

D. Nielsen, chairman, called the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on March 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, Emil Bakka and others Nancy Anne Miller, Christopher Stark, Jenette Gunville, Theresa Arnold and Gail Kukanich.

Excused absence: Chuck Hayes

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

Motion passed.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2014 meeting by Thorpe, second by Bedish.

Motion passed.

Featured Program – Economic Development – Stark apprised the committee on the broadband grant he is helping SonicNet complete for \$50,000 to Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The proposed tower sites will be in Cloverland, Phelps and Winchester. Town of Phelps will be a co-applicant on this grant. Discussion. Stark to get answers to committee questions for the next committee meeting. Stark also discussed the Phelps Downtown Revitalization Strategy Plan and what this will do for the Town of Phelps. Phelps will be joining the Connect Communities Program which will provide experts on the planning of the revitalization. (Reports on file)

Vilas County Training Report – Stark attended training on Evaluation Essentials in Wausau. It is important for evaluating the successes and/or mistakes of your program.

Youth Representative on County Board – Youth rep was at the last county board meeting.

VILAS Vision-monthly update – Gunville updated the committee on her part along with Oneida Co. Family Living Agent on a Poverty and Retirement Simulation. Gunville and Stark said it went very well. Two participants have dropped out due to work schedules.

Extension Office Sustainability Dialogue – N. Miller heard a positive regarding Stark and his work with writing a grant and his writing skills.

Leonardo DaVinci Idea Book – N. Miller apprised the committee on T. Miller writing an innovation grant in the North Central Region with regards to community gardens, WIC, food and nutrition and farmers markets. Discussion on the Winter Market, Farmers Market and agri-tourism. Having a county grant writer was brought up. N. Miller asked the committee if they sent back the survey from the three public health department VILAS Vision participants regarding a grant writer for the county.

County travel: Entire UW office will be going to Green Lake for the All Colleague Conference on March 17-19, 2014.

Budget Review/Statement of Bills: Budget was reviewed.

Correspondence and Communications: The new office brochure was handed out to the committee members and asked that they be handed out to anyone who might not know what extension does. Chairman Nielsen commended N. Miller on the brochure. N. Miller thanked L. Nichols for her part in doing the brochure. The annual report will be done at the April County Board meeting. WACEC is April 21, 2014.

Future Meeting Dates/Items

The next regular meeting is set for April 10, 2014 in Conference Rm. 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521.

Adjournment: Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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