

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education  
DATE OF MEETING: May 8, 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, Jennifer Clark

Bina called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

### **Agent Reports:**

Kari Lazars said WNEP is working on plans for fiscal year 2013. They are adding three new schools starting in October of 2012. The schools are Crestwood, Pleasant View, and Spring Valley. A new partnership with Forward Services will provide nutrition lessons to their clients. The Antigo Area Community Food Pantry will open May 16 in the old Arlen's Building. The board of directors met recently and Patrick McKenna was elected President of the board; Mark Hanke is treasurer; and Jean Greening is secretary. The community garden has 56 plots this year which is ten more than last year. Kari attended the National Extension Leadership Development program in Costa Rica in April.

Dawn Doperalski submitted a written report. She is working on 4-H camp planning and fair planning. 2012 Fairbooks were handed out.

### **Select Vice-Chairman and Secretary of Committee:**

Bostwick nominated Bonacci as Vice-Chairman of the committee. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Bostwick nominated Matucheski as Secretary of the committee. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **New Member Packets:**

Matucheski received a packet of information about UW Extension and the functions of the Ag & Extension Committee.

### **Update on 4-H Youth Development Agent Position:**

The posting for the 4-H Agent position closed May 1. There were 19 applicants for the position. Preliminary interviews will be May 15 in Stevens Point with five applicants being interviewed. Final interviews will be here on May 30. The committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. for any agenda items and the interviews will begin at 10 a.m.

### **Update on 4-H Support Staff Position:**

The 4-H support staff position will be going to county board on May 15, 2012. It has been approved by Ag & Extension, Personnel, and Executive Committees. The fiscal note includes

health insurance but depending on the person who fills the position, health insurance may or may not be necessary. The position will need to be posted within the county as it is still a union position.

**Liaison to 4-H and Fair Board:**

Holly Matucheski will serve as the liaison to the 4-H and fair board.

**Centennial Celebration/County Board Report:**

The annual county board report will be put in the mailboxes of county board members and UW Extension staff will be at county board at 8:30 a.m. next Tuesday to answer any questions about the report. There will be a display in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Extension and refreshments will be available before the county board meeting. A resolution will be introduced at county board in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Matucheski made a motion to approve the resolution commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cooperative Extension. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

An open house will be held at the Extension Office on Monday, May 14, from 4-6 p.m with refreshments and displays of past Extension programs.

**Approve Purchase of Grant Funded Power Washer for Research Station:**

Alex Crockford has been awarded funding of \$1400 from the WPVGA to purchase a pressure washer for use at the Research Station. Bostwick made a motion to approve the purchase of the pressure washer. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Experience Works Program:**

The current worker from Experience Works will be reaching the term limit of the program at the end of this week. The Experience Works program is a training program for adults ages 55 and over to help prepare them for outside employment. A donation of \$500 is requested each year but is not mandatory for placement of a worker. Bonacci made a motion to approve having another Experience Works person be placed at the Extension Office if such a worker is available. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**State WACEC Conference:**

The state WACEC conference will be held June 25-26 in Green Bay. Registrations are due by May 24 for any committee member who would like to attend. Kari Lazars would attend if any members of the committee wish to go.

**Budget Update:**

The Extension and Research Station budgets are on track. A worker from last year at the Research Station has been receiving unemployment so this account is over. Joe Meyer will be working at the Research Station this summer.

**Bills:**

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

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be May 30 at 9:30 a.m. followed by agent interviews at 10 a.m.

**Adjournment:**

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull