

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: October 13, 2015, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Matucheski, Pete Pennington, Joe Novak, Arlene Bonacci,
Richard Burby
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Jennifer Beran, Steve Zimmerman

Matucheski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

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

UWEX Program Assistant introduction:

Jennifer Beran introduced herself to the committee.

Agent Reports:

Steve talked about the research station and the progress of the season. A recap from the field day was given; it had a great turn out. He reported that the WPVGA grant was submitted. Kari talked about trying to extend the interim Agriculture Agent position until spring.

Kari shared that Dave Solin was invited by Kevin Bula to a potato research meeting in December, to discuss the county's commitment to the Langlade Research Station

WNEP Coordinator Position Update:

Kari talked about the preliminary interviews will be held Wednesday October 14 here and the final interviews will be November 6th. Pennington will be involved in the interviews as a representative of this committee.

Committee member per diem for meetings:

The committee reviewed the per diem for interviews. Novak made a motion to approve Pennington per diem for the September 3rd and November 6th interview; seconded by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

VISTA update:

Kari shared that Sam is working on building capacity for the food pantry. Holly asked about having our next meeting there. Kari will work to see if that can happen. Kari also touched on the backpack program that will be starting in November. The community and persons support has been great.

UW EX state wide restructuring:

Kari reported that the cuts affect Cooperative Extension by about 9%. They are looking at different models of clustering of counties. It is going to roll out over 2 years starting January 1st.

4-H/Fair Board Liaison Report:

Holly provided a brief summary of the last meeting that getting all the fair bills taken care of was the main focus of the last meeting. Kari gave an update on the 4-H/Fair split and it is a work in progress.

Accept Donation of Totes for Research Station:

Steve and Kari presented that Gallenberg farm donated 35 potato totes, custom combining and trucking of oats at the Research Station. Pennington made a motion to accept the donation and Novak seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 9:00am

Adjourn:

Pennington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Jennifer Beran