

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 2014, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, Holly Matucheski, William Bostwick
MEMBERS ABSENT: Arlene Bonacci
OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Plaster, Kari Lazars, Sally Hull, Krista Otto

Bina called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Matucheski made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Matucheski made a motion to excuse Bonacci. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agent Reports:

Stephanie Plaster gave a report on January-February 2014 meetings and activities. Langlade County has received a tractor safety grant which will be used to build a farm hazard display for use at the fair, safety day, and tractor safety. Stephanie will be holding a session on hydroponics in the fresh market vegetable program in late March. Grazing School for beginners will be held for two days in June. Stephanie has gotten several requests for land rent and ag rent values. She will be helping with Breakfast on the Farm at Nagel's on June 22.

Krista Otto attended four 4-H club meetings since she started in February. She helped at Project Discovery Day and the Speaking and Demonstration Event. The 4-H ambassadors also helped at the events. Krista is planning improvements to camp counselor training. She met with the market animal committee and other 4-H committees and attended New Colleague Orientation. She is doing a weekly column in the Antigo Journal and radio programs.

WNEP Coordinator Position:

The posting is closed for the position of WNEP Coordinator and screening of applicants will be this Friday. Preliminary interviews will be held in Stevens Point on April 8. Final interview will be held in Antigo on April 22. Kari Lazars, Tom Schmitz, William Bostwick, and Erica Brewster and an Extension committee member from Oneida County will do the interviewing.

WACEC Conference Rescheduled:

The North Central WACEC meeting that was cancelled in February due to bad weather has been rescheduled for April 21 in Rothschild. If anyone wants to attend, please let Sally Hull or Kari Lazars know.

All Colleague Conference:

The North Central Region All Colleague Conference will be held March 18-29 in Green Lake. UW staff with the exception of Sally Hull will be attending the conference.

Lease for Research Station Land Use:

Robin Stowe drafted an agreement between the Research Station and the airport for using land for the Research Station plots. The Research Station is a partnership between the county, WPVGA, and Extension. Stephanie Plaster and Kari Lazars will review the lease, submit it back

to Robin Stowe, and Robin will be asked to attend the next Ag & Extension meeting if there are further questions.

Approve Contract for Research Station Funding:

The contract between the Potato Industry Board and Langlade County for funding for the Research Station operations was presented. Bostwick made a motion to approve the contract and send it to county board to be signed. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be April 8, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull