



MARATHON COUNTY EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AMENDED MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

UW Stevens Point – Wausau Campus Fieldhouse Classroom (room 112), 608 South 7th Avenue,
Wausau, WI 54401

Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Sara Guild, Chair	X	
Romey Wagner, Vice Chair	X	
Gary Beastro	X	
Jean Maszk	X	
Alyson Leahy	X	
Rick Seefeldt	X	
Ka Lo	X	

Others Present: Yee Leng Xiong, Brad Karger, Lance Leonhard, Melinda Osterberg, Jason Hausler, Gary Radunz, Ann Herda-Rapp, Tricia Zunker

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Guild.

2. Public Comment

Tricia Zunker appears before the committee, expressing that she is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and that she is present to speak in favor of the Indigenous Peoples' Day resolution on the agenda. Zunker explains that the resolution not only recognizes the contributions of native peoples, but it also creates an education opportunity for the community to better understand those contributions and cultural differences.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting.

MOTION BY MASZK, SECOND BY LEAHY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2019 EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination – None

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the County Board for its consideration

1. Resolution Designating May 14 as Hmong American Veteran's Memorial Day in Marathon County – from the Diversity Affairs Commission

Discussion:

Chair Guild explains that the resolution is before this committee because the resolution is being offered by the Diversity Affairs Commission, which reports to this body. Diversity Affairs Commission Chair Xiong explains the genesis of the resolution and answers questions from the committee. An initial motion, and second, is made and then withdrawn.

Action:

MOTION BEASTROM, SECOND BY WAGNER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED AND FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

Resolution to be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

2. Resolution Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Marathon County – from the Diversity Affairs Commission

Discussion:

Diversity Affairs Commission Chair Xiong and Tricia Zunker provide background information relative to the resolution.

Action:

MOTION BY MAZSK, SECOND BY BEASTROM, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED AND FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED 5 to 2.

Follow through:

Resolution to be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. UW Extension Area Director report

1. Update on programming efforts of local educators

Discussion:

Jason Hausler appears before the committee and provides additional information relative to several of the programs referenced and answers questions from committee members.

Follow through: None

B. Broadband Access

1. Review of discussion from Marathon County Farmers Union meeting

Discussion:

Chair Guild provides a brief review of some of the discussion that was had at the recent Marathon County Farmers' Union meeting, noting that the conversation reinforced the important work that the county is doing with respect to this issue.

Follow through: None

2. Update on Marathon County Broadband Feasibility Study RFP

Discussion:

UW Madison-Division of Extension Educator Melinda Osterberg explains to the committee that four consulting firms submitted proposals in response to Marathon County's request for proposals. Interviews will be taking place on Monday, May 20th, and contract negotiations will be begin with the vendor selected shortly thereafter.

Follow through: Additional updates to be provided in the future.

C. UW Stevens Point – Wausau Campus

1. Update on recent University initiatives and developments

Discussion:

UW-Stevens Point – Wausau Campus Executive Ann Herda-Rapp presents information to the committee relative to the university's new programs and degrees. Rapp explains that a listening sessions was recently been conducted with stakeholders relative to the field of engineering, aimed at identifying current needs and gaps. UWSP is working to engage local school districts to

identify how UWSP can meet local needs. Herda-Rapp explains that one area of particular focus is literacy. Herda-Rapp also provides information regarding facility improvements, including parking lot repair, landscaping, and internal building furnishings.

Herda-Rapp also references that the integration with UWSP has led to increased resources relative to tutoring, conferences, and enhanced support for students and staff. Herda-Rapp indicates that the new and expanded offerings and programs have led to increased foot traffic.

Follow through: None

7. Announcements, Next Meeting Date and Time:

- A. Announcements of events related to this committee's mission
 - 1. UW-Extension Open House and Meet & Greet event – May 23, 2019
 - 2. Chair Guild recognizes Supervisor Mazsk for her service and dedication to the Committee for the last 12 years.
- B. Future discussion topics -- Committee members are encourage to offer ideas for future discussion
Next meeting date June 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Courthouse Assembly Room

8. Adjourn

MOTION BY MASZK, SECOND BY BEASTROM, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING, COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOOK PART IN A TOUR OF THE UW STEVENS POINT – WAUSAU CAMPUS FIELDHOUSE AND POOL FROM UNIVERSITY STAFF. NO FORMAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OR BUSINESS WAS HAD AND NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Minutes prepared

by Lance Leonhard on June 14, 2019.