

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: February 12, 2013, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci,
Holly Matucheski
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Becky Knight

Bina called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Bostwick made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda as printed. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agent Reports:

Becky Knight gave a report on 4-H and youth development activities for February. She has been working with clubs on charters and financial forms, enrollment and youth protection, volleyball league, the food revolution, and Project Discovery and the Speaking Event. Fairbook changes are being reviewed and she has been helping coordinate the barn grand opening. The farm safety program is set to begin in March. The Talent Explosion will be held in April and Becky is working on coordinating market animal quality assurance meetings for livestock youth. She will be attending food safety certification training in April.

Kari Lazars gave a report on WNEP from October thru January. Lessons were completed at Park View and elementary schools and the Antigo Alternative School. Parent sessions were held at HeadStart to present nutrition information. Kari will teach lessons to clients of Forward Services on planning healthy meals on a budget. She is working with referrals from Langlade Hospital on nutrition and healthy food habits. She continues to work with the Antigo Area Community Food Pantry and is participating in the Nutrition Advisory Council through the ADRC. Kari has been attending meetings at the hospital to assist in conducting a community-wide health assessment. Interviews were held for the position of Ag Agent for Langlade County. Kari attended the support staff grievance meeting. She helped plan the North Central Regional All Colleague conference held in January in Keshena.

Ag Agent Position:

Stephanie Plaster will be starting as Langlade County Agricultural Agent on February 15.

WACEC State Conference:

The WACEC State Conference will be held in Madison on April 8-10, 2013. Registration is due March 17.

WCA Legislative Meetings:

The Wisconsin Counties Association will host a series of legislative briefings across the state. The North Central meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Express in Antigo.

Printing of Fairbook:

Each year, Extension budgets \$500 to help cover the cost of printing the fairbook. Since this is a budgeted amount, it will not need to be included on the agenda in future years.

Carryforward Request:

A request to carryforward funds from pesticide applicator training, the Research Station, and state grants was approved on a motion by Matucheski with a second by Kamps. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting is set for March 12, 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Matucheski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Kari Lazars