

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Trails End Youth Camp, Bruce Wisconsin 54819**  
**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by William Thomas.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** Roll call was taken by Rebecca Holm. Committee members present: William Thomas, Opal Roberts, Brad Matson. Committee members excused: Jamey Francis, Karl Krall. Also in attendance: Neil Klemme, Amy Nosal, Deb Leonard, Darrin Kimbler, Mary Pardee, County Board Chair Joe Pinardi, Iron County Summer Youth Camp Counselors, Brianna Zaleski and Robert Vinopal, campers, Lily Youngs and Simon Thompson, and camp volunteer, Joyce Gayan.

**Motion to approve meeting minutes for April 17, 2019:** Roberts moved to approve minutes for April 17, 2019, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to approve financial reports:** Committee members received **Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs** financial reports through May 31, 2019. Matson moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H and Youth Programs, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** The following items were discussed:

- Iron County Summer Youth Camp
  - Matson congratulated Neil on the new camp location
    - Matson sees the potential in having a similar facility in Iron County
  - Brianna Zaleski and Robert Vinopal reported on their experiences as camp counselors
    - Zaleski liked that the cabins are spread out, allowing each cabin to have more privacy
    - Vinopal added that he was a camper at North Lakeland Discovery Center, so he was really excited to experience the new facility as a camp counselor
  - Campers, Lily Youngs and Simon Thompson reported on their experience as campers
    - Youngs stated that she is enjoying the new campfire area, outdoor seating for meals, swimming, and roomy cabins
    - Thompson stated that he is enjoying playing games in his cabin with his bunk mates and counselors and had fun singing songs at campfire
  - Joyce Gayan stated that she is impressed with how the camp counselors handled the tornado warning, keeping their campers calm by singing campfire songs and wanted to recognize camp volunteer and bus driver, Bill Valenti, for all of his help in the kitchen

### **Educator Reports**

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

- Iron County Summer Youth Camp
  - Even though there were a few issues (tornado warning, high temperatures, mosquitos) all camp staff, counselors and campers are enjoying the new facility
- Iron County Fair – August 1-4

- Outpost Camp – July 23-26
- TrailBlazers
  - Tuesday sessions were on local trails and Thursday sessions took place in Duluth, Houghton and Bayfield, so participants could experience different mountain bike trails in our region
  - Lunch/travel costs were paid for with a grant received from the Gogebic Range United Way
  - Klemme also used the United Way grant to purchase 6 mountain bikes for participants to use if they didn't have a bike of their own
  - Participants completed a first impressions survey, which focused on trail development and tourism in biking communities
- Loon & Water Project
  - Klemme chaperoned a 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip with Hurley School Science teacher, Diane O'Krongly and Iron County Land & Water Conservation's Zach Wilson, during which students set up loon platforms and talked about lake ecology
  - Wilson invited Klemme and some Iron County 4-H members to participate in the second half of this project, where they check the loon platforms
  - Klemme hopes that this will be a yearly project
- School Garden
  - Two 4-H Leaders have taken the lead on the school garden
  - Leaders and 4-H youth meet every other Monday
- State and National 4-H Trips
  - One Iron County 4-H Youth participated in Youth Conference in Madison and four participated in the Spirit Trip, an East coast bus tour of historic places in American history
  - Jackie Bradley was selected to be on the Communication and Arts team

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

- Blender Bike
  - Hosted the blender bike at the Brian Nasi Memorial Walk/Run and Lupine Junefest
- Maple Syrup Programming
  - Attended some open houses with Kimbler in the Spring
  - Looking forward to upcoming programming opportunities
- Attended Workshops/Trainings
  - Town Officials Workshop
  - New Colleague Community Development In-service
  - Presented with Klemme at an MSU Extension Supporting Community Development and Tourism conference
- School Garden
  - Working with Iron County Human Services mentee program
- ICORE
  - ICORE is doing an inventory of trails across Iron County with plans to host a trail expo in October
- NICER (Northern Iron County Engaged Residents)
  - Coalition based efforts that Nosal, Klemme, and Holm are supporting along with the Hurley Chamber and interested community members
  - Nosal and Klemme facilitated a Community Placemaking Workshop in May

- NICER is hosting a workbee at the Kimball Town Park on July 23
- Matson expressed interest in a Southern Iron County community workshop

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

- School Garden
  - Working with the Hurley Kids Club in the garden, planting food items such as potatoes
  - Thanked Nosal and Iron County 4-H for their hard work in the garden this summer
- Senior Dining Sites
  - Distributed vegetables from the school garden and plant donations from Lakes Flower Cabin in Wakefield to seniors at the dining sites
- Hosted the blender bike at the Across the Borders Senior Information and Awareness Walk in June
- FoodWise Coordinator, Stephanie Bakker will be returning from maternity leave in August

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

- Facilitated an Extending the Garden Season Workshop in Mercer on May 8
- New colleague conferences and trainings
- Has been busy diagnosing insects, plant diseases and soil samples for community members
  - Kimbler identified a new insect pest for Iron County called viburnum leaf beetle
- Maple Syrup Programming
  - Working with Andy Rowe, who is planning a tubing operation in Gurney, which will be a good opportunity to do a field class there in the future
  - Kimbler and Nosal have been working with Northwoods Manufacturing's Roger Peterson on upcoming maple syrup projects with Hurley students this spring
  - Kimbler and Nosal plan to attend the International Maple Syrup Conference in October
- Master Gardener Volunteer Level 1 Training starts in October
- Kimbler and Nosal met with new Gogebic Community College President and look forward to having him as a partner

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

- Officially UW-Madison employees as of July 1
- UW-Madison Division of Extension Iron County (or Extension Iron County) is the name staff and committee members should be using
- Budget
  - Pardee provided everyone with a draft of the upcoming 2020 Extension Fees
  - The final budget will be discussed at the next Extension Education Committee meeting in September

**Schedule next Extension Education Committee meeting:** Next Extension Education Committee meeting will take place in September. Date and time to be determined.

**Adjourn:** Roberts moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.