BAYFIELD COUNTY
AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

July 20, 2015
County Board Room, 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse, Washburn, WI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Fred Strand. Committee members present: John Bennett and Fred Strand. Absent were: Dee Kittleson, Marco Bichanich and Jim Crandall. The Committee lacked a quorum, since only two of the five Committee members were present. Also present were: Tim Kane, Liz Lexau, Donna Ganson, Kathy Beeksma, Jason Fischbach, Ian Meeker and Matt Cogger.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2015 Meeting (action item)

No action was taken, since the Committee lacked a quorum.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Out-of-State Overnight Travel Requests (action item)

No out-of-state overnight travel requests.

5. 2015 UW-Extension Budget Update Report

Tim reviewed the year-to-date 2015 UW Extension Budget Performance Report.

6. Educator/Agent Program Sharing

Tim Kane – Community Development Educator
- 178 persons attended the 2015 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference held in Hayward.
- 228 participates brought materials to Clean Sweep collections held in Washburn and Iron River.
- Business On Stage program will be held and feature the Blue Wave on the Bay on July 28.
- 2015 Lake Superior Business & Technology Conference is coming up on August 14 at WITC.

Liz Lexau – Family Living Educator
- Food Preservation programming focusing on food safety and avoiding botulism.
- Have a Food Preservation lending library.
- Teaching Jail Education classes on a number of topics including stress management.
- Financial Education class recently held in Iron River. Will have credit education credit report exhibit at County Fair.
• CORE Community Resources Superior Life Long Learning classes planning.

Donna Ganson – 4-H Youth Development Assistant & NEP Educator
4H
• 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Northwoods had 56 youth and 18 youth staff participate. “Explore 4-H” was the camp theme.
• Camp evaluation put in Dropboxes. Head – learning new skills; heart – making new friend; hands – helping, doing kind thing; and health – new physical challenge.

Kathy Beeksma – NEP Coordinator
• NEP Team Changes – Current Educators Stephanie LaPointe and Donna Ganson. Posting for a 60% time NEP Educator position. New support staff LTE Rebecca Butterworth.
• Continuing cuts to NEP program.

Jason Fischbach – Agriculture Agent
• Described a “day in the life” of an Extension agent by citing his activities for a day.

Ian Meeker – 4-H Youth Development Educator
• Handed out flyer on upcoming Northern Lights Tour stop at NGLVC on July 30.
• Survey sent out to 4-H families. Results indicated that the biggest draw to a 4-H Club is “have fun and feel part of a group.”
• Hired new AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer who will work on high tunnel school gardens and start on August 18.
• Will use a Health Department grant to fund a video project related to AODA issue.
• 4-H Summer Camp went well.
• Triathlon event on Long Island.
• Getting ready for County Fair.

Matt Cogger – Horticulture Educator
• Tractor Safety Training had six youth participate in the six, four-hour sessions. Program included: videos, workbook, wheelchair exercise, outside speakers, grain bin accident simulator, skid steer loader safety and tractor driving test.
• Berries going well.
• Spraying to address fruit fly insect spotted wing drosophilas.

7. Announcements
Upcoming 2015 WCA Annual Conference on September 20 – 22, 2015 at the La Crosse Center & Radisson Hotel, La Crosse.

8. Next Meeting Date and Time
Wednesday, September 23, 4:00 pm, County Board Room.

9. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Submitted by: Tim Kane, UW-Extension Bayfield County