

AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
September 21, 2007

Members present: Jim Robb, Art Pritzl, Gene Schneider, Leona DeRemer and Dave Scholz.
Others: Rosanne Schleif, Gail Huycke, Mark Kopecky and Jan Hardginski.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Chairman Gene Schneider. Motion by Leona DeRemer, seconded by Art Pritzl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed. Motion by Leona DeRemer, seconded by Art Pritzl to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion passed. Motion by Gene Schneider, seconded by Leona DeRemer to approve the Financial Report as given. Motion passed.

Motion by Leona DeRemer, seconded by Jim Robb to suspend program reports. Motion passed.

Progress on Secretarial Support for Land Conservation. Gail Huycke stressed to the committee that communication is the key to making this work. Discussion was held concerning this. It will not work for either office unless we communicate.

WACEC visit – October 3: The District 4 WACEC board of which Art Pritzl is the Vice President, is visiting county committees in their area. The date, October 3 would have been our regular meeting date. We need to cancel this visit as three committee members will be out of town. We'll try to reschedule.

Chancellor's visit – November 14 or 15: The Chancellor will be visiting Price and Rusk counties and Gail Huycke asked if the committee had any suggestions on what we should focus on during his visit. We are going to try to have our meeting on November 14 with a round table discussion and a local foods dinner.

NOW Initiative: This is the Chancellors initiative to have more access to higher education in the north. A series of meetings will be held with a world café format between October 26 and November 15. Gail Huycke serves on this committee and asked the committee for their suggestions on who should be invited to these meetings.

Program Planning/County Board Report: Three listening sessions have been held as of our meeting date and two more yet to happen. At the county board meeting in November our department would like to report to the board the following: 1) This is where we've been, 2) This is where we're going and 3) This is what people are saying at our listening sessions.

2008 Budget: The committee was presented with a number of options. Under each option, the plans are with or without a copier. Our present copier will have over 3 million copies on it by the end of the year. The ideal choice for our budget would be Plan 1, the status quo. Plan 2 is sharing secretarial staff with Land Conservation. With plan 3, secretarial staff would be reduced to 1.6 with no sharing with Land Conservation. Plan 2 with the copier is our 1st choice and plan 2 without the copier is the second choice. The Land Conservation committee with their budget selected to share secretarial staff. Motion by Art Pritzl, seconded by Leona

DeRemer to forward budget plan 2 with the copier to Finance Committee. Motion passed.
Gene Schneider will go to Finance on October 4 and Jim Robb and Leona DeRemer will go to Finance on October 16.

Next meeting date: October 9, 2007 at 3:45 p.m.

Motion by Dave Scholz, seconded by Leona DeRemer to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
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