

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2018
Sauk County West Square Building
Baraboo, WI

ICC Participants: Sauk County – Jenny Erickson, Peter Vedro, Valerie McAuliffe, Al Anderson, John Exo, Meg Sage; **Columbia-** JoAnn Wingers, Vern Gove, Joseph Ruf, Kathleen Haas; **Adams-** Orufry Karch; **Dodge-** Dave Frohling, Marie Witzel, Pattie Carroll, Russell Kottke; **Green Lake-** Cathy Schmit, Harley Reabe; **Marquette-** Bob Miller, Gary Soronsen; **Waushara-** Evertt Eckstein, Mark Piechowski, Bob Sivick, Donna Kalato; **WCA-** Kyle Christianson, Mark O’Connell; **UW-Extension-** Jay Dampier, Jeff Hoffman, Matt Hanson, Shannon Carpenter; **UW-Madison-** Casey Nagy; **Media** – Lyn Jerde/PDR

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by ICC Chair, Russel Kottke at 9:30 a.m.

Certification of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Notice

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Marquette County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda. – Motion Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Green Lake County, second by Dodge County to approve minutes. – Motion Approved.

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials- None present

WCA Update of County Issues - Kyle Christianson & Mark O’Connell

- The legislature is out of session so limited activity is expected until January 2019
- Legislative study committees are meeting to develop potential legislation
- An update on the special election and the state budget process was provided
- Recently the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance combined with the Policy Forum to form the Wisconsin Policy Forum. Dale Knapp who was a lead researcher for the Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance was recently hired by Wisconsin Counties Association to pull together data for local governments (i.e. Green Book)

Open Discussion of County Issues- None

PROGRAM: Focus on Cooperative Extension: A Discussion on nExt Gen Implementation and the Merger with UW Madison

- Shannon Carpenter, UWEX External Relations Director, provided an overview of the UW Cooperative Extension mission, budget, and programming
- Matt Hanson, UWEX Assistant Dean, provided the following update on Cooperative UWEX’s nEXT Gen implementation:
 - nExt Gen was officially implemented on January 1, 2018
 - UWEX budgets documents are now aligned with county budget process (calendar year)

- Retained UWEX county presence in all 72 counties
- Developed a flat fee structure for UWEX county educators
- Consolidated administrative functions into state funded, Area Extension Directors (AED)
- In the process of coordinating a statewide situational analysis to determine educational needs across counties in order to inform future resource allocation
- All UWEX educators have developed plans of work that will be monitored throughout the year to track progress
- Cooperative UWEX now has a balanced budget
- Greater emphasis on distance education
- 50 UWEX positions have been hired or are in progress
- At Full Time Equivalent (FTE) limit of 220 positions which roughly equates to three educators per county
- It was recognized that there have been significant issues associated with the nEXT Gen implementation and UWEX will work to address those issues including better communication with counties going forward
- Casey Nagy, Project Manager with UW Madison provided an update on the merger between Cooperative Extension and UW-Madison
 - There should be no noticeable changes regarding county interactions with Cooperative UWEX as part of the merger. The changes are structural and internal.
 - Cooperative Extension will transition to UW Madison as a fully functioning unit with their own Dean.
 - As a benefit of the merger, UW-Madison is hoping to better connect their research/resources with the needs of counties/tribes i.e. opioid epidemic.
 - County representatives serve on the transition team
 - The decision-making authority for Cooperative UWEX will transfer to UW-Madison on July 1, 2018, but the official transition date will be July 1, 2019.
- Q&A followed the presentations and updates

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2018 at Jefferson County.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:21AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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