

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
County Board Room, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin
Monday, August 30, 2010 – 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Joyce Wyzlic. Committee members present: Thomas, Gerald Luke, Opal Roberts, Paul Mullard, and Mitch Koski. Also in attendance: Gloria Fauerbach, Wyzlic, Toni Rogers, Will Andresen, Deb Leonard, and Gerri Reynolds.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Wyzlic acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Approval of agenda as posted: Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to approve agenda as posted. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes July 8, 2010: Motion made by Luke, seconded by Koski, to approve meeting minutes of July 8, 2010. All in favor.

Public Comment: No comment.

Motion to approve financial reports:

a) Extension

b) 4-H and Youth Clubs

Committee members received Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs financial reports through July 31, 2010 in their packets. Discussion followed. Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Mullard, to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs. All in favor.

Motion to forward proposed 2011 budget to finance committee: Committee members received 2011 budget proposals and an explanation of budgets in their packets. Fauerbach reviewed 2011 budget proposals with Committee members. Discussion followed. Motion made by Luke, seconded by Roberts, to forward proposed 2011 budget to finance committee. All in favor.

County Board Chair Dennis DeRosso arrived at 8:39 a.m.

Signing Amended Iron County UW-Extension Agents Contract, 133-PRJ22WS. Fauerbach requested Committee members' signatures on contract. Discussion of UW-Extension Agents Contract followed. Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Koski, to approve signing of the Amended Iron County UW-Extension Agents Contract, 133-PRJ22WS. All in Favor. Each of the five Committee members signed four copies of said contract.

Discussion related to Family Living Agent/WNEP Coordinator open position: Fauerbach reported that Rogers will be retiring from her position as half-time Family Living Agent and half-time WNEP Coordinator on October 3, 2010. Committee members stated they would like to see the position(s) continue. Fauerbach discussed conducting a *needs assessment* to determine Iron County's needs related to the position of Family Living Agent and possible alternatives for percentage of time split between the Family Living and WNEP positions.

Agent Reports

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Rogers discussed the end of the WNEP program fiscal year (October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010) and remaining projects, highlighting the health fair with Head Start parents.

Leonard discussed her work in the Mercer school with plans to increase WNEP class sessions in grades K-6 in the new fiscal year. She reported that the WNEP sessions will continue at the Hurley school. She has also completed her contacts at the five senior dining sites for this fiscal year.

Community Resource Development Program – Andresen discussed his role in working with community groups on the creation of regional trail systems. He discussed the Regional Trail System from Montreal to Wakefield MI, Safe Routes to School Bike Lane, and Town of Mercer Regional Trail System, linking Mercer to Boulder Junction.

Summer Horticulture Resource – Andresen stated that Maggie Callahan's hours as Summer Horticulture Assistant are over for the year and reported on Callahan's Service Learning planting projects and her role in answering horticulture questions for area clients.

Family Living Program – Rogers reported and updated Committee members on her work implementing the Strong Women Healthy Hearts program and the Community Garden in Iron County. She stated that she is focusing on laying the groundwork for these projects to continue in the community when she retires from her position as Family Living Agent/WNEP Coordinator. Rogers also reported that Reynolds completed Master Food Preserver training, and it was noted that Reynolds received the Homemaker of the Year award at the Iron County Fair.

4-H Youth Development Program – Fauerbach reported on the summer youth programs which have been completed. Attendees viewed a DVD which was filmed by Summer Americorps*VISTA, Dan Benzel. Fauerbach gave a recap of Family Fun Day, the TrailBlazer program, LEAF Day Camp, Photo Workshops and youth exhibiting their completed projects at the Iron County Fair.

Department Head – Fauerbach stated there will be a reception for Toni Rogers on September 21 from 2:00 to 3:00 in the County Board Room in recognition of her retirement.

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: The next Committee meeting will tentatively be held in a month. Fauerbach to notify Committee of date and time.

Adjourn: Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.