

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation and University Extension Committee
Minutes of Tuesday – April 3, 2007
Forestry Meeting Room
1106 E 8th St
Merrill, WI 54452

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

Visitors: Debbie Moellendorf, Beryl Vandre Emerich, Amanda Kostman, Tom Cadwallader and Art Lersch.

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 March 12, 2007 Committee Meeting

Motion by Plant, second by Alber to approve minutes from the March 12, 2007 meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

3. Public Comment

None

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4. Review Extension budget monthly report

Moellendorf reviewed the March revenue and expense report along with written explanation which was included in the committee's packet.

5. Report and Follow-Up from 2007 State WACEC Conference held March 26-28, 2007 in Madison

Alber, Plant, Schneider and Moellendorf shared highlights of the WACEC conference, including the legislative visits with Tim Gary (Representative Friske's office) and Senator Breske. Moellendorf and Alber will send thank you notes to each on behalf of the committee. Staff and committee members will continue to invite legislatures to local events/programs as opportunities present themselves. Also discussed how to keep other county board supervisors informed about work Extension is doing in Lincoln County. Several ideas were discussed and the committee will continue to discuss this in the future. Moellendorf informed the committee that Chancellor Wilson will be coming to Lincoln and Taylor Counties for a visit on August 28-29th. We will be finalizing arrangements for this visit over the upcoming months.

6. Update on Community Partner Advisory Group and First Meeting on April 12th

Lersch informed the committee that about 39 people have agreed to serve on the Community Partner Advisory Group (CPAG) and about 15 of them are able to attend our first meeting on April 12th. During our first meeting, we plan to provide an overview of the purpose of the CPAG, have them identify current issues/needs in the county, provide a brief overview of Extension and have them begin to identify areas we should potentially be programming in over the next two years.

7. Q & A on Agriculture Development Agent Written Report

Tom Cadwallader's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Tom indicated that he felt the School for Beginning Dairy Farmers was a success. Tom also shared with the committee that he has been asked to work with the Partners of the Americas to go to Guyana and help modernize their Extension service. He will be traveling to Guyana from April 23-30th.

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

Art Lersch's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Art indicated that eight of the nine participants in the last Business Planning class have successfully submitted their business plans that is a requirement of the class.

9. Q & A on Family Living Educator Written Report

Brenda Janke has been out ill the last couple of weeks and will be submitting a combined March/April report at the next meeting.

10. Q & A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

Brenda Herrell and Karen Thell's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Brenda has also been out ill and asked Debbie to highlight the work she is doing on agency contacts and agreements for the next grant cycle. Brenda will be bringing next year's grant to the committee at the May or June meeting for their approval.

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

Amanda Kostman's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Amanda highlighted the programs she is doing with the 4-H Ambassadors and recent Camp Counselor Training.

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

Debbie Moellendorf's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Debbie highlighted the work she is doing with Art on the 4-H Youth Marketplace. She also indicated that the 2007 Drama Festival was very successful with a large number of youth participating and over 100 people in the audience, including many parents, grandparents and other community members.

a. 4-H Arts and Communication Programs – The Difference They Make – Report on Recent Statewide Program Evaluation which included Lincoln County 4-H Members

Debbie provided an overview of the results of this recent statewide. The study found that participating in 4-H Arts and Communication projects and activities helps young people develop a sense of mastery, independence, belonging and generosity. This study included Lincoln County 4-H members. During 2005-06, over 19,000 youth in Wisconsin participated in the arts and communication area, including 202 4-H members from Lincoln County. The Arts and Communication projects has been the number one area youth enroll in Lincoln County for the past several years. An Executive Summary of the study was distributed to committee members for their information.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. Tentatively set the June meeting for Wednesday June 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. depending if Sue Buck, Central District Director can attend per her request.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Alber, second by Schneider to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.. Motion carried, all ayes

Minutes prepared by: Debbie Moellendorf and Beryl Vandre Emerich