



**MARATHON COUNTY  
EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI Committee**

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Sara Guild	X	
Vice Chair Ka Lo	X	
Gary Beastro		X
Becky Buch	W	
Tom Rosenberg	X	
Rick Seefeldt		excused
Chris Voll	W	

**Also Present:** Lance Leonhard, John Robinson, Jason Hausler, Carrie Edmonson, and Toshia Ranallo.

**WebEx/Phone:** Jean Maszk, Ann Herda-Rapp, Leah Giordano.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Guild called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. Public Comment - None**

**3. MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY LO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2021 EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**

**A. NCWRPC Request for County Funding for a Metro Housing Assessment**

*Discussion:*

Carrie Edmonson from the North Central WI Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) gave a presentation on a Metro Housing Assessment and is requesting Marathon County contribute \$30,000 towards the assessment. Lack of housing options continues to be an issue in our metro area for employers and residents. The housing study includes the cities of Mosinee, Schofield, Wausau, the Villages of Kronenwetter, Maine, Marathon, the Villages of Rothschild and Weston and the Town of Rib Mountain. Presentation materials can be accessed in the packet located on our [website here](#) and the full presentation can be [viewed here](#).

*Action:*

**MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECONDED BY LO TO MOVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE HR FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE AMOUNT REQUESTED, AND CONTRIBUTE APPROPRIATE FUNDING TOWARD THE NCWRPC METRO HOUSING ASSESSMENT. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Follow thru:*

Forward to the HR Finance & Property Committee for consideration in August.

**B. Discussion regarding options for UW-Madison Extension position**

*Discussion:*

Jason Hausler provided the committee with an [outline available in the packet](#), summarizing the following potential opportunities to fill or restructure the half-time Extension Educator position.

- Community Development Extension Educator
- Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Educator
- Human Development and Relationships (HDR) Educator

Other options for educators may also be available if the County is interested in exploring other areas such as a Natural Resources Educator or a Community Youth Development Educator. It was the consensus of the committee to continue discussions at the next meeting in September and to potentially make a recommendation at that time.

*Follow Thru:*

Discuss at meeting in September.

**5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution – None**

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

**A. Reports from Committee-Affiliated Departments and Organizations**

The following written reports can be viewed in the packet located on our [website here.](#)

1. Marathon County Public Library (Leah Giordano)
2. MCDEVCO
3. UW-Madison Division of Extension (Jason Hausler)
4. UW-Stevens Point Wausau Campus (Ann Herda-Rapp)

**7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**

1. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion

- UW-Madison Extension position

2. Next meeting: **Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY LO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:01 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

[Recorded meeting can be view here.](#)

Respectfully submitted by

Toshia Ranallo