

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Iron County Courthouse, County Board Room, Hurley, Wisconsin
Friday, December 11, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Joyce Wyzlic. Committee members present: Thomas, Ron Kern, Gerald Luke, Opal Roberts and Donald Erspamer. Also in attendance: Gloria Fauerbach, Wyzlic, Will Andresen, Toni Rogers, Deb Leonard, Abbey Hallberg, Gerri Reynolds, and County Board Chair, Dennis DeRosso.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Wyzlic acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Approval of agenda as posted: Motion made by Erspamer, seconded by Roberts, to approve agenda as posted. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for August 28, 2009: Motion made by Luke, seconded by Erspamer, to approve meeting minutes of August 28, 2009. All in favor.

Motion to approve financial reports: Committee members had received Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs financial reports through October 31, 2009 in their packets, and Wyzlic distributed updated copies of financial reports through November 30, 2009. Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Kern, to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs. All in favor.

Public Comment: No comment.

Agent Reports:

Community Resource Development Program – Committee members received copies of Andresen's updated report in their packets. Andresen focused his oral report on some of the shorter-term projects he has worked on with community groups including non-profit, local government and schools. He discussed his role with these groups and their projects, contrasting that work with some of the longer-term projects he continues to work on such as the City of Hurley's regional trail system.

Interim Northern District Director, Kathy Miller arrived at 9:10 a.m.

4-H Youth Development Program – Committee members received copies of Fauerbach's written report in their packets. Fauerbach introduced Americorps*VISTA, Abbey Hallberg. Hallberg discussed her work with the Hurley School District and reported on her role working with Community Service Learning and also working with the S.T.A.R.S. afterschool program.

Fauerbach reported on 4-H Achievement Night and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to both the Extension Education Committee and Ron Kern of the Hurley Dairy Queen for their support of Iron County 4-H Youth Programs. Fauerbach also discussed end of year reports, new guidelines for the 4-H market project, Superior Days, and future VISTA services.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Leonard discussed her contacts in both the Hurley and Mercer schools and teaching from the MyPyramid curriculum. She also discussed her work at the WIC Clinics and Head Start. Leonard distributed a 2010 Nutrition and Fitness Calendar to Committee members.

Rogers introduced new WNEP Office Associate, Gerri Reynolds. She gave an overview of her responsibilities. Rogers discussed the WNEP fiscal year and the WNEP grant. She also discussed the new curriculum being used this year.

Family Development Program – Rogers discussed her role with the Strong Women's Program which is being offered in Iron County. She also discussed the plan for the Iron County community garden.

Department Head Report – Fauerbach introduced Interim Northern District Director, Kathy Miller. Miller discussed her role as the Interim District Director. She stated that she works closely with Department Heads from County offices. Miller discussed the state and federal budget. She stated that Dean Klemme has asked each county office to have some contact with state legislators who cover our area to be sure they know who Extension is, what Extension does, and the value of Extension.

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: Next Extension Education Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2010.

Adjourn: Motion made by Luke, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.