



MINUTES
Central District Resource Management Team
March 2, 2011

Present: Everett Eckstein, Barb Barker, Patrick Nehring, Peggy Nordgren, Jan Piltz, Craig Saxe, Tom Schmitz, Jennifer Brindley
Absent: Marty Havlovic, Dean Slark

Elect Officers

Chair – Jan Piltz nominated for this position by Barb Barker. 2nd by Peggy Nordgren. Motion passed.
Vice Chair – Craig Saxe nominated for this position by Barb Barker. 2nd by Jan Piltz. Motion passed.

Review of December 7, 2010 Minutes

Motion to approve by Everett Eckstein, 2nd by Craig Saxe. Motion passed.

Update on Central District Positions

No official change in positions.

Status of One-Time and Base Funds

Current balance of one-time funds is \$35,645, some of which is earmarked for other projects. Base savings are \$27,165.

Innovative Grant Proposals Review

Discussed reworking the language used in application materials, i.e. change “project abstract” to “project description”. Also, want to include wording that tells the applicants to write for a general audience and assume the reader knows nothing. The more details given, the better.

Seven Innovative Grant proposals were received. At this point it is still unknown whether we will have funds to give out. Should know more by April. The proposals were reviewed and the following were selected for funding, if it is available this year:

- Keith Vander Velde, Marquette County, *“Warm Season Annuals vs. Perennial Forage Crops” Program*, \$1,755
- Marty Havlovic, Marquette County, *National initiative to Internationalize Extension – CNRED Seminar on Nicaragua*, \$4,400
- Sue Allen, Marquette County; *Parent Info Exchange (PIE)*, \$5,680
- Theresa Wimann, Adams County, *Reaching out to low-income families about Nutrient Rich Foods*, \$450
- Mary Ann Olson and Theresa Wimann, Adams County, *Marketing 60-A-Day in Adams County*, \$1,780
- Christa Van Treeck, Marquette County, *WeDo STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Skills*, \$2,210
- Gary Kirking, Juneau County, *Lunch and Learn Program – Professional Educational Opportunities for Juneau County*, \$700*

*Requested \$500-\$1,000. Barb Barker moved to award \$500. Patrick Nehring 2nd. Discussion. Vote:
Aye – Craig, Peggy, Jan, Everett, Barb
Nay – Patrick
Motion passed.

Amended above motion to increase amount awarded to \$700. Motion by Jan Piltz. 2nd by Craig Saxe.
Discussion. Vote:
Aye – Craig, Peggy, Jan, Everett, Barb, Patrick
Nay – none
Amended motion passed.

Since the amount of funds we have is unknown now, Barb Barker moved that if limited funding is available, only fund the first year of two year projects. 2nd by Craig Saxe. Vote:
Aye – Barb, Everett, Craig, Jan
Nay – Peggy, Patrick
Motion passed.

Peggy is working on updating the evaluation form and will send it out to the committee.

Resource Engine/Structuring Ourselves for Success Updates

Work done over the past summer used in this discussion. Discussed budget cuts, FTE cuts, different staffing models, grant-funded positions, adding a stipend to people managing grants, working across county lines, etc.

Reporting Back to District

Jan Piltz, as Chair, will report back to the district on the April 11 Wisline.

Other Business

none

Future Agenda Items

At the June 16 teleconference:

- Might possibly extend teleconference to a full day, face-to-face meeting.
- Edits to Innovative Grant Evaluation Form
- Budget Implications

Adjourn