

EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Courthouse Room 107
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

ROLL CALL: Present – Kay Johnson, Rae Ann Anderson, Charlie Glazman, Mary Stone-McConnell, Sue Hendrickson. Others present – James Anderson, Sheldon Johnson (NWRPC), Tarah Nichols, Julie Montgomery, Andy Lisak, Mary Klun, Jane Anklam, Pamela Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Stone-McConnell, second Johnson, to approve January 20, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT: DNR has gone to electronic reporting.

Northwest Cleansweep – County Hazardous Waste and Medication Collection Tentative Schedule: Attached/reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Johnson, second Glazman, to suspend agenda and move item 3.a.4) to 3.a.2). Motion carried.

Position Update - Recycling Coordinator Retirement: The county has an opportunity to assess the position/options for changing recycling program: 1) Retain same half-time position; 2) Incorporate position/department into another department (e.g. Zoning); or 3) Contract with NWRPC for recycling services. Douglas County is unique in that recycling is cooperative program with City of Superior. Lisak wants input on his ideas from the committee. NWRPC will provide proposal for comparison of costs and services.

NWRPC Household Hazardous Waste Program: Proposed 2016 schedule distributed. Sheldon Johnson reviewed history of program administered through NWRPC. DATCP provided funding (\$121,000 grant 2015) for the past 5 years, but significantly reduced 2016 grant by \$58,000. No decrease in costs to Douglas County with DATCP decrease; goal not to lose counties. NWRPC proposes eliminating Superior site: instead of 4-hour Saturday in Superior, switch the Saturday to 2 sites – Maple 1.5 hour and Solon Springs 2.5 hour. This is purely draft proposal at this time; final schedule will be provided.

NWRPC Recycling Services Provided to Counties: Since 1991, Washburn and Burnett Counties have contracted with NWRPC to administer their recycling programs. Recycling Control Commission was established to oversee the program, and if Douglas County joined with NWRPC contract, no Douglas County representative would be appointed because that would entail re-writing by-laws, etc. Three NWRPC staff experienced in the program perform the following: 1) Educational outreach; 2) Administrative services; and 3) Contract management. Current NWRPC contract is with Allied Waste (Republic Services). Douglas County will need to do an RFP in 2017; current costs without staff cost are similar to Washburn and Burnett Counties. NWRPC contract does not include revenue back from sale of recyclables or provide for curbside recycling services. Curbside could be written into contract. NWRPC would work to best provide services that Douglas County wants.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT: March newsletter attached for review.

James Anderson, CNRED Educator and Department Manager: Sixty-two attended Food Truck workshop. Succession/leadership training for select county employees on-going; business retention study moving forward; meeting with Wisconsin's Small Business Development Center Director regarding "peerspecting" licensing; Superior Days wrap-up March 21st at 4:30 p.m., Government Center 270. Anderson expressed appreciation to committee members Kay Johnson and Rae Ann Anderson for their commitment to and work on behalf of Extension programs and services; both are not seeking re-election to County Board. **Family Living Educator:** Report attached/reviewed. **Agriculture and Horticulture:** Written report reviewed. **Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program:** Planning for 2017 grant year underway; new WNEP State Coordinator changed reporting narrative from lengthy document to two-page format; Community Health Committee work reviewed; collaborative Family Living/WNEP programming on policy systems and environmental change focus. **4-H Youth Development and Fair:** Report attached/reviewed. Fair date still an issue. Responding to concerns on fairgrounds parking lot status, Lisak indicated housing developers interested if county markets the property.

Request from Bayfield County for Joint Extension Committees Meeting (Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron): Recommendation made that before a joint meeting scheduled, Douglas County needs to decide what they want from Extension programs/services. With change in committee composition following April election, it was decided to move May 11 meeting to June 8 work session, include item on agenda, and request Lisak to attend.

ACTION: Motion by Stone-McConnell, second Johnson, to move May 11, 2016, to Wednesday, June 8, 2016. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: Resolution from LaCrosse County Opposing the UW-Extension nEXT Generation Proposal: Anderson explained several counties have adopted this resolution; committee will wait for more information from state meetings.

ACTION: Motion by Stone-McConnell, second Johnson, to refer LaCrosse County resolution to June 8, 2016, meeting. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) Recycling Department status / coordinator position options; 2) Superior Days wrap-up/overall evaluation; 3) HOL Fair update/parking lot status; 4) nEXT Generation Proposal update/ impact on Douglas County; 5) Joint Extension Committee meeting with Ashland, Bayfield, Iron Counties; and 6) LaCrosse County resolution.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Glazman, second Stone-McConnell, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 10:55 a.m. Next meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Submitted by,

Pamela Tafelski
Committee Clerk