

UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

5:30 PM, Cedar Creek Lodge

Location: Beaver Creek Reserve Youth Camp
S1 County Rd K
Fall Creek WI 54742

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Leary, Doug Kranig, Heather DeLuka, Colleen Bates

Members Absent: Tami Schraufnagel

Others: Erin LaFaive and Sara Novotny

Call to Order

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM.

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / May 4, 2016

Motion by Supervisor Bates to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried 4-0.

Review Bills / Discussion / May 2016

The bills were reviewed.

Public Input

Members of the public included 83 youth campers and 21 youth counselors who shared their favorite parts of camp and skills gained through camp participation.

Youth in Governance / Discussion

Sara Novotny reported that Alex Braaten, the 2015-2016 youth participant, is to be recognized at the August County Board meeting. She will contact Keith Zehms to determine how to move forward on that recognition. Resolution for YIG noted that the program states that the program must be evaluated for future continuation. Discussion included adding Parks and Forest Committee to the possible committees youth could participate on, and committee members would be willing to contact and promote the experience to interested incoming juniors. Will report in July.

Update on WACEC State Conference / Discussion

June 20-21, 2016 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau. Supervisors Bates, Schraufnagel, DeLuka, and Leary will be in attendance. Discussion at conference to include giving counties options on what positions they would support keeping within the county. Will report in July.

Update on nEXT Generation Model and Hub Situation / Discussion – Action

No county board members have been placed on committees at this time, but will be in near future. Updated timeline states changes won't be occurring until 2017 at the earliest, as discussion on plans is evolving and groups are still being assigned. An effort is being made to include more county partner input. Faculty Senate for UW-Extension voted on seniority in the event of a program discontinuation.

4-H Youth Development Program Update / Discussion – Action

Sara Novotny shared updates on the growing camp program. Camp is a partnership between Eau Claire and Dunn Counties; gives more options for cross-county programming, new counseling staff, and more campers. All beds at the camp facility were full for the four day, three night camp. Counselors receive over eight hours of training and plan camp, including creating lesson plans that outline what they teach and evaluate each program. Data accumulated over four years of camp states that campers gain teamwork, communication, and decision-making skills at camp and counselors learn leadership and responsibility, among other skills.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27 at 5:15pm at the Eau Claire County Fair at the Eau Claire County Expo Center Building E. Agenda items include updates on Youth In Governance, WACEC, and nEXT Generation, an educator report from the Agriculture Agent Mark Hagedorn, greenhouse updates, and preliminary budget updates.

Adjourn

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM.