

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

Michelle Haines, Chair

1. Meeting called to order by Steve Okonek at 9:02 a.m. In the Trempealeau County Government Center in the Packer Room on April 22, 2014.
2. Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

**Committee members present:**

X Michelle Haines  
X Olin Fimreite  
X George Brandt  
X Jon Schultz  
X Wayne Skroch

**Others present:**

X Steve Okonek  
X Pat Malone  
X Catherine Emmanuelle  
X John Kelly  
X Seth Spencer  
X Nancy Bergman

3. **Election of: Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary:** George Brandt served as parliamentarian for election of Chair.
  - A. Skroch moved to nominate Michelle Haines for Chair. Brandt asked for nominations 3 times. No other nominations being made. Brandt called for a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Haines. Carried
  - B. Skroch moved to nominate Olin Fimreite for Vice Chair. Haines called for additional nominations. Motion by Brandt to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Olin Fimreite for Vice Chair. Carried
  - C. Schultz moved to nominate George Brandt for secretary. Haines called for nominations 3 times. Motion by Brandt/Skroch to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for George Brandt for secretary. Carried.
4. **MOTION: Adopt Amended agenda as printed**  
( \_\_\_\_\_ Olin Fimreite / Wayne Skroch \_\_\_\_\_ PASSED).
5. **MOTION: Adopt minutes of the March 18, 2014, meeting as printed**  
( \_\_\_\_\_ Olin Fimreite/ Wayne Skroch \_\_\_\_\_ : PASSED)
6. **MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel requests**  
( \_\_\_\_\_ : PASSED).  
NA

7. **Museum Committee Report:**

Museum Committee Members Nancy & Karen discussed the history and current activities of the Museum. The website is now connected to the Historical Society. Budget Constraints. The website is [trempealeaucountyhistory.org](http://trempealeaucountyhistory.org) Presentations are available.

8. **Nomination for Vacant Museum Representative:**

MOTION by Olin Fimreite, seconded by Wayne Skroch, PASSED. Karen Carter representative for vacant museum representative. County will look for new volunteer.

**MOTION: Museum money to donate money \$300.00 to the Trempealeau County Historical Society. Olin Fimreite/Wayne Skroch. PASSED**

Discussion of historical \_\_\_\_\_ of Independence dam and bridge. Wayne Skroch made suggestion for photo/video images.

9. **Introduction to UW Extension:**

Pat given description of organization responsibilities, areas of working the office. History informal and formal. Regional Director – Julie Keown-Bomar in Menomonie “Agents”/Educator describe areas of expertise. Steve Okonek – general duties; Pat Malone – Planning to recycle; Catherine Emmanuelle – 80% Family Living – Building healthy families and communities; Katherine Wingert – Nutrition Education “housed” within family living – Also in Jackson County – here once a week “Snaped” funds from Farm Bill; Seth Spencer – 50% 4H clubs- Dairy Projects – Fair Board-Adult Training. 50% other Youth Development Programs, Science/Tech/Math.

10. **Extension Programming Updates:**

Steve: Barron County/Gardening/Ag Safety Day/Schank Family Farm Remodel/T.O. Show/Nutrient Management/MAQA/Master Gardener/Jail Garden

Seth: School/library/4H camp/Science Camp/County Fair/Animal Weigh-in/Clover College

Catherine: Female inmates-parents/Diversion Program/Latino Families Success Programming/Health Impact Committee work

Pat: Surveys – works with Ann in land records/ Health Impact assessments and comparability in Jackson County/Presenting of International Community Development Society on results of Health Impact assessment committee/Strategic Planning for Human Services.

11. **Meeting Frequency:**

Staff – less meetings?

**Motion Jon Schultz, seconded Olin Fimreite – going every other month. PASSED**

12. **Budget – UW Extension:**

Budget okay. WACEC District Meeting in June (23—25?)

13. **Development of “Friends of TCC-TV” support group for TCC-TV:**

TCCTV Friends working with Pat Malone about possibilities. Training facilities, fund raising, volunteer’s recruitment/membership, level TCC on Board.

**MOTION: Olin Fimreite, seconded George Brandt – approval of creation of “Friend of TCC-TV” group. PASSED.**

14. **TCC-TV handbook discussion of continued revision and refinement:**

Handbook Statement of Purposal Operations refining with Rian Radke, Corp. Counsel – updating, John brings back in June.

15. **Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors Meeting available on updated website:**

Board Meetings on website (county’s)

16. **1<sup>st</sup> quarter update – TCC and TCTV:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and Mike from TCC every quarter. 20% of Budget comes from. Going HD; Seminar coming up, John’s presenting.

17. Approval/discussion of work station upgrade and software licensing for Adobe Premier CS6 and After Effects:

Editing programs upgrades, current license expire in May. Cindy Currier suggests three. John and Cindy prefer physical licensed copies instead of using the cloud.

MOTION, Olin Fimreite, seconded George Brandt, approval of \$2,183.27 for license. PASSED.

18. Approval for student hire position – summer 2014:

20hrs June – August, funded by Riverland Energy.

MOTION, Wayne Skroch, seconded Olin Fimreite, approve student hire position. PASSED

19. Budget Report:

Explanation of TCCTV Budget Expenditures and Income and nonlapsing account. Talk of looking towards Jackson County for Programs and donations.

20. Next meeting date was set for June 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., in the Trempealeau County Government Center.

21. MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 12:09 p.m. Wayne Skroch, seconded George Brandt. PASSED.

George Brandt, Secretary  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee