

**Western District  
Resource Management Planning Team Meeting  
Friday, August 18, 2000  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Arkansaw, WI**

**NOTES**

In Attendance: Bentley Lein, Marcia Baurichter, Martha Mabis, Deb Jones, Don Dukerschein, Jim Janke, Ron Wiederholt, M.E. Sjolín, Larry Balk, Leon Berenschot, Dave Sprehn, Mike Perkl, Karen Goerl (scribe)

Status of Positions in Western District

- Status of Basin Educator position - going into 3rd posting - funding not coming from Western District
- NRCS Grazing Specialist position - funding approved - have offered to located in Western District, but funding will not come from district budget
- Land Use position - River Falls - position has been offered and is pending - will serve entire state, but be located on River Falls campus - funds will not come from district budget
- Trempealeau Co 4-H - offered to candidate, and is pending
- Monroe County 4-H - Gretchen McCauley, resigning position end of August, position has been posted - recruitment closes September 13th

Additional dollars being sought by counties to assist 4-H programs in Chippewa, Monroe and Trempealeau counties

-- Eau Claire County Horticulture - Eau Claire County is attempting to maintain the current 70% position, with county covering 100% of cost, when state funding ends 12/31/00. This position is part of DRMP plan for base budget build back.

-- Tenure Track Sheet - reference sheet only - shows a net increase of 4.0 county faculty statewide from 1992-2000

-- District Budget sheet shared - reflects salary increases

Dave Sprehn, CNRED Assistant Program Leader - guest - CNRED Program Updates

- CNRED Program Area - 8 of 14 counties in Western District have CNRED presence - 6 have none - statewide priority to complete CNRED network
- 60 of 72 counties have CNRED presence - 1/2 of counties without presence are in the Western District
- From 1991 to present - 10 counties added to network
  - Kewaunee                      -- Green                      -- Waushara
  - Manitowoc                    -- Iowa                      -- Marquette
  - Sheboygan                    -- Bayfield                -- Price
  - Barron
- Three lost in past 10 years
  - Forest                      -- Brown                      -- Rusk
- Net of 7 counties added to network in past decade
- Two remain on academic staff status, at this time
  - Iowa                      -- Marquette
- Two top priority positions at this time
  - Vernon                      -- Crawford
- Campus based faculty positions - reduced to create these 7 new positions

-- Aim to create faculty positions, if possible - often create academic staff position that changes to faculty over time (External funds - use soft money approach to gain positions in CNRED)

-- Land Use positions on campuses at Green Bay, Stevens Point and River Falls - are academic staff positions - to change as needs change

-- Western District - Polk, Buffalo, Jackson have all expressed concern regarding need for CNRED agent

-- Possible strategies to use to fill CNRED positions

-- Work with Current Economic Development Offices in Counties

-- Multi-County Positions

-- Part-time Positions

-- Academic Staff Model

-- Motion made by Bentley --

Place district priority on completing CNRED network throughout the Western District - with no definite time line

-- Motion approved unanimously --

Don Dukerschein & Deb Jones - Youth Workgroup Update

-- March 22, 2000, Eau Claire - 1st meeting - with stakeholders

-- May 17, 2000, Trempealeau - 2nd meeting - agents only

-- Community/Youth partnership - need to facilitate process to identify resources needed

-- Need to pursue what resources DRMP can provide to assist program area in meeting needs

-- Invite Greg Hutchins to next DRMP meeting

One-Time Fund Use

**Innovative Grants**

-- Committee voted to offer innovative grants again this year

-- Motion Made by Jim Janke --

Amend innovative grant dollar amount to maximum of \$2,500 (no minimum)

-- Approved --

-- Western District Office to make up rank ordering matrix chart and distribute to committee with copies of the innovative grants to be reviewed

-- Proposals must be received by the District Office by October 13, 2000, proposals will be mailed to committee and reviewed at October 31, 2000 meeting in Arkansaw. District Office will contact awardees by November 3, 2000.

**District-Wide Staff Retreat**

Possibilities to be explored and shared with staff. (Central District coordinated one this past year)

DRMP Working Draft

-- DRMP Working Draft to be updated in next couple of weeks

-- 1 1/2 weeks prior to district meeting - district office will share update of DRMP Working Draft with staff for review and discussion at 9/19 All-Faculty/Staff Inservice

### September Inservice

- DRMP Review and Update on agenda for September Inservice from 1:00 -2:00 pm. Topics Include:
  - Share Issues & Concerns
  - CNRED Information Recommendations
  - Grants
  - Feedback on Potential Retreat
- Small Group Discussions to be lead by Deb Jones and Bentley Lein

### Subcommittees/Teams

- For WACEC Meeting - CNRED and non-CNRED resource requirements - Bentley Lein, Leon Berenschot, Mike Perkl
- Districtwide Group Inservice Retreat - Ron Wiederholt & Bentley Lein
- DRMP Working Draft update - M.E. Sjolín, Marcia Baurichter, Mike Perkl

### Next Year Agenda Item

- Decision made to review selection process for resource management team membership again next year.

### Next Meeting Date

- November 1, 2000 at Marcia Baurichter's Cabin in Arkansaw - time frame to be determined
- Agenda Items for November Meeting
  - Innovative Grant Submissions - Review and Award
  - Edit DRMP Working Draft
  - Review Feedback from District All-Faculty/Staff Presentations
  - Program Area Discussion (4-H Youth Development)
  - Prepare for December District WACEC Meeting
- Meeting Adjourned