

Nielsen, chair, called the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on February 9, 2012 in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Dennis Nielsen, Maynard Bedish, and Mary Platner; others Nancy Anne Miller, Jenette Jones, Terri Miller, & Rosemary Leveille
The following County Board members was/were excused: Fred Radtke
The following County Board members was/were absent:
Media Present:

Approve Agenda: Motion by Bedish, 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 January 12, 2012 meeting was made by Platner, second by Bedish. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) report –

Platner will be sending the announcement of the new Family Living Agent to Vilas, Florence and Forest Counties to the representatives.

Tri County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) –

A MOU between Florence, Forest and Vilas Counties regarding the travel monies for the Family Living Agent was presented to the committee for their approval and signature by the chair. **Motion by Planter, second by Bedish to approve and sign the MOU and forward it to the next county for their approval. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Committee Resource Educator (CRD) Position update –

N. Miller announced that the CRD position will be posted on February 10, 2012. The 1st round of interviews will in early April with the 1st round of interviews conducted by the University staff. The 2nd will be conducted by the Vilas UW-Extension Committee, the Northern District Interim Director, and the UW-Extension Department Head.

Office Relocation –

Land and Water Conservation will be moving to another location vacating the space needed for combining the entire UW-Extension department into the same space. The Family Living and Nutrition portion of UW-Extension will be moving into the existing UW-Extension office. Tourism and Publicity will be moving from the office as soon as that space has been determined. The move will be starting today (February 9th) with everything except desks which is contingent on the new phone system.

Agenda format and Dept. Oversight Activities –

There was discussion about the committee changes and how that will impact the way meetings are structured. Everyone agreed that dept. heads need more authority for voucher approval and out of county travel in addition to other details. The committee member's role is to support and make policy decisions. Questions arose about how reporting would be done – written or verbal, will there be monthly meetings, would dept. heads need to be present at other meetings than the one that they are assigned to i.e. finance for voucher approval.

Featured Program – Terri Miller

T. Miller gave an oral report on her program. She highlighted the fact that because of the new funding system they are now allowed to partner with different entities. A connection with Head Start has been made and a pilot program will begin in 5 counties; starting with 2 lessons for the children and 2 lessons for the parents on nutrition. A brochure on USDA's Nutrition Assistance Programs and a flyer on "My Plate" (on file in the UWEX office) were given to the members. The WNEP program is now working with the food pantries also. The pantry in Eagle River is thrilled to have T. Miller presenting nutrition education to the seniors.

Extension Office Sustainability Dialogue & Leonardo DaVinci Idea Book –

N. Miller stated focusing on the positive not concentrating on the road blocks you will be able to use your resources better and find the solutions to the problem in any of your endeavors.

Out-of-County travel –

Motion by Bedish, second by Platner to approve the following travel: any supervisor that is able to attend the WACEC annual district meeting on February 24th in Rhinelander as well as N. Miller, and T. Miller at the end of February to Madison for a coordinators meeting. **Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Budget Update/Approval of Vouchers –

Leveille distributed a monthly budget update and submitted the following vouchers for payment: **2011** - National 4-H Council-\$8.95; and **2012** Clermont Printing & Office Products-\$65.54; Dairy Queen-\$19.99; Nancy Anne Miller-\$442.34; Reuland's Catering-\$218.90; Trig's Food & Drug-\$169.51; Water & Environmental Analysis Lab-\$60.00; UW-Extension-\$700.00; and Xerox corporation-\$1,174.17. **Motion to approve the vouchers as presented was made by Platner, second by Bedish. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Correspondence and Communications –

The members were given information on the next WACEC annual meeting and the Convention along with an article marking 100 years of Extension (both on file in the UWEX office).

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse.

Adjournment –

Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Leveille