

Southern District Resource Management Team
April 24, 2007

Present: Peggy Compton, Dave Wachter, Dick Pederson, Mindy Habecker, and Lee Cunningham

Meeting Called to Order: Wachter called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Welcome and Good News Sharing: Wachter is going to get a puppy. Compton received the Early Career Award at the JECF meeting through ESP. Yahara Water Trail project has been a four year effort to develop paddling tours and a guidebook a website of all the Yahara Lakes and River from Cherokee Marsh to Stoughton. This project will final be reaching fruition and be made public this June. Laura Brown is the new Crawford County CNRED Educator. She will start on June 1, 2007. Additionally, Laura Becker will be the new Walworth County 4-H Youth Development Educator and will also be starting on June 1, 2007.

Review of Innovative Grant Proposals: Seven innovative grant proposals were submitted for a total of \$17,552. The following grants were awarded funding:

- Jessica Jens \$1513
 - Assist in supporting a fall Youth Leadership Conference in Wisconsin Dells where older youth from the Southern District and Quad Counties will be energized to become more active in their local, district, state and national level of 4-H.
- Debra Neubauer \$3000
 - Help fund a part-time bi-lingual staff person at the Financial Education Center to provide financial education to the existing financial literacy services. This staff person would translate curriculum and materials, work individually with clients, and conduct community outreach primarily in the South Madison, Allied Drive, Wexford and Northport neighborhoods.
- Donna Duerst \$3000
 - Will help to expand the Rock County 4-H Urban Outreach Program by creating new 4-H community clubs in the city of Beloit, expand the 4-H After-School Program to at least 2 additional elementary school and increase the number of youth involved in these programs.
- Kathy Hetzel \$2200
 - Assist with teaching math and science to preschoolers with the program: 1 2 3 Learn Math with Me that engages parents and children to play with blocks that offer multiple opportunities for early mathematical learning. The grant money will be used to purchase the blocks and cases and translate the parent materials into Spanish. Curriculum and workshops will be offered to child care centers, libraries, and parent resource centers within the Southern District.

These four grant proposals were funded for a total of \$9713. Habecker moved that the SDRM Team award the four proposals for a total of \$9713. Seconded by Cunningham. The Team unanimously passed the motion. Compton moved that the Hetzel proposal be given the opportunity to amend their budget to increase it by \$287. Motion seconded by Cunningham. The Team unanimously passed the motion.

The Team Chair, Matt Hanson will notify all the candidates that all the proposals had merit by letter. Funded projects need to be reminded of the requirement to present a project summary that is due to the District Director by December 31, 2007 and that we hope that they will present their project at a future All District Meeting. A letter will go out to the seven proposals candidates and an e-mail will go out to all District members regarding the grant awards. Habecker will announce the awards during the May 21, 2007 District Wisline.

Discussion on Accumulated Base Dollar Use in the District:

We have \$8152 in base dollars that will roll over as of July 1, 2007. It also accumulates interest. This base money may be needed to address near future staffing needs. If we do not use this base fund money it is used as a match for one time money each year.

September Southern District All Staff Meeting:

The Team thought that our last All Faculty Meeting went well. Heard positive comments from people. The format of concurrent sessions in the afternoon is a good combination as it gives people a choice and flexibility. Do we want to have a call for presentations with a theme? The next All Faculty District Meeting is supposed to be on September 20, 2007; however there is a national conference and Farm Technology Days in Green County also occurring that week. We will plan on holding our All Faculty District Meeting the following week on September 27, 2007. We should tell District members about the date at our May Wisline meeting after Pederson checks with Administration to see if this date is available. We tried unsuccessfully to get Rick Klemme at our last All Faculty District Meeting. Pederson will try to find out if Klemme is available for the morning of September 27, 2007. Perhaps District representatives who are presenting at the Outreach Scholarship Conference can do a trial run of their presentations as possible concurrent sessions in the afternoon.

Other Business: Term rotations for the SDRMT will come up in June 2007 for Peggy Compton (Basin Educator), Matt Hanson (Ag Area), Dave Watcher (Department Head), and Tom Schmidt (4-H Youth Development). All four will be rotating off the Team. The Team will get the four new representatives identified by June 1, 2007 and then schedule a July meeting. This July meeting will be a good time to revisit the purpose, mission and past history of the SDRMT.

This is an era of tight local government budgets and we need to be able to partner closely with County government such as Jenny Erickson did with her work with strategic planning for the Sauk County Board. We also could serve as professional development

trainers for County government. We need to be very aware of this especially since we are not mandated. Dane County may be a county to watch to see what the trends are occurring in the district.

Next Meeting: Will be scheduled for July 2007 after the new members are instated in June.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Mindy Habecker