

MINUTES
Trempealeau County Extension Education and Communication Committee

Mike Nelson, Chair

1. Meeting called to order by M. Nelson at 9:03 a.m. in the Trempealeau County Government Center in the County Board Room on May 25, 2010.
2. Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Committee members present:

X George Brandt
X Robert Duellman
X Arild Engelién
X Olin Fimreite
X Michael Nelson

Others present:

Jon Zander
Pat Malone
Cyndy Jacoby
Megan Stuessel
Matt Galewski

3. **MOTION: Adopt agenda as printed**
(Brandt / Engelién : **PASSED**).
4. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the April 21st, 2010, meeting as printed**
(Engelién / Brandt : **PASSED**).
5. **MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel**
(Fimreite / Duellman : **PASSED**).

See attached Out of County Travel Requests.

6. **Report from 4-H Executive Board:**
Megan Stuessel reported getting ready for summer camp at camp near Stillwater. They are getting ready for State Fair and County Fair. Getting ready for Fair cleanup. 40 youth attending Horse Camp at Galesville. 5 attending Citizen Washington Focus Meeting in Washington. Cost is covered by Leaders' Board and people attending. New building at Fair is horse announcer stand. Leaders' Board obtains money from the food stand at the Fair and sales of plat books. Gained 70 4-H members in the last 3½ years. Trempealeau County 4-H program is doing well.
7. **2010 Extension Budget:**
Jon Zander reviewed the 2010 budget. The budget is in fine shape for this time of year. Filed as presented. Committee expressed thank you for Jon's report.
8. **Open House:**
Thirteen County Board members were at the Open House before the County Board meeting on Monday night. UW-Extension has 2,000 university specialists. Discussed leaving notice of informational meetings in the County Board members' mail boxes. Discussed methods to increase awareness of UW-Extension services such as a brochure, newspaper articles, open house, etc.
9. **State WACEC Meeting:**
State WACEC meeting is June 22 and 23 at Milwaukee. A bus is available for travel. The program is good and ideas from other County Board members are valuable.
10. **UWEX Funding:**

Jon Zander presented a special program with Turning Point Technology about the UW-Extension programs. Multiple choice answers were answered by the committee with an electronic hand held unit. Explained funding of UW-Extension county office.

11. **Agent Report:**
Jon Zander gave agent report. Offering Community Garden program~10 plots in Arcadia. Arcadia has garden plot for school use. Have monthly information programming.
Current programs include:
 - Rain barrel project
 - Skid steer safety program
 - Crops day in July
 - Alfafa study – studying sulphur content in soil
 - Corn fungicide project.Cyndy Jacoby gave report. Looking for ideas of food distribution in County. It is basically free except for trucking. Second Harvest is looking for partner like churches for food distribution.
12. **2010 TCCTV Budget:**
Matt Galewski reported all budget items are on track. Fund drive starting next week~average \$5,000-\$6,000 from public.
13. **Personnel:**
 - a. **Summer Youth Experience Program**
Had 6 applicants (4 high school and 2 college students). Interviews will start this week and next week.
14. **Annual Fund Drive Update:**
The fund drive material will be sent out with the TCC bill.
15. **Equipment Purchases & Repairs:**
Main server is getting full. An external hard drive can be used to increase the space on the server at a cost of \$200. The bulletin board is 12 years old and needs upgrading.
16. **Recent Programming:**
See report. Many programs have been initiated.
17. **Director's Report:**
Matt Galewski reported they have been very busy.
18. **Next meeting date** was set for June 29th at 1:30 p.m., in the Trempealeau County Government Center.
19. **MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 11:40 a.m.**
(Duellman / Brandt : PASSED).