

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

Mike Nelson, Chair

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Nelson at 9:02 a.m. In the Trempealeau County Government Center in the Packer Room on January 21, 2014.
2. Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

**Committee members present:**

X Jay Low  
X Sally Miller  
X Arild Engelién  
X Olin Fimreite (9:05)  
X Michael Nelson

**Others present:**

x Steve Okonek  
x Pat Malone  
    Catherine Emmanuelle  
x John Kelly  
x Seth Spencer

3. **MOTION: Adopt agenda as printed**  
( Low/Engelién PASSED).
4. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the December 17, 2013, meeting as printed/amended**  
( Engelién/Low : PASSED)
5. **MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel requests**  
(                      : PASSED).

NO ACTION NEEDED

6. **Extension Programming Updates:**

Steve Okonek discussed end of year reporting and shared a story about grain marketing. (See attached). He sent out the Ag newsletter and did a TV Show. The Master Gardener is starting and he is getting ready for the jail garden. Steve is on track with his Master's Degree.

Catherine is doing an affordable care act training and working with the deferred compensation program. The Latino programming is making good progress.

Seth Spencer spent the month getting settled and meeting the volunteers and is working with the Whitehall School on writing a \$100,000.00 grant for the after school programming. Seth will be going to DC for a Youth Summit.

Pat reported on projects she's been involved in. Various organizations have approached her department to help with organizational planning. She is currently working with Human Services to do strategic planning. She also reported on Haz Mat Waste Collection. They had twice as many sites and people came from all over the county. Pat also reported on the ongoing nitrate problem in the southern part of the county in the Town of Trempealeau and Town of Caledonia.

7. **Budget Information:**

Steve explained the budget printout from December. Michelle is working with IT to develop a spreadsheet program that's more "user friendly". Olin asked if Seth's trip to DC was state funded and Seth said it was.

8. **Western Dairy Land RSVP Volunteer Program**

John said it was a programming used by the studio in the past. Olin said he remembered the program. John also reported that he is trying to get volunteers lined up to help with archiving.

9. **Arcadia Community Chest Underwriter Renewal 2014**

John said that Arcadia Community Chest underwriting "thank you" was done at the previous night's county board meeting. Amount of underwriting was \$300.00

10. **La Crosse Area League of Women Voters-Broadcast involvement with TCCTV 2014 Spring Elections**

John reported that we have three contested races for county board. John contacted the League of women voters for help, they said they would. John said their involvement wouldn't be for the February 18<sup>th</sup> primary. Low is credible and neutral party. Discussion on how to get questions. Department heads could provide, as well as questions submitted by public prior to debates.

Olin/Engelien made a MOTION to approve the utilization if the League of Women Voters to assist TCCTV in a candidate debate. PASSED

John said there's been a request for a debate for the February 18<sup>th</sup> primary. He doesn't have time to make it live, it would need to be done much sooner. Low asked if there was time to pull it off.

Low made a MOTION not to hold primary debate due to lack of time. Fimreite seconded. PASSED.

11. **Auction date/time and Auction Committee Meeting Date and Time**

John reported he's been in contact with previous donors. John said he's broken the county in "zones" for donations. The auction is set for 3 days – March 2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup>.

12. **Implementation of scheduling policy-schedule awareness**

John reported the finalization of the policies has been completed. He hopes to have a handbook completed next month.

13. **Next meeting date** was set for February 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., in the Trempealeau County Government Center.

14. **MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 10:30a.m..** Mike Nelson adjourned the meeting by order of the chair.

Sally Miller, Secretary  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee