

D. Nielsen, chairman, called the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee to order at 9:05 a.m., on February 14, 2014 at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rm. # 2, Eagle River, WI 54521

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Dennis Nielsen, Linda Thorpe, Maynard Bedish, Chuck Hayes and others Nancy Anne Miller, Christopher Stark, Terri Miller and Gail Kukanich.

Excused absence: Emil Bakka

Approve Agenda: Motion by Hayes, second by Bedish to approve the agenda.

Motion passed.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting by Thorpe, second by Bedish.

Motion passed.

Featured Program – WNEP – T. Miller apprised the committee on all that has been happening with the Farm Bill being passed. There was no loss of funding with new contracts through September 30, 2014. T. Miller explained the budget and how the formula works. SNAP education fared very well. Nutrition Education is mandatory. The three counties coalition is trying to re-group and rejuvenate the group by looking at unique ways to get people together for meetings to discuss the needs of the counties. There is a new partnership with the Land O Lakes School for a food and nutrition program along with partnering with the Farm to School Program with AmeriCorp. April 8th will be the first of 4 gardening Lunch and Learns here in the courthouse. T. Miller is looking for a satellite site to provide this to more residents in the county. Hayes suggested the Presque Isle Library. Farmers Market will be able to use the EBT this year.

Vilas County Training Report – N. Miller-Professional Development (on file).

Youth Representative on County Board – Nothing to report.

VILAS Vision-monthly update – Stark thinks things are going nicely. Nielsen talked about hearing from Sheehan how she likes the program. T. Miller received a questionnaire from a VILAS Vision group. N. Miller updated the committee on the group from Public Health that sent out a survey regarding looking into a grant writer for the county as their service project. Discussion. The March VILAS Vision presentation will be done by Vilas County UW Family Living Agent along with Erica Brewster from Oneida County.

Extension Office Sustainability Dialogue – At N. Miller’s review, Board member L. Johnson reported out about Stark’s revitalization program in Phelps. Discussion on keeping the dialog going in the community to get the word out about UW Extension.

Leonardo DaVinci Idea Book – N. Miller putting in her Da Vinci Book to work on getting “extension office is the heart of the County”. This will be one of her goals. T. Miller will try to get a Jr. Master Gardner and Summer Program on Food & Fitness for Kids started.

Out-of-County travel: N. Miller to Rothschild, possibly Green Lake, Stark to Madison and Wausau. T. Miller to Wis. Dells.

Budget Review/Statement of Bills: Budgets from 2013 and 2014 were reviewed.

Correspondence and Communications: N. Miller informed the committee of her performance review. Goals were set forth. No feedback regarding the letter that was sent to the County Board Chair and to L&J committee.

Future Meeting Dates/Items

The next regular meeting is set for March 14, 2014 in Conference Rm. 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521. Hayes to be excused.

14. Adjournment

Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

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