

EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, January 20, 2016, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 107
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

ROLL CALL: Present – Charlie Glazman, Mary Stone-McConnell, Sue Hendrickson. Absent – Kay Johnson, Rae Ann Anderson. Others present – Mary Klun, Tarah Nichols, Julie Montgomery, Maija Mackie, Araceli Whitwam-Sell, Julie Keown-Bomar, Jane Anklam, Andy Lisak, Pamela Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Stone-McConnell, second Glazman, to approve December 16, 2015, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT: Update on recycling services. End of year 2015 budget will be close. Met with Town of Parkland to resolve issue with new bins. Solon Springs has not responded to business recycling directive; will follow-up. Klun to retire in April.

UW-EXTENSION DEPARTMENT: January UW-Extension newsletter attached; reviewed.

CNRED Educator and Department Manager: Written report attached; reviewed. **Family Living and Community Development:** A discussion group, consisting of staff, Dr. Nix (UW-Extension state specialist), and Douglas County partners, met to explore program ideas. A new program calendar is in progress. **Agriculture & Horticulture:** Anklam reported on Local Food Summit and formation of Douglas County Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee. **Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program:** New WNEP website implemented; Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Services Agency approved for WNEP programs; working with community health improvement group; 5th grade sessions introduced students to planting, harvesting and tasting wild rice. **4-H Youth Development and Fair:** Written report attached; reviewed.

UW EXTENSION NEXT GENERATION PROPOSAL: Reorganization recommendations (nEXT Generation) attached to agenda. Keown-Boman summarized challenges resulting from the \$3.6 million cut to Cooperative Extension's budget. Public and employee surveys advocate bottom line for Wisconsin's programs is "Local presence matters; accessing resources matters." Vision for next three to five years reviewed. Organization will move to a regional, multi-county model for Coop. Extension; regional administration and local county-based staff specialists sharing responsibilities for delivery of programs and services throughout their respective regions. Envision increased teleconferencing, videoconferencing. No staffing moves planned at this time. Budget impacts to programs, services, staffing and administration, based on \$3.6 million reduction, reviewed. Douglas County budget \$100,000+ for Extension Department; goals should incorporate County Board established priorities. Coop. Extension mission and Wisconsin Idea remain in place. Draft reorganization plan submitted to UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor Cathy Sandeen on December 18th. Final recommendations expected end of January/early February; however, public and staff encouraged to continue input throughout the next six month planning process via e-mail to cathy.sandeen@uwex.edu. Steering committee will engage colleagues, county/tribal nation partners, clients and volunteers in developing final

plan; implementation beginning July, 2016, and continues throughout fiscal year 2016-2017. Most personnel changes expected to occur late 2016 and early 2017. Keown-Bomar will continue to provide updates on the nEXT Generation progress. Once finalized, proposal will be presented to County Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Recycling Department organizational review; Fair update/HOL Fair Management Group discussions; UW-Extension nEXT Generation progress report.

ACTION: Motion by Stone-McConnell, second Glazman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 2:17 p.m. Next meeting March 9, 2016.

Submitted by,

Pamela Tafelski
Committee Clerk