

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Iron County Courthouse, Hurley Wisconsin 54534**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by William Thomas.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** Roll call was taken by Holm. Committee members present: William Thomas, Opal Roberts, Karl Krall, Brad Matson. Committee members excused: Jamey Francis. Also in attendance: Neil Klemme, Amy Nosal, Deb Leonard, Darrin Kimbler, Stephanie Bakker, Mary Pardee, County Board Chair Joe Pinardi, Iron County Youth Leadership Council members: Haley Allen-Rodriquez, Molly Hohner, Billie Botes, UW-Extension Institute Directors Will Andresen, Matt Calvert, Amber Canto, Danielle Hairston-Green, Interim Associate Dean of Youth, Family, and Community Development Julieann Stawicki.

**Motion to approve meeting minutes for September 12, 2018:** Matson moved to approve minutes for September 12, 2018, seconded by Krall. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Motion to approve county credit card for Agriculture Educator:** Matson moved to approve a county credit card for Iron County Agriculture Educator Darrin Kimbler, seconded by Krall. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Update on staffing of Iron County UW-Extension:** Pardee reported on the following:

- Stephanie Bakker accepted the FoodWise Coordinator position for Ashland, Bayfield and Iron Counties and will begin on February 1, 2019
- Bakker has been a FoodWise Nutrition Educator in Bayfield County for the past 4 years
- Nosal served on the search and screen committee for the FoodWise Coordinator position
- As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, Darrin Kimbler is now the Iron County Agriculture Extension Educator (50%)
- Brad Matson served on the search and screen committee for the Agriculture Educator position

### **Educator Reports**

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

- Iron County 4-H
  - Enrollment has steadily increased over the past 6 years
  - Klemme is hosting a 4-H open house at the Mercer Library to expand outreach to Mercer
  - Communication Arts Festival Speaking Contest
  - Foods Review
  - Rabbit Showing Workshop

- Iron County Fair
  - The Fair Board agreed at their meeting last week to add two seats for area high school students.
  - Ticket booth mural project will be completed by Iron County 4-H
- Iron County Summer Youth Camp
  - Trails End Youth Camp is reserved and there is a lot of excitement about the new venue
  - ICSYC sponsor letters have been mailed as we begin to fundraise for the camp program
- The search for 2 new summer assistants is underway
  - Position descriptions have been posted through the Northland College Job Center
- SISU Endurance Team
  - 27 youth have enrolled in the SET xc-ski club
  - Parent lessons have been added, which allows families to get out skiing together
  - To make this club more accessible to youth and families, financial contributions from grants and donations have been used to purchase ski equipment for club members
    - Members are able to checkout ski packages for the whole ski season
    - 10 SET members have taken advantage of the ski checkout program

**Community Development:** Nosal reported on the following:

- Continued work with community partners
  - Iron County Human Services
    - Nosal assisted with grant applications
  - ICORE
    - Nosal will continue supporting ICORE since the passing of board member Mike Fauerbach
  - Hurley Chamber
    - Hygge Hike - Community Snowshoe Hike to benefit the Penokee Rangers
- Partnering with Kimbler on upcoming projects
  - Gogebic Community College
    - Possible Farmers Market venue
    - Commercial kitchen
  - Community Maple Syrup Production programming in Iron County
- FeLiveLife.org
  - January 23 - Find Your Element Calendar Party
- Nosal recognized Holm for her contributions to office programs such as SISU Endurance Team, Iron County Mobile Food Pantry and the Hygge Hike.

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

- Worked with the Hurley 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes this fall through early winter
- Nutrition education starting with the Mercer 3<sup>rd</sup> graders this month
- Excited to work with Bakker, as she starts her new Coordinator position
- Providing educational support to families that are dealing with the government shutdown

**Agriculture:** Kimbler reported on the following:

- Master Gardeners
  - 978 Master Gardener volunteer hours were reported in 2018
  - Master Gardener classes to be offered in October 2019

- Commercial Maple Syrup Production
  - October 2018 - Public forum held at White Cap Resort
    - 50 participants, 3 presenters, multiple vendors were on hand
  - January 11-12 – Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producers Association - Winter Institute
    - Nosal and Kimbler attended
  - February 2019 – Backyard Maple Tapping classes to be offered
  - February and March 2019 – Nosal and Kimbler will be participating a Maple Syrup Producers workshop
  - April 2019 - Maple Syrup Pub Crawl, in partnership with Hurley Chamber

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

- Area 1 hosted the Dean Zoom on January 7th
  - Bayfield County hosted Karl Martin for his monthly Dean Zoom
  - Nosal, Klemme, Will Andresen presented
- The new Extension logo has launched
  - Iron County UW-Extension will now be called Extension Iron County
  - Counties will be phasing the old logo out over the next few months
- Extension faculty will be asked to choose an area of focus
  - Klemme is one of four faculty members in Area 1
- Annual performance reviews will be done by May 2019

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

**Adjourn:** Roberts moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Krall. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.