

Nielsen, chair, called the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on May 12, 2011 in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members Dennis Nielsen Mary Platner, Fred Radtke, Gene Ciszek, and Maynard Bedish; others Nancy Anne Miller, Terri Miller, Kelly Haverkamp, Joan LeFebvre, & Rosemary Leveille  
The following County Board members were excused:  
The following County Board members were absent:

**Approve Agenda: Motion by Radtke, second by Bedish to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Approve Minutes: Motion by Ciszek, second by Radtke to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) report –**

Platner distributed and discussed a letter (on file in the UWEX office) that will be sent to Kyle Roskam the aide to Representative Ribble. She will also be sending a letter to Senator Kohl on an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel this past week rating him.

**Featured Program – Kelly Haverkamp**

Haverkamp distributed her written report and an exercise handout on marketing from the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation “Lunch and Learn” (on file in the UWEX office), both were discussed. The committee, with the aid of Haverkamp, filled in the blanks that were asked in the handout and were astounded with the amount of money spent in Vilas County in a year by the visitors and the seasonal home owners. Haverkamp also provided a copy of the “Ghost Town” article and explained the response that she and Ken Stubbe, Vilas County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, put together to disprove the title and presented the proper figures in an article of their own that went viral and was picked up by over 7,000 news media.

**Follow-up on Family Living Agent Position –**

N. Miller started the discussion out by thanking the committee for their support of filling the Family Living Agent position a copy of the resolution via the resolution that was passed at the April County Board meeting and a position description (both on file in the UWEX office) for the Family Living Agent were provided as an aide in discussing the new opportunities and the percentage of time a new hire could take on. Two options were given to the committee regarding the replacement of the Family Living Agent position; option 1 to replace with a 1/2 time person that would be for Vilas County exclusively, option 2 to replace with a 1/3 time position as it is now. The possibilities were discussed at length. **A motion was made by Radtke, second by Bedish to postpone the decision of 1/2 time or 1/3 time until the other counties (Florence and Forest) involved make their decision. Motion carried, all voting aye.** N. Miller passed out copies of Penny Otte’s email (on file in the UWEX office) announcing her retirement. It was further stated that the state does not have the funds to replace her position.

**Extension Office Sustainability Dialogue –**

N. Miller gave kudos to LeFebvre for the Family Impact Seminar – Community Connections that took place in May, stating that a woman stopped her to say that this was the best seminar yet and similar ones should be done more often.

**Leonardo DaVinci Idea Book –**

N. Miller stated that her wish is for the best person to be hired for the Family Living Agent.

**Out-of-County travel –**

**Motion by Platner, second by Bedish to approve Haverkamp's travel to Boise, ID on July 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> for a Community Development Society International Conference and to forward the request for out of state travel to the Finance Committee. Motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Platner, second by Bedish to approve the following travel:** N. Miller for May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> to Madison for Connecting Across Cultures, May 25<sup>th</sup> to Phillips for Northern District Youth Development Face to Face meeting, May 26<sup>th</sup> to Waukesha for Teen Court DVD release & regional meeting, and June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Stevens Point for WTCA quarterly meeting; Haverkamp May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> to Jacksonport to systems Thinking Team Retreat, June 17<sup>th</sup> to Madison for Council for Strategic Change, & June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Stevens Point for CNRED Program Advisory Group retreat; and LeFebvre for May 25<sup>th</sup> to Stevens Point for Gracious Space Training for Building Community Connection Team, & June 10<sup>th</sup> to Ashland for North District Family Living meeting; T. Miller for May 25<sup>th</sup> to Stevens Point for Leadership Training; and Leveille and Stys for June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Oshkosh for Responding to Horticulture Inquiry training. **Motion carried, all voting aye.** The agents list of travel is on file in the UWEX office.

**Budget Update/Approval of Vouchers –**

Leveille distributed a monthly budget summary and submitted the following vouchers for payment: Camp's Northwoods Super value-\$153.43; Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$593.14; Comdata-\$38.40; Eagle Lanes-\$109.00; Eagle River Inn-\$447.55; Family Resource Coalition, Treasurer-\$846.12; Kelly Haverkamp-\$485.30; Nancy Anne Miller-\$309.06; Terri Miller-\$22.84; National 4-H Council-\$31.92; Pamida, Inc.-\$18.50; Trig's Food & Drug-\$125.57; UW Soil Testing Lab-\$45.00; Univ. of Wisconsin-Extension-\$19.21; WI Dept. of Justice-\$14.00; and Xerox Corporation-\$881.54. **Motion to approve the vouchers as presented was made by Bedish and second by Platner. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Correspondence and Communications –**

N. Miller was asked to write a resolution for the County Board to recognize LeFebvre and Otte for their service to Vilas County. The retirement celebrations will be June 9<sup>th</sup> for LeFebvre from 11:30 am. to 1:30 pm. in the conference rooms and for Otte from 1:30 pm. to 3:00 pm. in the UW-Extension meeting room.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items –**

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse.

**Adjournment –**

**The motion to adjourn was made by Bedish at 11:10 a.m.**

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Leveille