1. **Call to Order**
The Chair, Fred Strand, called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.
Committee members present: Jim Crandall, Jeff Silbert and Fred Strand.
Committee members absent: Brian Goodwin and Larry Fickbohm.
Others present: Tim Kane, Matt Cogger, Donna Ganson, Theresa LaChappelle, Ian Meeker and Jason Fischbach (3:10 pm).

2. **Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2017 Meeting**
   *Motion (Silbert, Strand) to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.*

3. **Public Comment**
   There were no public comments.

4. **Out-of-State Overnight Travel Requests**
   There were no requests.

5. **2016 UW-Extension Budget Final Report**
   The 2016 final budget expenditures were overall 3% below the approved budget.
   *Motion (Crandall, Silbert) to accept and place on file the 2016 Budget Final Report.*

6. **2017 UW-Extension Budget Update Report**
   The Youth Board line items are currently over budget. Reimbursements for the international students attending Superior Days have yet to be made.
   *Motion (Crandall, Silbert) to accept the 2017 Year-To-Date Budget Update Report and place on file.*

7. **Coop Extension Reorganization Update & Discussion**
   Kane presented copies of the February 27th email from Karl Martin, Dean & Director UW Extension-Cooperative-Extension, regarding the upcoming implementation of the nEXT Generation plan.
   Kane also presented the March 3rd email from the nEXT Generation Project Communications group. This communication included survey results, as well as explaining what is current with the Geographic Assistant Dean positions and Area Extension Directors.
   Kane pointed out the changes that have been made in the plan from December 2015 to February 2017. To illustrate some of the changes, Fischbach diagramed the new plan on the white board. There are still many unknowns. Discussion on the potential drawbacks and positives.
   Jason suggested each educator write down all the programs that they are doing, and also types of programming they could do, but that they are not currently doing.
   *The consensus of the Committee is that they would like a listing from each educator of their existing programs as well as other programs they could do in the future.*

8. **Issues and Program Ideas Discussion**
   Kane noted that Thursday, March 16, 2017 will be Jenna Galligan’s last day in the UW-Extension Office. She has accepted the position as Deputy Treasurer in the Bayfield County Treasurer’s Office.
Kane also noted that the interviews for the Ashland/Bayfield/Iron County FoodWise Coordinator position will be occurring soon. Liz Lexau will be involved in these interviews. Committee members wishing more information should contact her.

Meeker handed out short summary on Superior Days, Aquaponics grant information and the 4H CANski program. He also handed out a flyer with information regarding the Bayfield County 4H Project Meeting to be held on March 18th in Iron River.

Fischbach noted that Ashland County is starting a Large Animal Livestock Committee to consider ordinances for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Ashland County. Fischbach also reported that Douglas and Dunn Counties are looking at adopting Bayfield County’s Ordinances for Largescale Livestock siting. Fischbach just held a Fruit Growers Clinic workshop on Monday and Tuesday. He noted that the fruit growers & farmer demographics are changing and with that the experience that younger producers are looking for is different. These younger farmers/growers are looking for more one-on-one individual attention for their specific issues.

Ganson mentioned that in 4-H the Bayfield County Fair Foods & Clothing Revue and the 4-H Cultural Arts Festival are coming up quickly in April. In her FoodWise position she is currently teaching in the South Shore School District.

Meeker brought up that at a recent conference the issue of “Screen Addiction” and the issues it creates on developing brain function. Discussion.

Cogger noted that he will be teaching his last Master Gardener Class for the season tonight. They will be pruning at the Great Lakes Visitor Center. Cogger will also be returning to Armenia to continue with raspberry education for growers. He will be leaving on Friday and will be gone for a few weeks.

Kane commented that he has been asked to participate in a Town of Cable Plan Commission meeting to advise on a visioning process to use in updating the Town’s comprehensive plan.

Kane indicated that Liz Lexau will be presenting a Real Colors™ training for Washburn City Public Works employees on Friday, March 17th. Kane will also be in attendance as a co-facilitator.

9. **Next Meeting Date and Time**
The next meeting has been set for May 17 at 3:00 pm in Conference Room A., with the understanding that if needed an additional meeting could be set for April.

10. **Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.