

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

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Members present: Gary Nelson, Kirsten Huth, Jerry McRoberts, Jim Gores, Randy Cook and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, David Gifford, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Rachael Ritchie, Jodi Busch, Louie Okey and Kim Collins.

Absent: Fran Langman.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment.

Motion: (Kusilek/McRoberts) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Nelson/Kusilek)** to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 meeting; carried. No announcements; questions on edit list answered.

Item #5. Gruetzmacher presented information outlining the need for a dedicated Land Services staff person to work on lake concerns. Committee discussion followed.

Item #6. Gruetzmacher presented information on State funding levels for staffing.

Item #7. Baltrusis discussed the need for administrative assistance in the Extension office. French stated he and Baltrusis are working on a possible solution involving the UW Barron County campus. Committee discussion.

Item #8. Staff Reports –

NRCS – No NRCS report.

FSA – Huth discussed crop damage assistance efforts.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed runoff issues and the closure of the county’s first manure storage facility.

UWEX – Baltrusis discussed Extension activities, offering to make a presentation to County Board.

Executive Committee – French stated the Executive Committee would discuss IT upgrades and establishing a trust account for part time employees and County Board members.

Fair Board – French stated fair attendance was up in 2023.

After discussion, the next meeting is set for September 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *Land Services Staffing, UWEX Staffing*

Motion: (Kusilek/Nelson) to adjourn; meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services