

	School District was the only Ashland County school that said they would like the program.
<u>FRTEP Bad River 4-H</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incredible opportunities with youth, partnering with existing programs – Bad River youth outdoors, Boys & Girls Club, WNEP with Bad River youth and Healthy Lifestyles. • Organizing to work with Head Start once school starts up, creating some games for young children that incorporates traditional culture and food knowledge. • Working with various groups around summer and fall harvest including Mary Jo Wolf, AODA youth, and Alison’s BIRT Girl Power group. • Two Bad River high tunnels going up this week, working with church volunteers. • Native American Task Force in-service coming up in August 18-19 in Menominee.

Handouts included: Corrected meeting minutes, Joy’s agent report, SOAR poster, County budget draft, and Fair Resolution.

1. Ashland County Fair – 120th Anniversary Resolution

- Kathy S. shared resolution – Resolution will be presented at the Ashland County Board meeting August 13th to celebrate the county fair.
- Motion made by George to approve resolution and pass on to the Ashland County Board, Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Kathy S. will give a presentation at the Board meeting.
- Fair Ticket Reconciliation Forms are being developed.

Joy left 2:44pm

2. Comprehensive Plan & Farmland Preservation Plan Committee Report

- Tom reported that they had the first oversight committee meeting last week – gave information and asked for review of old plan. Next meeting is August 20th, hope to hand out the background data at that time.
- Tom will be meeting with the Town of Morse to review their draft plan, will be sending out letters to other townships to let them know this is happening/ upcoming, asking them to review or update and giving notice that we are updating the county Comprehensive Plan.

3. CAFO issue - any updates

- George and Charlie went to the meeting on July 28th at the Benoit Community Center which was well attended by Ashland County farmers and well explained.

4. Energy Independence

- Tom said that Chris LaForge possibly could help put together request for proposal(s) to get energy independence for the courthouse.
- He looked into the Midwest Renewable Energy Association grant, which is mainly for policy and zoning ordinances, and not really what we need.
- New USDA funding proposal just out, will look into that.
- Jeff & Tom talked with Xcel about Solar Farms idea.

5. WACEC/WCA 2015 Meeting, Sept 20-22 in La Crosse, WI

- When asked who would like to attend, Charlie, Kathy S., and George interested, Ken is at 20 years and up for awards. Charlie will check with Pete about 4 Board members going. Doug’s turn to attend, our office will help pre-register folks.
- WACEC has a silent auction to raise money for PILD, Kathy B. got an Ashland donation from new Blue Wave Inn.

6. Ashland County 2016 UWEX Office Budget

- Tom explained proposed 2015 Ashland County budget, handout compared budget with past years. Budgets are due to Jeff by August 20th.
- The committee recommended submittal of an option which included restoring 4 hours to the part time office assistant position and adding a few line item increases.

7. 133 Contract – review and approval

- Annual contract from state shared, between state and Ashland County. July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, cost to Ashland County is \$90,531.
- Motion to approve and sign 133 Contract made by Ken, seconded by Kathy S. Motion carried.

8. State Budget update

- Tom and Kathy B. gave updates: UW-Colleges are restructuring and cutting about 83 admin positions; UW-Extension has a few months before we have to implement cuts, due to budget year and leaving open positions open/ delay filling positions; implemented by July 1, 2016. There is a 4 million dollar cut for UW-Cooperative Extension; plans in works, will discuss more this fall. Really keeping WI Idea in mind. Currently keeping 7% of each area vacancy positions open.

9. Board Retreat – Tour – Planning Steps

- George and Mike will be talking about this on Friday, have ideas for a Land Conservation tour and high tunnel tour. George and his son have high tunnels that were put up last year, his son has grazing operations and would be near the fair grounds. Have a half a day of tours and discussion at lunch.

10. Approve Vouchers

The list of paid vouchers was reviewed and signed. George moved to approve the vouchers for payment. Kathy S. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Other Business – none

12. Next meeting date – Thursday, September 10th at 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Tromberg