

Nielsen, vice-chair called to order the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on March 5, 2009 in Conference Room # 3, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members Dennis Nielsen, Emil Bakka, Ralph Sitzberger, and Mary Platner; others Nancy Anne Miller & Rosemary Leveille  
The following County Board members were excused: Gene Ciszek  
The following County Board members were absent:

**Approve Agenda: Motion by Bakka, second by Platner to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Approve Minutes: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Bakka to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 4:** Technology needs – N. Miller stated that the University uses the internet for most of their communications, programming updates, demonstrations, web-cast conferences, iPod casts for programming, online courses and many more uses up to and including You Tube and Face Book. She explained the need for access to all updated and current technologies by Extension educators and the fact that the Information Technologies Department and the Public Property Committee have declined the use of these needed formats. Platner asked what their objections are. Is it cost, knowledge of programs, fear of integrity or what? **A motion by Bakka, second by Platner was presented in support of Extension educators and office having access to and use of current and future technologies in order to communicate, educate and collaborate with colleagues and community efficiently within the budgetary constraints. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 5:** Featured Program –N. Miller discussed her written report (on file in the UWEX office). There was a discussion on how to get retirees involved with the youth. N. Miller also stated that the “Gateway Academy” summer camp on engineering will take place again this year for 2 weeks.

**Agenda item # 6:** Out-of-County travel – **Motion by Bakka, second by Sitzberger to approve all out of county travel as stated, along with Nielsen’s request to attend the Working Lands Workshop in Ashland on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 7:** Budget Update/Approval of vouchers - Leveille distributed a monthly budget summary and submitted the following bills for payment: Benco Packaging LLC-\$190.00; Clermont Printing and Office Supply-369.61; ComData-\$38.23; Kathleen Haverkamp-\$630.06; Jabberwocky.-\$39.08; Nancy Anne Miller-\$382.90; The waters of Minocqua-\$354.00; Xerox Corporation-\$391.00; and Xerox Corporation-\$831.16.  
**Motion by Sitzberger, second by Platner to approve the vouchers presented at this meeting and the budget updates. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 8:** Correspondence and Communications – N. Miller asked the committee to please consider the following question that will be discussed at the next meeting – “What matters to you and what do you believe makes a sustainable Extension office?” Nielsen brought everyone’s attention to the pharmaceutical, electronics, and hazardous waste upcoming pick-up schedule. Sitzberger asked if everyone from the UW-Extension office would come and introduce themselves to the committee. This would be done over time so everyone could have time to explain their position and involvement with Extension.

**Agenda item #9:** Closed session was not needed. The committee stated that all educators were doing an exemplary job, and continue to set high standards and surpass them. N. Miller was asked to clarify the University structure and procedures along with the structure of the office with regards to having different departments together.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse. Platner stated that she will be unable to attend the next meeting.

**Adjournment: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Nielsen to adjourn at 10:35a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Leveille