

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education  
DATE OF MEETING: January 13, 2015, Wolf River Room, Resource Center  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Matucheski, Pete Pennington, William Bostwick, Joe Novak  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Arlene Bonacci  
OTHERS PRESENT: Sally Hull, Kari Lazars, Krista Otto, Stephanie Plaster

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

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

Pennington made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Agent Reports:**

Krista Otto reported on the 4-H Centennial Celebration held in October and on Achievement Day and the 4-H Leaders Banquet. Adeline Hess was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame at the Fall Forum held in November. Krista is in the process of visiting 4-H club meetings. She worked with fair department chairpersons on improving fair displays and working with volunteers. There are ten 4-H youth ambassadors who worked on team building and set up their annual plan for the year. They visited local schools and promoted joining 4-H. Krista is involved with Action Alliance, The Optimist Club, Building A Healthier Langlade County, and the Boys and Girls Club. She attended the 2015 fair convention and gave a report on workshops she attended and on entertainment for this year's fair. Krista worked with the Boys and Girls Club on Safe Night Out in October. Project Discovery Day, the Speaking and Demonstration Event, 4-H Volleyball, Winter Olympics, and a 4-H Winter trip are being planned.

Stephanie Plaster had eight trials at the Research Station this past season. The John Deere tractor is going in for repairs this week. A grazing school was held in October with 26 people attending. Stephanie worked with Land Conservation on nutrient management training. She set up an Implements of Husbandry informational session and helped with the Dairy MPP and ARC/PLC programs with FSA. Stephanie is working on creating a marketing plan for the AEA. She is starting a Century Farm Program at the fair in 2015. A display will be set up in the multi-purpose building for area farms that have been in the same family for 100 or more years.

### **4-H/Fair Board Liaison Report and 2015 Fair Convention Report:**

Krista Otta talked about the fair convention she attended last week. She attended workshops on how to improve displays and said entertainment this year will include sprint cars, a ventriloquist, Vic Ferrari, demo derby and tractor pull. 4-H judging day will be moved to Tuesday instead of Wednesday. A 2014 fair report will be given in March.

### **Airport Committee Liaison Report:**

Bostwick will continue to attend airport committee meetings if there is anything on the agenda that impacts Ag and Extension or the Research Station.

**WACEC Meetings:**

The North Central Region meeting will be held March 19 at The Waters of Minocqua. Capitol Connections will be held April 30 at the Madison Concourse Hotel and includes legislative meetings.

**Pesticide Applicator Trainings:**

Pesticide Applicator Training will be held January 22 and February 17, 2015. Pennington made a motion to approve purchasing food items for the trainings. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WNEP Coordinator Position:**

Kim Brown has left the position of WNEP Coordinator for Langlade and Oneida Counties. The paperwork to refill the position is being completed at the state level. This is a federally funded position so no county funds are involved in the position. An initial interview will be held in Stevens Point and a final interview in either Langlade or Oneida County. One committee member is welcome to attend the final interview. Pennington said he will attend if he is available.

**Budget Report:**

The 2014 budget came in under budget due to savings in agent salaries and less expense in photocopies. Bostwick made a motion to approve the carryforward of Research Station funds, Pesticide Applicator, and state grants. Pennington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Meeting Schedule and Next Meeting Date:**

Ag and Extension meetings will be held on an every other month basis. The next meeting will be March 10, 2015, at 3 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

Pennington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull