

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education  
DATE OF MEETING: March 24, 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, Shelli Hagerty

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. Bostwick made a motion to excuse Bonacci. Pennington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Agent Reports:**

Kari Lazars is partnering with Elcho School District on a pilot program for parents of 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn ideas on using digital media to stay close to their children and strengthen family relationships. Parents receive weekly emails with links to videos and other media on topics through the UWEX website. Kari is working with other Family Living educators to develop a similar curriculum for parents of Birth-5 year olds to provide guidance on screen time/media use and how to use digital media to enhance relationships with their children.

Kari is partnering with Head Start on the Conscious Discipline program to provide strategies for parents to interact with their children. She is helping write a grant to the Langlade Health Coalition to purchase Love and Logic Parenting Programs and support materials. Parent support groups would be started this summer.

Kari also works with Social Services on studying the local and state child welfare system to make recommendations for improvement and address challenges. The county is requesting a study of out-of-home placement decisions and cost.

Kari is providing programming with AVAIL. She is helping form a steering committee for the Langlade Leadership program. The Antigo Area Community Food Pantry has moved into their new location at 2120 Progress Boulevard. They are looking into the possibility of having an AmeriCorp worker there who is paid for by the regional UW-Extension office. Travel expenses would be covered by the pantry for this worker. Kari is also working with schools to offer College Transition workshops on academics, finances, relationships, and healthy choices.

### **Report on 2014 Fair:**

Shelli Hagerty gave a report on the 2014 fair. She said 2015 planning is underway and the theme this year is "Country Nights and Carnival Lights." Entry day is being moved to Tuesday of fair week.

**4-H/Fair Board Liaison Report:**

Krista Otto said she is working on strengthening the 4-H Cloverbud program. She would like to hold a Cloverbud Day where young 4-Hers can learn more about 4-H activities. There is a new 4-H club that has been started at the Boys and Girls Club.

Langlade County is the last county in Wisconsin with the same 4-H and fair boards. The two boards will be separating with the process starting this year. Barb Barker from Waushara County will be assisting in the process.

**WACEC Meetings:**

Capitol Connections will be held April 30 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. The day includes visits with legislators to promote the value of Cooperative Extension programming. Please let Sally Hull know if you would like to attend. Deadline is mid-April.

**Approve Purchase of Supplies for Ag Programs:**

MAQA (meat animal quality assurance) programs will be held in May and June. There are three sessions set up and each one requires supplies of about \$30/session. Stephanie has a grazing workshop planned for April 15. She may need to supply a lunch for that but it will be reimbursed by participant fees. Pennington made a motion to approve spending a total of \$125 for the MAQA and grazing workshops. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WNEP Coordinator Position Update:**

The WNEP Coordinator position will be posted the second week of April with interviews in late May or early June. Final interview will be held here in Langlade County with a possible start date of July 1.

**Contract for Research Station Funding:**

The contract between the Potato Industry Board and Langlade County in the amount of \$12,000 for operation of the Research Station was reviewed and approved on a motion by Novak with a second by Pennington. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Discussion was held on changing the time of Ag & Extension meetings to 9 a.m. The next meeting will be May 12 at 9 a.m.

**Adjourn:**

Pennington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull