

Vermilion County Extension Council Minutes
May 21, 2009

Present: Stacy Larson, Ronald Sbertoli, Corky Nightlinger, Marianne Venute, Belinda Russell, Meni McNeese, Gale Cunningham, and Maureen Spisok

Meeting was called to order by Ron Sbertoli, Chairman, at 6:35 p.m.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 26, 2009 was made by Corky Nightlinger and seconded by Marianne Venute. All in favor.

Ron Sbertoli indicated that the county board is sent minutes along with the Extension Council.

Extension Update

Stacy Larson presented the fiscal report. The remaining \$250 from FCE was received which completed their agreement amount. The state matching funds for the second quarter were received and posted. Stacy reported that campus administration expects a third quarter payment but stated it will probably be only a fraction of what we should receive. IF we receive any fourth quarter payments, we will be very fortunate. The county board agreement has an uncollected balance of \$19,768.50. We are hopeful to receive these funds but nothing is guaranteed. The match rate for this year is 85% and if we do not collect all matchable funds this year we will be penalized the following year. The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) has contributed \$55,000 this year so far for the unit trust budget. This has been instrumental in allowing Extension to function. The budget for FY10 shows a \$3,736 positive carry over based on estimated income projections for the rest of the year.

Gale Cunningham asked if Stacy Larson received any reimbursement for travel back and forth to work. She does not. Stacy stated that it was a personal choice to commute and it should not be part of the benefits with the job. Gale acknowledged that Stacy is doing an excellent job as County Director.

The Extension Agreement for FY10 will be in the amount of \$4064. This is accounting for funds that have been received, not projecting income.

Stacy will work with the budget advisory committee to set a date to meet in the near future.

Old Business

Ron S. and Marianne reported on Foundation business. There will be a June 13th fundraiser of a pancake and sausage breakfast and a quilt raffle.

Building Committee: Gale Cunningham asked Stacy when we discuss purchase or rental of building space with the current landlord. The Extension office will need to notify the

building owner by November 30 if we want to renew the lease for 5 years. Stacy indicated that we will not be able to renew for five years. Campus has restricted leases to one or two years at a time unless significant savings can be shown by increasing the length of the lease. The current lease is up December 1, 2010.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th, 2009. Stacy asked the group to change the date so that members could experience the Vermilion County 4-H Fair. Members will gather at 5:15 p.m. in the 4-H Food Booth where we will eat dinner then have a tour of the grounds and projects. Gale suggested that absent members be notified that the next meeting is at the fairgrounds. Ron said he would take care of notifying members.

Marianne Venute made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corky Nightlinger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Belinda Russell
(Typed by Stacy Larson)