

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education  
DATE OF MEETING: August 14, 2012, Wolf River Room, Resource Center  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci,  
Holly Matucheski  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Sally Hull, Becky Knight

Bina called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes and Agenda:**

Bonacci made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Agent Reports:**

Kari Lazars reported on the WNEP program. The Antigo Area Community Food Pantry is open and is working on obtaining non-profit status. There are currently 83 volunteers who help at the pantry. During the month of July, 276 clients were served. There were 20 additional plots at the Community Garden this summer for a total of 62 plots. Kari is still Department Head for the Menominee office and WNEP coordinator for Menominee and Shawano through the month of October.

Becky Knight talked about the 4-H camps held at Camp Susan and the Langlade County Youth Fair. She hopes to recruit more 4-H members and get the numbers up for camp. Becky handed out information on working with the Library on a robotics club and Teen Scene to be held there on Friday or Saturday nights. She would like to start a gaming club there to help youth learn social and thinking skills. She will bring a proposal to the next Ag & Extension meeting. Becky attended the Action Alliance meeting and is working on Kids Safety Day to be held September 27. A 4-H page on Facebook will go live on September 1. Several future events are in the planning stages.

### **Update on Agricultural Agent Position:**

The agricultural agent position will go to county board next week. Steve Zimmerman has agreed to come back as the interim agent at 100% time for September and October and 60% time for November and December.

### **Raise in Pay Rate for Adam Meyer:**

With the ag agent position vacant since August 1, Adam Meyer has taken on more responsibilities at the Research Station. He will be there to help with harvest. There is money in the Research Station budget to cover his wage. Kamps made a motion to give Adam Meyer a raise in his hourly wage from \$9.50 to \$12 per hour effective August 1, 2012. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approve 2013, 2014 Budgets:**

Kari Lazars handed out copies of the 2013 and 2014 budgets. There has been very little increase in the amounts for the operating budget. The fringe rate for agent salaries has increased.

Bostwick made a motion to approve the 2013 and 2014 budgets. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Award of Excellence for Kari Lazars:**

Kari Lazars will be receiving an award of excellence from the Chancellor's office on September 20, 2012, in Madison. She is receiving the award for her work with food insecurity and her leadership roles. Bostwick made a motion to close the Extension Office on September 20 for all or part of the day if necessary so that other staff members may attend the awards ceremony in Madison. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Bills:**

Matucheski made a motion to approve the bills. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be September 11, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull