

Nielsen, chair, called the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on November 10, 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, Maynard Bedish, and Gene Ciszek by phone; others Nancy Anne Miller, Teresa Arnold, Janna Kahl, & Rosemary Leveille

The following County Board member was excused:

The following County Board members were absent: Fred Radtke

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

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2011 meeting was made by Bedish, second by Platner. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Introduction of Human Resource Director – Janna Kahl

Kahl introduced herself. She also stated that if there is anything that she can do please don't hesitate to ask.

Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) report –

Platner will be sending the newspaper article about the newly formed Northland Pines Community Garden along with an explanation on the roles of UW-Extension with the program.

Featured Program – Teresa Arnold

Arnold distributed and discussed her written report, an impact statement, 2012 Nutrition & Fitness Calendar, and a recipe for vegetable fried rice (all on file in the UWEX office) which she prepared for the committee. She gave the nutritional value and explained the need for whole grain.

Family Living Agent Position update –

N. Miller announced that the final interviews with 2 candidates will be Monday, November 14th and will be held in Florence County. The interviews will take place with the department head from all 3 counties, the Northern District director, and one County board member from each county.

Committee Resource Educator Position update –

The University has sent out an email stating that decisions will be made after the first of the year concerning hiring. An additional \$64 million has been taken from the University system and 38% of that will be taken away from the UW-Extension system.

Extension Office Sustainability Dialogue -

Platner stated that she discovered the 2012 UW plan of work and named the 7 priority items on the list. Vilas County addresses the food issues of safety, nutrition and obesity. Platner said "You guys are the experts and can find the research to share. You have the expertise and resources to meet the needs here in Vilas County." The nutrition program in our county shares their knowledge by working with Commission on Aging, Public Health, Social Services and the schools now. The committee appreciates this collaborative involvement and would like to see the County board become more aware of all that UW-Extension does and is involved with here in Vilas County.

Leonardo DaVinci Idea Book –

Nielsen stated that he would like to have all of the County board receive one of the 2012 Nutrition & Fitness Calendars. A calendar will be given them at the January, 2012 board meeting.

Out-of-County travel –

Motion by Platner, second by Bedish to approve the following travel: N. Miller Nov. 14th to Florence for Family Development Agent final interviews, Dec. 2nd to Stevens Point for WTCA quarterly meeting, Dec. 13th to Madison for University Committee, Dec. 14th to Sawyer County for Northern District 4-H/YD Face-to-Face meeting; and Nielsen Nov. 14th to Florence for final interviews. **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 update and submitted the following vouchers for payment: Clermont Printing & Office Products-\$228.70; Nancy Anne Miller-\$293.04; Water & Environmental Analysis Lab-\$60.00; WI Dept. of Justice-\$77.00; and Xerox Corporation-\$1,429.33. **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 stated that a student from Lakeland Union High School is very interested in the opportunity of being on the County board. Nielsen stated that a memo from Corporation Counsel concerning the standing rules was given to the board members. Bedish asked if any of the board members had trouble hearing at the County board meeting. When the committee members presented also said they had problems, Cizek suggested that he write a letter to Alleman, County Clerk to ask if the seating arrangement can be altered to put the chair and vice chairs in the center of the room facing east.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse. Platner will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned by Nielsen at 10:27 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Leveille