

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, WI**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Extension Office Manager Joyce Gayan, and staff and Committee members introduced themselves. Committee members present: Thomas, Paul Mullard, and Brad Matson. Committee members excused: Opal Roberts and Karl Krall. Also in attendance: Gayan, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Neil Klemme, Deb Leonard, Joy Schelble, Summer Assistant Nicole Hissa, Summer Americorps\*VISTAs Adrienne Fedora and Anna Olson, former Extension Education Committee member, Gerald Luke, and County Board Chair, Joseph Pinardi.

**Acknowledge proper meeting posting:** Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

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

**Motion to approve meeting minutes for May 13, 2014:** Matson moved to approve minutes for May 13, 2014, seconded by Mullard. 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 May 31, 2014 in their packets. Mullard moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs, seconded by Matson. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** Klemme introduced campers and camp staff and asked for comments on their camp experiences. Felicia Herlevi and Tianne Kuula reported on their roles as camp staff. Donna Lotzer and Tony Cummings talked about their experiences as campers.

**Honor retiring committee members Gerald Luke and Mitch Koski:** Thomas presented Luke with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service on the Iron County Board as a member of the Ag-Extension Education Committee.

**Agent Reports**

**Community Resource Development** – Andresen updated Committee on activities:

- Saxon Harbor Expansion – Phase II
- City of Hurley, Hurley School and Town of Kimball projects
  - County Road D enhancements
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Regional Trail Project
- Mercer projects
  - Working with new Economic Development Group on plans to enhance the industrial park and work to attract health care staff to the area
  - Working with Downtown Development Group on strategic planning and visioning
- Iron County Citizens Forum – Andresen asked the Committee for feedback on his continued efforts. Committee members stated they supported Andresen's continued efforts.

**Family Development** – Newby distributed handouts to Committee members and discussed:

- FE University – Living LiFE Learning Longer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Iron County Aging-Friendly Communities Summit

**4-H Youth Development** – Committee members received copies of Klemme’s newsletter in their packets. He thanked Committee members for their support of his trip to Ghana, Africa and discussed:

- Sharing 4-H with people of Ghana, Africa
- Preparation for Iron County Fair
- Summer programs – 4-H Day camp, TrailBlazers
- Presenting with year-round Americorps\*VISTA, Amy Nosal, at a Community Development conference about the First Impressions survey conducted with youth in Amery, Wisconsin
- Conducting another First Impressions survey in Marquette County
- Iron County Summer Youth Camp update

Hissa discussed the 4-H Day Camp she is conducting for youth in Hurley and Mercer.

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program** – Schelble discussed:

- Education in community and school gardens
- Senior dining sites
- Wisconsin Counties publication featuring an article on the Iron County Mobile Food Pantry
- Distribution of seeds and flats donated by local greenhouses to low income families, elderly, and community gardens
- Blender bike used in programs

Leonard discussed:

- Working with Senior Citizens at dining sites
- Schelble presenting at a forum at Big Top Chautauqua

**Horticulture Assistant Report** – Schelble updated Committee on horticulture activities:

- Answering horticulture questions and troubleshooting plant problems and disease
- Master Gardener Program

Andresen thanked the Committee for their support for turning the horticulture position from a summer position to year-round.

Nosal arrived at 10:42 a.m.

**Americorps\*VISTA Report** – Summer Americorps\*VISTAs Fedora and Olson reported on the TrailBlazers program for youth and how it combines physical activity and nutrition education with education about the area and environment.

Nosal, discussed:

- Working with science teacher and youth to create a trailhead
- Using “Bikenomics” to make ourselves and community healthy

**Department Head Report** – Andresen thanked the staff and Committee and discussed:

- Bringing broad band to community
- 1% raise for Extension employees
- Office kayak and paddle board outing – taking place after hours

**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 Matson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.