

**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 Wisconsin Room on September 19, 2013.

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

**Committee members present:**

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

**Others present:**

  X Steve Okonek  
  X Pat Malone  
     Marilyn Whalen  
  X John Kelly  
  X Catherine Emmanuelle  
  X Julie Keown-Bomar  
  X Kellan Nelson  
  X Dennis Frame  
  X Tim Byom

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

4. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the August 22, 2013, meeting as printed/amended**  
(     Engelién/Fimreite : PASSED)

5. **MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel requests**  
(                    : PASSED).

***NO REQUESTS***

6. **Museum Committee Report:**

No report this month

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

None available

8. **Extension Programming Updates:**

Steve- presented at AMPI young farmers working with Catherine Emmanuelle on garden at Trempealeau County Health Care Center with huber prisoners, clients Master Gardeners. Putting record keeping program together. Pasture test plots is being completed. He also had a women bring in a sample of bugs in a jar – squash bugs.

Catherine Emmanuelle shared that she set up a display on food preservation. She continues to do outreach to community and stakeholders. She said she's getting some questions about why she is doing outreach to the Hispanic population. She and Pat will work to develop a leadership program for the Latinos. She's also looking at developing programming for the jail population and Huber population. She's been working with Pat Bell on programming with inmates. Pat will look at the greatest need for programming.

Pat Malone has a "clean sweep" coming up. This will include electronics recycling. The chemicals are free but electronics are five cents per pound. She's working with Human Services on strategic planning. Working on conservation survey – both landowners and farmers. She also assisted the first meeting for the sand moratorium committee. She will help get information and resources.

9. **Katherine Wingert – Nutrition Education Coordinator:**

Pat said Katherine is in Racine for training. She will be on October agenda. Committee asked what Katherine does, so she will tell committee in October what she does.

10. **Budget Information:**

Steve said the position vacancies has kept the budget on track. Steve said that the 2014 budget does account for full staffing levels and expenses.

11. **Julie Keown-Bomar re: 4H position:**

Mike called Julie to explain what is happening with current interim 4H position. Julie said the Extension has a standard that says a candidate must have a bachelor's degree with "significant progress" toward a Masters' Degree. Pat said someone at state said 9 or 10 credits is considered sufficient, committee members said they want the current interim to be included in the pool of final candidates. Julie said it's inflexible that the state can be fired for unfair hiring practices. After two hours of intense discussion, the committee .....

12. **Resolution for archiving and viewing meetings on county website:**

John updated on the resolution to archive and view meeting on county website.

13. **2014 Budget :**

John had his budget meeting before the Ex/Finance committee only a few small changes, both lenses he would want.

14. **Acceptance of Bid and Approval of Purchase of Canon XF 105 HD Video:**

He got two bids: Full compass systems \$2,959; B & H camera \$3,028 Olin and Arlid to approve purchase and accept bid. Money to come from donations fund. Carried

15. **Approval of out of county travel-attendance of Fall WCM Conference:**

Approval of out of county: WCM Conference one day conference – John, John Kamrowski and kick all go \$20.00, Olin, Arlid to approve.

16. **Winter Auction 2014**

Over course of three days 2<sup>nd</sup> or third week. Olin said we needed more people to start going out and asking for donations.

17. **Next meeting date** was set for October 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the Trempealeau County Government Center.

18. **MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 12:30 p.m.** Mike Nelson adjourned the meeting by order of the chair.

Sally Miller, Secretary  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee