

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019
UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Tom Hanson, Kathy Vacho, Al Rathsack and Terry DuSell. Staff present: Charmaine Riddle, Breanne Meyer and Jenna Behrends. Appearances by: Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator; Diana Siebels, Waste Management Account Manager; Doug Parker, Asst. Public Work Director; Lenore Krajewski, Trails End Trustees; and Lori Baltrusis, Area 2 Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Lyle Lieffring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *Motion to approve the March 5 and the March 22 RFP subcommittee minutes by Terry with second by Tom. Consensus was to keep it as is. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: No report – next meeting is Sunday, April 7 at 6 pm in LEC.

B. JR FAIR CONTRACTS: None

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

A. TRUSTEE REPORT: Lenore reported that the Trustees met on Feb 28. John developed a Pre-Camp Opening list and will need help opening up camp, discussed summer help, Power company has to replace meter before the season, need to take water samples prior to camp opening, snow was removed from roofs, want to have a Chamber All-Member meeting out at camp, had a display at the Farm Show, John will have a Sherwin Williams rep come and look at the kitchen floor and make a recommendation, trees in the channel need to be removed, and a survey of maintenance items was prioritized. Tom said he spoke to the Highway Commissioner and said the bridges were fine, just needed to replace some railings. Andy said the memorial bench is about half way done.

B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: Andy said there was some water in Ebling Hall from the roof snow being piled next to the building. He will have Maintenance go and move it with the skidsteer.

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: Andy said B&B will be starting the electrical project soon. Bids are out next week for the Trails End and Fairgrounds roofs. Charmaine stated there were numerous complaints regarding the excessive heat at the S/Y Center but new thermostats were installed. Committee recommended putting locks on the thermostats to prevent future problems.

B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION: Gary Swoverland would like to rent chairs and tables this weekend, Coggins Clinic April 20, and Tractor Safety June 17 -20. Motion to approve by Al with second by Terry. Motion carried.

RECYCLING BUSINESS

A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES: Charmaine reported on the RFP Subcommittee meeting on March 22 and the ramifications of receiving one bid with a 67% increase.

B. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT RECYCLING PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTUAL COSTS SUMMARY:

Charmaine reported that the Rusk County Responsible Unit (RU) collected 624.73 in 2018 which is an increase of 22.18 tons. Cost per ton is \$117.54 and per capita \$5.52 excluding yard waste based on a population of 13,295. DNR per capita standard is 82.4 which we exceeded at 93.98 which is a 3.23 pound increase. *Motion to approve by Terry with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

C. 2019 CLEANSWEEP: Will be held Tuesday, June 18 from 4 to 8 pm at the Highway Shop. Tim at Highway was willing to try it for a year with the new day and time.

D. AWARD RFP FOR RECYCLING CONTRACT: Diana Siebels from WMX spoke about National Sword. She stated increases are all over, the recycling subside no longer is there to offset the cost of recycling. Markets have gone away. Corrugated cardboard used to be valued at \$120/ton and now it is \$10/ton, plastics used to be \$120/ton and now are valued at \$1.20/ton. There is global oversupply and no demand. China will not take another with greater than 5% contamination and other international markets are following suit such as India, Taiwan and Singapore. What is trending now is the new norm. There are talks and starts of new infrastructure but it will take 3-5 years to see the effects. Domestically we are going to have to handle our own recycling. At Recycle America where our recycling goes they are slowing down the lines and have 3 shifts a day going to pull out the contamination in order to process a clean load. We asked if there was savings if we owned our own dumpsters. She said there is not dumpster rental fees included in their bid. Only savings could be from less dumpsters or less frequency of pickup. Diana predicted things would get worse before they got better and when asked if we should do year by year stated she wouldn't trust a year by year at this time. Proposal comes in at a 67% increase and begins June 1 at \$4083/month with a 2.5% increase on 6/1/2020 and 6/1/2021. Cost for all 3 contract years is \$150,693.49. *Motion to accept the Waste Management Request for Proposal by Terry with second by Kathy. Motion carried.*

E. BUDGET CUT OPTIONS: With such a large increase to our hauling contracts the budget will be short approximately \$12,000 and that's with no contamination fees, overage surcharges or additional pickups. Charmaine compiled a list of possible budget reduction options and would like the Committee's input and then have a RU municipality meeting to get their input on possible cuts before cuts are finalized by the Finance Committee. Cuts should take place by June 1st in order to not be over budget even more. Some reduction options were reducing site attendant reimbursement, reduce site open hours, eliminate paying rent, getting the sale of aluminum can revenue and cutting sites. Some members felt that cuts to sites would only affect certain municipalities and they are available to all so the shortfall should be county levy. Budget shortfall will be discussed at April Finance Committee, brought back to Extension in May and finalized at May Finance Committee meeting. Will try to set up a municipality meeting the end of April.

Kathy left at 9:50 am.

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

A. POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR REPORT: Jenna reported that she had a booth at the Farm Show and gained 3 families, planning another Leader Networking Social on April 15, JLO will meet April 7, meeting with Arlene Knops to plan a barn quilt project, looking for leaders to start a sewing project, planning a leadership retreat for older youth and Teen Court Jury members out in the wilderness without cell phones, Fairest of the Fair applications are due May 3, planning a River Falls campus tour, Mountain Bike informational meeting is April 22 at 6:30 at S/Y Center, wanting to do a raised bed garden in front of the courthouse and is working with the fair board to set up a new policy

with leader/member discrepancies at the fair so they are dealt with timely, and is now on the Flambeau School Wellness team. Lori stated it has been a year since they offered Jenna the position.

- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Breanne stated there was no intake in March. Will transition from KnoW to Prime for Life once she's trained in April. HHS will cover expenses for the training and she is traveling with someone from Barron so will be able to split expenses. Had VIP on March 5 with 6 adults from Community Counseling, 4 KnoW participants and 1 Traffic Court participant. Next VIP is June 4. Andy reported there was a meeting between himself, HHS and Extension regarding the Youth Aids funding of the RRYP/YD budget. RRYP activities count and will try to make youth development duties applicable by calling them prevention and will make Jr Fair duties applicable or have Jr Fair fund them.
- C. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** Breanne and Jenna for UW River Falls tour April 17 and Jenna for TREK Leader Summit on April 27 in Waterloo, WI. *Motion to approve by AI with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS: *Motion by AI with second by Terry to approve the bill report. Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 7 at 8:30 am in UW Extension Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Terry. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.