

MINUTES
Trempealeau County Extension Education and Communication Committee

Mike Nelson, Chair

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Nelson at 9:03 a.m. in the Trempealeau County Government Center in the Tremple Room on November 22, 2011.

2. Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Committee members present:

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

Others present:

X Steve Okonek
X Cyndy Jacoby
X Pat Malone
X Megan Stuessel
X Al Kulas

3. **MOTION: Adopt agenda as (printed)**
(Duellman/Engelién : **PASSED**).

4. **MOTION: Adopt Amended minutes of the September 27, 2011, meeting as (printed)**
(Engelién/Brandt : **PASSED**).

5. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the October 18, 2011, meeting as (printed)**
(Brandt/Duellman : **PASSED**

6. **MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel requests**
(Engelién/Brandt : **PASSED**).

Steve and Pat's request approved. (See attached Out of County Travel Request.)

7. **Report from 4-H Executive Board:**

Now are meeting the 4th Monday of the month. Platbooks will be done again by Supreme Graphics. 4-H Leaders' Board owns the copyright. Looking for a lawyer to review the contract language and soliciting advertisers. Performing Arts and Foods Revue is coming up, as is Megan's baby. She will be available to 4-H Leaders. Lisa Ritter is now the new president. The Chartering process for all the 4-H clubs and Committees are going on, they are due on December 9th.

8. **2011 Extension Budget:**

Presented by Cyndy with "ay"

9. **2012 Extension Budget:**

Sent out yesterday by Paul, not available for review.

10. **Extension Programming Updates (all program areas):**

Pat Malone: Grant applications described: Hazardous Waste Home and Ag. The last one was done in 2003. (See printed report – March/April)

Grant for TCCTV for volunteer training, we should hear back by mid-December.

\$3K from Local Government Center for Criminal Justice Project: Community Dialogues – Pat facilitates.

Steve's report: Newsletters, surveys on land rental and needs assistance for Ag Agent have been sent out. Plan of work for the Ag Agent in the works.

Cyndy's report: Oct/Nov Caregivers Workshop in Trempealeau in partnership with Aging & Disability Research Center plus county presenters from Jackson County. End of October finished food and reservations series, four county with Wisconsin Technical College. Wrote Contract for the Nutrition Education Grant. (4 counties) Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

11. **2012 Clean Sweep Grant Awards:**

Reimbursable grant. Disposing of waste, majority of grant costs and the County Board kicked in matching funds.

12. **Agriculture agent hiring update:**

Deb Jones said (in an email) that our Ag position is a hire priority in the Western District. Deb Jones may be present at the December meeting.

13. **2011 TCCTV Budget:**

Presented by Cyndy.

14. **2012 TCCTV Budget:**

Not available – cameras may be purchased before the end of the year. Al Kulas shared advice.

15. **TCCTV – Volunteer Training Grant (Foundation for Rural Service Grant Program):**

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16. **TCCTV Fundraiser Updates (Auction and Dance)**

Thank you notes sent to the contributors. \$3,400.00 was raised.

17. **TCCTV Policy Procedure – Task Committee (George and Olin)**

George reports on the initial conversation with the absent Olin.

18. **Recent Programming**

Conversation on the importance of contribution of programs by local volunteers. Editor of "The Pulse" is interested in producing a weekly news show. Al Kulas spoke of his projects.

19. **Next meeting date** was set for December 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., in the Trempealeau County Government Center.

20. **MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 11:30 a.m.**
(Engelien/Brandt: **PASSED**).

George Brandt for Olin Fimreite, Secretary
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee