

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin 54534
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by 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 excused: Karl Krall and Brad Matson. Also in attendance: Gayan, Will Andresen, Neil Klemme, Deb Leonard, Amy Nosal, Darrin Kimbler, and North Central Region Director, Tom Schmitz.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Committee Reorganization:

- a) **Election of Chair** – Thomas entertained nominations for position of Committee Chair. Roberts nominated Thomas, seconded by Mullard. Thomas called three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Mullard moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.
- b) **Election of Vice Chair** – Thomas entertained nominations for position of Committee Vice Chair. Mullard nominated Roberts, seconded by Thomas. Thomas called three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Mullard moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roberts, seconded by Thomas. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for January 25, 2016: Roberts moved to approve minutes for January 25, 2016, 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 March 31, 2016 in their packets. Mullard moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

Motion to approve the 2015 Annual Report to the Iron County Board of Supervisors:

Committee members received copies of the 2015 annual report in their packets. Thomas complimented the Iron County UW-Extension staff on the annual report. Mullard moved to approve the 2015 Annual Report to the Iron County Board of Supervisors, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

Public Comment: No Comment.

Update on re-organization of Cooperative Extension: Schmitz updated the Committee on Cooperative Extension's re-organization resulting from budget cuts. Andresen shared copies of a summary of budget cuts to Extension along with a letter from Chancellor Sandeen with recommendations. Discussion followed. Schmitz stated that the June 20-21 WACEC meeting in Wausau will address the topic of the "nEXT Generation of Extension".

Authorization for recruitment of Extension Office Manager position: Committee's authorization was requested for recruitment of Extension Office Manager position to fill the vacancy which will be open upon Gayan's retirement in early 2017. Andresen asked the Committee's approval to have someone on board in November and December to work with Gayan. Mullard moved to authorize recruitment of Extension Office Manager, seconded by Roberts. All in favor.

Authorization for recruitment of Summer Assistant: Andresen discussed the need for a second summer assistant to fill the void of not having the number of summer interns available to Iron County Extension this year that had been available in the past. Discussion followed regarding budget and salary savings resulting from prior personnel changes. Roberts moved to authorize recruitment of Summer Assistant, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Agent Reports

Community Resource Development –Andresen reported that he continues to do asset based work to attract people, jobs, employers and new employees to Iron County with the Next Generation Initiative, I.C.O.R.E., Regional Trail, and the Asset Based Community Development Plan. He focused his report on the capacity building steps and updates related to broad band in Iron County.

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

- Summer Staff Positions
- Iron County Summer Youth Camp
- Outpost Camp
- Day Camp
- Garden to Market
- Iron County Fair

Iron County Interim Community Educator – Nosal described her new position as Iron County Interim Community Educator and the projects she is working on:

- Local Foodies – promoting local food
- Apple tree pruning project
- Garden to Market/Farmers Market
- Coalition for Community Preventing Childhood Obesity (CPCO)
- Welcome breakfast for interns
- Office outing to Kimbler's farm August 15, 4:30 pm

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Leonard updated the Committee on the WNEP program in Iron County. She continues to provide education at the Hurley and Mercer schools and will be resuming education at the senior dining sites in June as well as a connection with Bad River.

Horticulture Assistant Report – Kimbler described how his position has evolved over the past year from a position of answering horticulture questions to that of an educator and volunteer coordinator.

Department Head Report – Andresen discussed:

- Presenting at WACEC
- WNEP Coordinator updates
- Retirement of North Central Region Director Tom Schmitz

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: The next meeting of the Extension Education Committee will be scheduled for July 14, 10:30 a.m. at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters during Iron County Summer Youth Camp.

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