

[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

**North Central Region, Extension Deans and Directors
Monthly Conference Call**



Meeting Minutes: April 15, 2010 (1:30 p.m. Central Time)

Attending:

B. Hoeft (IL)
J. Payne (IA)
D. Buchholz (KS)
B. Durgan (MN)
M. Ouart (MO)
E. Dickey (NE)
D. Hauck (ND)
K. Smith (OH)
R. Klemme (WI)

Next Conference Call:

May 20, 2010
1:30pm (CT)

**MEMBER INSTITUTIONS
North Central Cooperative
Extension Association
(NCCEA)**

University of Illinois
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Lincoln University, Missouri
Michigan State University
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
North Dakota State University
Ohio State University
Purdue University
South Dakota State University
University of Wisconsin-Extension

Agenda Items – Discussed

I. Bioenergy/Biofuels (Keith Smith)

- A. The CES Director had previously voted unanimously to approach the Battelle Study design.
- B. The State Experiment Station Directors are reviewing the latest proposal. Final decision is expect by April 16th.
- C. ACTIONS:**
 - 1. If approved, Keith Smith and Chuck Hibberd will handle the process of identifying the CES Directors who will work with Exp Stn Directors along-side Battelle Institute.

II. SNAP-ED (Rick Klemme and Duane Hauck)

- A. The Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill has been reintroduced and with issues that may affect EFNEP.
- B. CES wants to (1) deliver effective educational programs; and (2) be able to evaluate those programs adequately.
- C. Leverage requirements are seen differently from state to state. Senator Lincoln (AR), has introduced this bill with language that merit attention by CES.
- D. Bev Durgan reported that Cornerstone is ready to assist after receiving direction from CES.
- E. Duane Hauck stated that during the BLC meeting in May the committee requested that opinions should be brought together and taken to Cornerstone..
- F. ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Moved by Hauck, Seconded by Smith – Develop a letter with supporting language taken from the Wisconsin letter. Key Points: CES is recognized provider; and if there is a cap use 2011. Approved unanimous
 - 2. Robin Shepard was directed to work with Chuck Hibberd on developing a letter for the BLC.

**III. Respond to USDA/NIFA/4H Office on HSUS issue
(Jack Payne and Keith Smith)**

- A. There has been concern from CARET and 4H program Stakeholders about the HSUS documents.
- B. National 4H Council (Don Floyd) sent out a note saying Council does not support HSUS.
- C. The NCR 4H leaders have drafted a letter of concern.
- D. ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Moved by Smith; seconded by Dickey. Write letter to Secretary Tom Vilsac with copy Chief Scientist and NIFA Director Roger Beachy requesting they apologize for the incident.
 - 2. Robin Shepard was directed to develop the letter.

IV. Fall NCCEA Conference (Rick Klemme)

- A. Date is September 28-30, 2010 (Noon Tuesday to Noon Thursday)
- B. Wisconsin is host and meeting location will be Milwaukee.
- C. Topics – AFRI experiences, how do we best help NIFA understand how we contribute to the five goals.
- D. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Send program ideas to Rick Klemme and Robin Shepard.

V. ECOP and BLC Issues

- A. ECOP and ECOP-BLC Conference Calls – update was provided from the most recent conference calls (Daryl Buchholz, Tom Coon, Duane Hauck and Bev Durgan)
- B. Duane Hauck offered an update on Smith Lever funding proposals.
- C. National Staffing and Transition Plan update was provided by Robin Shepard.

VI. State News – Issues – Budget Update(s), Etc.

- A. Illinois (Bob Hoeft) - Illinois Phase 1: attachment was sent with call agenda.

VII. eXtension Financial Task Force Update (Michael Quart)

- A. Three options for getting increases: (1) changes in appropriation bill language; (2) taking off top like HATCH; and/or (3) assessment.
- B. What we've learned: 1-not possible; 2-not supported by directors; 3-working on assessment mechanism.
- C. **ACTION:**
 - 1. None, This was informational only.

VIII. Other Issues

- A. Mini Land Grant meeting – July 12-14, 2010 at the Hilton Airport/Mall of America (Bloomington, MN).
 - 1. Theme: “Food and Health”
 - 2. Registration: (<http://www.extension.umn.edu/minilandgrant/>)
- B. North Central Regional Extension Directors' Roundtable (same location as Mini Land Grant) -- July 14-15, 2010:
 - 1. Theme: “Serving Non-Rural Communities”

J. Future Agenda Items for Next NCCEA Meeting – May 20, 2010

*Summary by R. Shepard
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