

**MINUTES**  
**Trempealeau County Extension Education and Communication Committee**

Mike Nelson, Chair

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Nelson at 9:05 a.m. in the Trempealeau County Government Center in the Packer Room on August 17, 2012.
2. Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

**Committee members present:**

X Jay Low  
    Sally Miller  
X Arild Engelién  
X Olin Fimreite  
X Michael Nelson

**Others present:**

X Steve Okonek  
    Cyndy Jacoby  
X Pat Malone  
X Jami Kabus  
    Ernie Vold  
    Marilyn Whalen  
    Rian Radtke  
    Bobbi Guthrie

3. **MOTION: Adopt agenda as (printed)**  
( A. Engelién / O. Fimreite : **PASSED**).
4. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the July 17, 2012, meeting as (printed)**  
( O. Fimreite / A. Engelién : **PASSED**).
5. **MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel requests**  
( O. Fimreite / A. Engelién : **PASSED**).
6. **Report from 4-H Executive Board:**

The report is summarized in Marilyn's agent report. The board's finance committee met to prepare their budget.

Steve provided a brief update on the fair results. The committee asked for a summary of how the fair went this year.

7. **Extension Programming Updates – all program areas:**

Pat—see attached. Summarized final numbers for clean sweep. Also working on E.D. tool with team.

Steve- Helped with crop management field days; initiated the return of Extension news on WHTL; we are on FACEBOOK; corn silage burn down on 8/31 to help determine appropriate harvest dates.

8. **Moving Offices:**

DLM shared ideas for changing spaces with Extension. The UW Office position is to decline one-sided proposal but would embrace joint space planning process. The committee supports a joint.

9. **Preparing for the posting of the 4-H position and the Family Living Educator, due to retirement:**

Pat and Steve discussed possible alternative staffing arrangements. One idea is looking at a Family Systems Educator and Club Agent. The Committee urged us to go forward with this alternative.

10. **2012 Budget Information:**

On target, we'll be turning money back.

11. **2013 Budget Preparation:**

We will be submitting a zero increase budget.

12. **Programming Update:**

Things are going along swimmingly. Ron Henry is getting a lot of filming done. John Kelly is starting on 8/20.

13. **2012 Budget Information Update:**

Budget is on target. There are monies set aside to update equipment.

14. **2013 Budget Preparation:**

Jami will be working with John Kelly on preparing the 2013 Budget.

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

16. **MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m.**  
(A. Engeliem / O. Fimreite : **PASSED**).

Pat Malone, Acting Secretary  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee