

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Room 2151

Members present: Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman, Jamie McCready and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Bronson Thalacker, Pat Brown, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Dave Gifford and Kim Collins.

Absent: Gary Nelson.

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

Cook stated he would like to add an agenda item, 'Meeting Time', to the agenda. **Motion: (Kusilek/McCready)** to approve the agenda as amended; carried. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve the minutes of June 3 and June 18, 2025 meetings; carried.

Item #5. Everson presented two Certificates of Compliance for committee approval; no committee questions. **Motion: (Langman/Kusilek)** to approve the certificates; carried.

Items #6. Baltrusis relayed her discussion with Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn Counties regarding adding Barron to the shared Regional Crops Educator position; all counties are in favor a shared position with each county having a .25 share. Committee discussion. **Motion: (Kusilek/Langman)** to approve the shared position of Regional Crop Educator for Barron County; carried.

Item #7. Cook called for a motion to approve forwarding the draft Farmland Preservation Plan update to DATCP for review. **Motion: (Kusilek/McCready)** to approve, pending approval by the Zoning Committee; carried.

Item #8 Staff Reports –

UWEX – Baltrusis emailed committee the 2nd quarter report and stated that the 4-H camp was held last week and that everyone is gearing up for the fair. Kusilek stated that, through UWEX, a Wisco Net weather station will be installed on her property.

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

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed lake level fluctuation, the increase in State funding for conservation staff and provided highlights from the groundwater study.

~~Executive Committee~~ (cancelled) – French provided an overview of the upcoming agenda for County Board.

Fair Board – French stated fair preparation is underway.

Committee discussion regarding changing the meeting day and time; **motion (McCready/Langman)** to move the meeting time to 11:30 a.m. with the day remaining the first Tuesday of each month; carried. Next meeting date: August 5, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *Groundwater Study with possible August County Board presentation.*

Motion: (Langman/) to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m.; Cook declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

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