

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin 54534**  
**Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

**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 and Paul Mullard. Committee members absent: Brad Matson and Karl Krall. Also in attendance: Gayan, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Neil Klemme, Deb Leonard, Amy Nosal, and Darrin Kimbler.

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

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

**Motion to approve meeting minutes for July 9, 2015:** Roberts moved to approve minutes for July 9, 2015, 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 August 31, 2015 in their packets. Mullard moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** No Comment.

**Motion to forward proposed 2016 budget to Finance Committee:** Andresen summarized the 2016 Explanation of Extension Budget, and Klemme summarized the Explanation of 4-H & Youth Clubs Budget that accompanied the respective budget proposals which Committee members received in their packets.

Roberts moved to forward the proposed 2016 budgets to the Finance Committee, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

**Motion to approve and sign Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract** – Andresen reviewed the Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract which is to be signed by all Committee members. Mullard moved to approve the Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract, seconded by Roberts. All in favor. Committee members present signed the three copies of the contract. Matson's and Krall's signatures will be obtained at a later date.

**Agent Reports**

**Family Living Program** – Newby reported on:

- Summer interns Sarah Dibartolomeo's and Maria Olaru's assistance with:
  - Food, health and wellness education at senior dining sites
  - Helping to plan the Aging Friendly Summit
  - Partnering with Human Services with the Little Gardeners Program

- Partnering with Human Services on Coordinated Services Team and offering financial management and parenting education to clients
- Coordinating the Aging Friendly Community Coalition update
  - FE University
  - Working with ADRC and the Health Department to write a grant to raise awareness of dementia
- Writing for tenure

**Community Resource Development Program** –Andresen reported updates on:

- Mercer Small Town Downtown Forum
- Gogebic Range Broadband Committee
- Iron County Parks and Recreation Plan
- Iron County Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts (ICORE)
- Interstate Falls Land Acquisition
- Regional Trail Project
- Iron County Regional Trails
  - Mercer
  - Hurley/Gile/Montreal

**4-H Youth Development Program** – Klemme reported updates to the Committee on the following:

- Summer programming with support from Summer Assistant Nicole Hissa
- Iron County Fair
- Promoting and expanding 4-H community clubs
- Iron County Youth Council
  - Youth First Impressions – Montello
- Partnering with Gogebic County MSU-Extension to teach safe babysitting classes

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program** – Leonard discussed her summer programming, providing education at:

- Senior dining sites
- S.T.A.R.S. summer program at the Hurley school, taking groups into the school garden for planting and activities

Leonard is now gearing up for fall, working with classes in the Hurley and Mercer school districts.

**Horticulture Assistant Report** – Kimbler reported to Committee on projects:

- Answering horticulture questions
- Planning a new Master Gardener candidate class October - January
- Presenting a composting lesson at the Mercer Community Garden
- Partnering with Newby to take over responsibility of the Hurley Community Garden from Zona Wick
- Planning to distribute garden seeds donated by Walmart at senior centers and the Mobile Food Pantry

**Americorps\*VISTA Report** – Nosal gave an update on her activities:

- Partnering with Newby on coalition building
- Revitalization of Childhood Obesity Program
- Local Food System
- Attending Master Gardener classes
- Engaging Young People

- Garden to Market project
- Working with summer interns Jacob Berlyn and Rissa Lane

**Department Head Report** – Andresen reported updates to Committee:

- Team award received by Iron County UW-Extension Team as one of the 2015 UW-Extension High Performing Teams
- Town of Sherman visit
- WNEP Coordinator position update
- Civil Rights Review – October 7
- Future of Extension

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

**Adjourn:** Roberts moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mullard. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.