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Community Partner Advisory Group Meeting

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Tuesday, April 23, 2007 Meeting—6:30 PM

County Committee Room, Room 111
Government Center—Elkhorn, WI

Hoss Rehberg, Co-Chairman, called the March 6 meeting of the Community Partner Advisory Group to order at 6:37 p.m.

Roll call—CPAG members present: Kathy Baumeister, Bob Handel, John Holmes, Dianne Kegley, Mary Kaye Merwin, Darlene Pinnow, Hoss Rehberg, Doc Sterken, Kathleen Tober, and Mary VanderVeen. A quorum was declared.

Members not in attendance: Jacqueline Buleje, Thomas Ganfield (excused), Brittany Hammel, Sheri Nelson, John Newhouse, and Gen Reed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee present—None.

UWEX staff present— Peg Reedy, Agribusiness Agent, Christine Regester, Horticulture Agent, and Angie Recknagel, Recording Secretary.

Public in attendance— None.

There were no withdrawals from the Agenda. **Tober moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Handel. The motion carried 10-0.**

Kegley amended the minutes to add Vander Veen to the Value of Ag presentation. **Merwin moved to approve the minutes of the March 6 Community Partner Advisory Group meeting as amended, with a second by Kegley. The motion carried 10-0.**

Public comment—There was no public comment.

Status of CPAG membership for 2007— All members of the committee introduced themselves and gave a little background. Co-Chair Rehberg called for nominations to the positions of chair and co-chair. Kegley nominated Rehberg for chair. There were no additional nominations. Rehberg accepted. **VanderVeen motioned to accept the unanimous motion on the floor, with a second by Tober. The motion carried 10-0. Tober nominated VanderVeen for Vice-Chair. VanderVeen accepted nomination and Handel seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0.**

UWEX Department Report – Departmental updates— Regester presented on her work for 2006 and 2007. She gave an overview of the programs she has already done and plans on doing in the future. She explains to the committee that she is ½ time, which consists of only 20 hours per week because of this she has a hard time fulfilling all the requests.

Value of Agriculture in Walworth County – Discussion of draft resolution— Reedy distributed the draft to the committee. VanderVeen reported that the committee decided to present draft resolution to the AEE, Land Conservation, and Zoning Committees. Some of the committees biggest concerns were whether the county to follow its own land use plan and address water supply issues. The committee needs to decide to keep the resolution as is or change it. The committee would like to get the resolution passed before the County Board is downsized. Reedy explains purchase of development rights. Vander Veen suggests that UW-Extension makes the public more aware of what Smart Growth is. Committee does not wish to make any changes to the draft, however Reedy would like to change the numbers to 2006 numbers. Consensus of the committee is to change the numbers and present to the committees. **Merwin moves to forward the draft resolution to the committee with editing provision to make changes at a later date, with a second by Kegley. Motion carried 10-0.**

WACEC District 2 Summer Meeting—Reedy explained what WACEC is to the committee and that Walworth County is hosting the meeting this year. It will be held at George Williams and will be stopping at the Observatory and Kikkomans. It is August 1st starting at 10:00 a.m. The CPAG is all invited to attend. Bretl will be doing the welcome.

Next Meeting Date—The CPAG will next meet on June 25, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment—**Handel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m., and Baumeister seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0.**

Submitted by Angie Recknagel, recording secretary. Minutes are not final until approved by the Advisory Group at its next meeting.