

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Gary Nelson, Kirsten Huth, Jerry McRoberts, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Louie Okey and Kim Collins.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. Public comment was received from Russ Rindsig and Kristin Hanson, who both spoke regarding the UW-Extension Administrative Assistant position.

Motion: (Gores/Langman) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (McRoberts/Gores)** to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023 meeting; carried. No questions on edit lists and no announcements.

Item #5. French provided information received on foreign ownership of ag land from BC Farm Bureau Board Member, Craig Hamernik. French recommended discussing this at a future meeting when Mr. Hamernik can be present.

Item #6. Gruetzmacher discussed the proposed well abandonment policy and gave a brief history of past costing sharing of this practice. After committee questions, **motion: (Langman/Kusilek)** approve the policy as presented. Carried

Item #7. SWRM Staffing Grant – Gruetzmacher and Cook discussed the State staffing shortfall by the legislature. Cook also discussed the lack of staff time to work with lake landowners and advocated adding another Land Services staff member. Kusilek recommended a joint lakes position to work with SWCD and Zoning on mitigation and shoreland issues due to the large numbers of permits and violations needing attention.

Item #8. Gruetzmacher provided a brief overview of the 5-year review of the Land & Water Resource Mgt. Plan, which is due April 2, 2024; an Ext/LCC member will be required to attend the review.

Item #9. Gruetzmacher gave a slide show of the Summer Tour, thanking Kusilek for hosting the event.

Item #10. Gruetzmacher stated the water test kits were mailed to property owners last week with prepaid mailers to return the sample.

Item #11. Staff Reports –

NRCS – No NRCS report.

FSA – No FSA report.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed Everson FFP and invasive species activities.

UWEX – Baltrusis presented the 2nd Quarter Extension Report and stated she would provide updated information regarding the duties and needed hours for potential additional administrative support.

Executive Committee – French discussed the EC agenda items that will be presented at County Board.

Fair Board – French stated fair preparations are underway.

After discussion, the next meeting is set for August 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes are not official until approved by the Extension/LCC Committee at the next meeting.

Future agenda items: *Extension Administrative Assistant position, Land Services Lakes position, Foreign Ownership of Ag Lands*

Motion: (McRoberts/Gores) to adjourn; meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins
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