

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 October 17, 2013.

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

Committee members present:

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

Others present:

 X Steve Okonek
 Pat Malone
 Catherine Emmanuelle
 X John Kelly

3. **MOTION: Adopt agenda as printed**

(Low/Nelson PASSED).

4. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the September 19, 2013, meeting as printed/amended**

(Fimreite/Nelson : PASSED)

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

(Fimreite/Nelson : PASSED).

Steve is going to Iowa for Training for Progressive Ag Safety Day. 340 miles / \$172

6. **Extension Programming Updates:**

Steve – Ag Natural Resource Conference at WI Dells.

Catherine had handout, she is worker for helping children who have a parent in jail.

Pat is working with strategic planning, soil conservations program and sand mine planning.

7. **Update 4H hiring process:**

Steve reported interviews for 3 candidates on November 1st. On October 18th at 6pm the State and Regional Leadership will meet with local 4H parents, board and community to explain the reasons for the hiring criteria.

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

Katherine introduced herself. She covers Trempealeau and Jackson Counties. Has met with manyt other agencies in the counties to familiarize. She's trying to learn the system in place, but staff regulations are changing so more one-on-one is achieved. She speaks Spanish so is reaching out to Hispanic community. They are working with food pantries to set up booths and outreach. Also working with WIC program. Doing a "shopping matters" program where they actually go into grocery stores with participants to shop and learn.

9. **UW Extension Contract:**

Steve passes around the annual contract between Extension and the County for FY 2013-2014 (July-June)

10. **Budget Information:**

Steve presented the budget, no big changes.

11. **Access to recorded meetings on County Website:**

John said first set of meetings is on site. Going well, still working on formatting. People will be able to go to county site link to county meetings and see "agenda" "minutes" "video"

12. **County Office and Service PSA's:**

John said he was able to do a quick PSA for WIC during shutdown. Now looking at doing some for other agencies, departments.

13. **Benefit Date and Location for Anne Nelson:**

John said there is a benefit for TCCTV volunteers and how host Anne Nelson, who is having medical problems.

14. **Winter Auction 2014:**

John said that he was looking at when the auction is. John said that he needs to move the date to after the Olympics. Tentative dates are February 24, 25, 26. John said it will be easier this year to do because he's got experience.

15. **Next meeting date** was set for November 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the Trempealeau County Government Center.

16. **MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m. Mike Nelson adjourned the meeting by order of the chair.**

Sally Miller, Secretary
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee