

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Iron County Courthouse, Hurley Wisconsin 54550**  
**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Extension Office Manager Rebecca Holm.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** Roll call was taken by Holm. Committee members present: William Thomas, Opal Roberts, Jamey Francis. Committee members excused: Karl Krall, Brad Matson. Also in attendance: Neil Klemme, Amy Nosal, Deb Leonard, Darrin Kimbler, Mary Pardee, County Board Chair Joe Pinardi, ICYLC members: Haley Allen-Rodriquez, Molly Hohner, Billie Botes.

**Motion to approve meeting minutes for July 12, 2018:** Roberts moved to approve minutes for July 12, 2018, seconded by Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to approve financial reports:** Committee members received **Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs** financial reports through July 31, 2018. Francis moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H and Youth Programs, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

### **Agent Reports**

**4-H Youth Development** - Klemme reported on the following:

- Successful summer programs
  - Iron County Summer Youth Camp and Outpost Camp
  - TrailBlazers
  - SISU Endurance Team
    - 5 Running Club members participated in a Paavo Nurmi relay team
    - 23 mountain bike members participated in the Copper Peak Trails Fest
- Venue change for the 2019 Iron County Summer Youth Camp
  - The 2019 ICSYC will take place at Trails End Youth Camp in Rusk County
- Small Town Community Forum
  - Klemme and Iron County Youth Leadership Council members will be presenting

**Interim Community Educator:** Nosal reported on the following:

- Collaborated with Human Services in the Hurley school garden
- Snap Benefits/EBT cards are now accepted at local farmers markets
  - Nosal wrote a grant to allow participants to take advantage of the double up bucks program
- Iron County Community Development Educator interview, Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>
- ICORE trail development projects
  - Hurley Trailhead
  - Rerouting the trail to Corrigan's Lookout with Hurley School science class later this month
- FeLiveLife.org community calendar project
- Trail impact/marketing project with MI and WI Universities
- Hosting Small Community Forum, September 19th

**FoodWise:** Leonard reported on the following:

- Iron, Ashland, Bayfield County FoodWise Coordinator, Gina Monroe accepted a teaching position with Bayfield School District in August
  - Coordinator position will be posted in late 2018, early 2019
- Summer programs winding down
  - Hurley Kids Club (Stars) focused on food nutrition while working in the school garden
  - Nutrition education at the 5 senior dining sites ended in August
- Nutrition education will be starting at Hurley and Mercer schools, Headstart, WIC

**Horticulture:** Kimbler reported on the following:

- Busy diagnosing plant and insect issues
- Attended the National Master Gardener Coordinator Conference in August with Nosal
- Iron County Fair
  - Range Master Gardener Volunteers were on hand to answer questions
  - Great to see an increase in youth projects
- Commercial Maple Syrup Production Public Forum
  - Registration open
  - Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Whitecap Mountains
  - Panel of three experts will be on hand to discuss commercial maple syrup production

**Area Extension Director Report:** Pardee reported on the following:

- The merger with UW-Madison is still on track and should be complete July 1, 2019
- Community Development Educator interviews set for Monday, Sept 17th
  - Pardee, Klemme, Will Andresen, and Brad Matson are on the interview committee
- Options for Horticulture Education
  - Pardee presented three options to the committee
  - Option 1 fits the needs of Iron County and is the preferred choice amongst staff
  - Option 2 and 3 would have the potential to be shared positions with other counties, which the committee and staff agreed would not work considering our rural area.

Roberts moved to select option 1 for horticulture education, seconded by Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to forward proposed 2019 budget to Finance Committee:** Pardee and Klemme reviewed the proposed 2019 budget for Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs along with descriptions of line items, which committee members received in their packets. Francis moved to approve the budget, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to approve and sign Iron county UW-Extension 136 Contract:** Pardee reviewed a draft contract and table detailing 2019 position fees (including Horticulture Education Option 1), which committee members received in their packets. Roberts moved to approve the Iron County UW-Extension 136 Contract as presented, seconded by Francis. Motion carried unanimously. Pardee will draft a final contract, which Bill Thomas will need to sign before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pardee noted that the \$10,000 discount will be removed in the 2020 contracting process. Committee members can contact Dean Karl Martin with their concerns.

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

**Adjourn:** Francis moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Unapproved