

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Gary Nelson, Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook (8:55), Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Bronson Thalacker, Pat Brown, Dave Gifford, Jeff French and Lori Baltrusis.

Absent: Jamie McCready.

Gores called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. and Gruetzmacher confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

Motion: (Langman/Kusilek) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Nelson/Langman)** to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 meeting; carried.

Item #5. UWEX Staff Report – Baltrusis discussed the changes in personnel, stating the Dairy Educator and the Crops and Soils Educator for the Area have left, and the Ag Educator from the Spooner Ag station has retired. She will investigate with other partner counties to determine future positions. The need for a grazing planner was discussed. Kusilek requested information on the number of farmers served.

Item #6. Everson presented a Certificate of Compliance for approval. **Motion: (Langman/Kusilek)** to approve the certificate; carried.

Item #7. Gruetzmacher presented information on State funding levels for SWCD staff as discussed at the WI Land & Water conference, stating the base funding is below 2006 numbers. The goal is to request full funding as outlined in State Statute.

Item #8. Staff presented the current FPP plan and discussed possible amendments, such as groundwater testing. The success of the Ag Preservation Covenant process was also discussed. The plan will be updated by both the LCC and Zoning Committees, with a joint committee meeting planned in June.

Item #9. Gruetzmacher presented an overview the WI Land & Water Conference.

Item #10. Brown gave an overview of the Lake conference.

Item #11. Staff Reports –

NRCS – N/A

FSA – Huth (on behalf of Sarah MacDonald) discussed deadline dates.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed the 2025 DATCP Work Plan and discussed a grazing plan in development. Everson discussed his presentation at the Red Cedar Conference.

Executive Committee – French discussed upcoming agenda

Fair Board – N/A

After discussion, the next meeting is set for May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *UWEX Educator Positions, UWEX Numbers*

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

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