

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
County Board Room, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin
Monday, September 24, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

Roll Call: 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, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Neil Klemme, Deborah Leonard, and Iron County Board Chair, Dennis DeRosso.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Approval of agenda as posted: Luke moved to approve agenda as posted, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for July 12, 2012: Roberts moved to approve minutes for July 12, 2012, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Public Comment: Thomas complimented the Extension staff and stated that he enjoys being Chairman of the Ag-Extension-Education Committee. He said that every time he reads the paper, “somebody is doing something good for the community” and “it’s just a joy to be on this Committee.”

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 August 31, 2012 in their packets. Mullard moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

Consider reclassification request to increase Joyce Gayan from Grade 4 to Grade 6 and forward request to Finance Committee: Committee members received a letter from Andresen supporting a salary grade increase for Gayan to Grade 6 in their packets. Andresen presented background information on the request. DeRosso stated that he supported the increase. Mullard moved to forward the request to the Finance Committee, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

Motion to approve and sign Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract: Andresen reviewed the UW-Extension 133 Contract with Committee members. Luke moved to approve the UW-Extension 133 Contract, seconded by Roberts. All in favor. Committee members each signed four copies of the contract.

Motion to forward proposed 2013 budget to Finance Committee: Committee members received the 2013 budget proposal in their packets. Andresen reviewed the Explanation of Extension and 4-H and Youth Club Budgets and the proposed 2013 budget. Mullard moved to forward the proposed 2013 budget to the Finance Committee, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

Agent Reports

Community Resource Development Program – Andresen updated the Committee on the following projects and their stages of development:

- Completion of Mercer Hwy 51 reconstruction project
- Regional Trail system which will wind around the Montreal River

- Proposed Mercer Trail which will connect Mercer with Boulder Junction trails
- City of Hurley – Tree planting projects

(DeRosso left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.)

Family Development Program – Committee members received a printed report from Newby. She discussed the following:

- Financial education: *Money on the Bookshelf*
- Work in the community garden with W2 program clients
- Working with Human Services mentoring program
- Presenting educational workshop in infant brain development for pre-natal class at hospital
- Community Preventing Childhood Obesity Project
- Working with Health Dept. to write a grant for Senior programming

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Committee members received a printed report from Schelble in their packets. In her absence, Leonard reported on WNEP activities:

- Hurley School Garden – from planting to serving vegetables at the school lunches
- Mercer Garden is in planning stages
- Educational presentations at Senior Dining sites

Summer Horticulture Resource – Leonard reported that Schelble has also served as Iron County's Summer Horticulture Assistant, working on planting projects and answering horticulture questions for clients.

4-H Youth Development Program – Committee members received copies of the 2012 Iron County Summer Youth Camp Report and 4-H newsletter. Klemme reported on his activities as 4-H Youth Development Agent since July:

- Iron County Summer Youth Camp – 2012 Camp Report and planning process beginning for 2013
- New 4-H Adventure Club, engaging youth in outdoor activities and adventure (Newby will be general leader)
- 4-H Achievement Night, October 14
- Leadership opportunities - Sewing Workshop, Clothing Revue, Foods Revue, and Demonstration Contest
- 4-H Robotics Team
- Iron County involvement in State grant application to involve youth in National Forest

Klemme thanked the Committee for their support.

Department Head Report –

- Andresen thanked the Ag-Extension-Education Committee for their support of Extension programs.
- Complimented Leonard on her report of WNEP projects and the relationship building and trust she has created in her years with the UW-Extension WNEP program.
- Asked Committee's consideration for the office staff to attend a team building one-day or half-day retreat outside of the office. Committee supported the request. Staff will post a sign on the door the day of the retreat.
- Discussed funding of horticulture position and how it may be affected by the change in structure of UW-Extension from six districts to four regions.

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: The next meeting of the Extension Education Committee will be determined at a later date.

Adjourn: Mullard moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Luke. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.