee meetings and both agreed that meeting once a month with the committee was sufficient. We will take turns for monthly meetings - one month focus on Land Information and Conservation, Register of Deeds and the opposite month focus on UW-Extension. During the months not focused on our department, we can add any items we need to the agenda. The next meeting with the Land Information and Conservation and Register of Deeds departments will be on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the LRC Meeting Room. The next meeting with UW-Extension will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the LRC Meeting Room.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Schneider, second by Short to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Minutes prepared by: Debbie Moellendorf and Beryl Vandre Emerich