

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**County Board Room, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2011 – 8:30 a.m.**

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

**Roll Call and introductions:** Roll call was taken by Extension Office Manager, Joyce Gayan. Committee members present: Thomas, Opal Roberts, Gerald Luke, and Paul Mullard. Committee member excused: Mitch Koski. Also in attendance: Gayan, Gloria Fauerbach, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Deb Leonard and Joy Schelble.

**Acknowledge proper meeting posting:** Gayan 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 – February 3, 2011:** Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Luke, to approve meeting minutes of February 3, 2011. All in favor.

**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 March 31, 2011 in their packets. Fauerbach reviewed the reports. Motion made by Luke, seconded by Mullard, to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** Joy Schelble, new Iron County WNEP Coordinator introduced herself to Committee.

**Recognition of Gerald Luke by Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees:**

Fauerbach reported that Luke was recognized by the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) for five years of service on the Extension Committee. The framed award will be presented at full county board meeting on May 31.”

**Motion to approve the 2010 Iron County UW-Extension Annual Report to the Iron County Board of Supervisors:** Committee members received copies of the 2010 Iron County UW-Extension Annual Report in their packets. Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to approve the annual report for forwarding to the County Board. All in favor.

**Motion to support Wisconsin Idea Partnership as proposed by the UW-System and its Board of Regents:** Fauerbach discussed the differences between the Wisconsin Idea Partnership and the New Badger Partnership with Committee members. Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Luke, to draft a resolution in support of the Wisconsin Idea Partnership to bring to the County Board. All in favor.

## **Agent Reports**

**Community Resource Development Agent** – Andresen discussed and updated Committee on his ongoing projects:

- Mercer Beautification Project
- Gogebic Range Next Generation Initiative
- Zoning Update Project

New projects include:

- Mercer Chamber of Commerce – development of promotional brand
- Grant assistance – energy efficiency to businesses and buildings
- Saxon Harbor renovation project
- Mining project in the educational role of an advocate for the process and the people

**4-H Youth Development** – Fauerbach discussed projects she has been working on including the following:

- Youth Service Learning Project
- Superior Days
- Iron County Summer Youth Camp – staffing and camp registration process
- Approval of four Summer Americorps\*VISTA positions for Iron County

**Family Living Educator** – Newby reported that she has attended a Professional Development Conference and New Colleague Orientation. She has visited agencies and organizations in the community to introduce herself and to discuss needs in the county to help in the development of her program.

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Educator** – Leonard discussed her teachings at the following sites:

- Mercer and Hurley School Districts
- WIC program
- Head Start
- Five senior dining sites

Schelble discussed her previous position as Nutrition Educator for Ashland County. She stated that she has been meeting with community partners in Iron County and working on expanding the WNEP program.

**Department Head Report** – Fauerbach thanked the Committee for their support of the two new positions. She discussed:

- Summer staff and use of meeting and work space in the courthouse
- Shared leadership of Department Head role between Fauerbach and Andresen
- Resource Advocacy Network (R.A.N.)
- Committee email contact list
- Recognition of Andresen at the JCEP Conference as recipient of Early Career Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi
- Extension office will be closed on May 23 for a Mandatory Furlough Day. Clerk's office will be notified, and a sign will be put on the office door.

Andresen discussed the Summer Horticulture position which will be shared by two people this year - one to coordinate and handle planting projects, one to handle horticulture questions and do insect identification and identification of plant diseases.

Fauerbach discussed:

- Extension titles. Titles have previously been “Agents” and will now be “Educators” as a role clarification.
- Problems with computers, software upgrades, servers, and a need to enlist the service of The Computer Doctors
- Phone system limitations

**Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting:** The next Committee meeting date is set for 10:00 a.m., July 14, 2011 at the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.