

[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

North Central Region, Extension Deans and Directors Monthly Conference Call



Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2009 (1:30 pm, Central Time)

Attending:

Buchholz (Chair, KS),
Hibberd (Vice Chair, Purdue),
Payne (IA)
Campion (IL)
Lovejoy (MI)
Ouart (MO)
Dickey (NE)
Hauck (ND)
Smith (OH)
Lingari (SD)
Klemme (WI)

Next Conference Call:

May 5, 2009
1:30pm (CT)
During Urban Extension
Conference in Milwaukee.

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. General Announcements.

- A. EIPM Comment letter is emerging from Farm Bill Committee. The most current working draft was circulated. The letter will be finalized by April 28, 2009. NCR will send it short cover-letter type letter that reinforces the FBC letter.
- B. Broadband Comment letter was developed via the NCCEA Executive Committee. A copy of that letter was attached for this conference call. Due to timing, the Executive Committee approved the letter.
- C. NCCEA members were reminded that NELD Host Institution commitment letter are due May 1st.
- D. NCCEA member were reminded that the Notice of public comment period for written input on the REEO Road Map are due May 29, 2009.
- E. ACTIONS:**
 1. None at this time – these were informational items.

II. Mini Land Grant Meeting – update

- A. Keith Smith provided an update that addressed the current agenda for the Mini Land Grant Meeting that will be held in Wooster, Ohio July 13-15, 2009.
- B. ACTIONS:**
 1. Those with idea for topic and suggestions for specific agenda issues for the CES Section meeting are asked to contact Keith Smith and Robin Shepard.

III. Support Funds for NCR Program Priorities and Logic Model Follow up.

- A. Three requests for funding were reviewed by the NCR Extension Deans/Directors.
- B. ACTIONS:**
 1. All three proposals were recommended for funding.
 2. Robin Shepard was asked to work with principle contacts for each proposal to authorize work.
 3. Robin Shepard was asked to make sure that each of the proposals have multi-state participation that also reflects the geography of the region.

IV. Stimulus Package.

- A. Chuck Hibberd led a discussion on sharing ideas tracking stimulus funding.

- B. Ideas included: energy, workforce development programs, and dealing in tough economic times.
- C. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. This was an information discussion and consensus of the NCCEA members was to have a similar agenda topic on subsequent monthly calls (until further notice).

V. Rural Energy For America Program (REAP) Grant Writing Progress.

- D. See April 8, 2009 memo from Robin Shepard.
- E. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. None taken at this time.

VI. eXtension.

- A. Michael Quart provided an overview of recent efforts by the eXtension Finance Task Force. In that report, Michael summarized several key congressional visits that have occurred and/or are being planned. Michael also offered an update on the federal budget proposal in the CSREES proposed budget.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. None at this time.

VII. NPL Assignments.

- A. Robin Shepard circulated a summary document that offers an analysis of key Integrated and Extension (only) AFRI programs.
- B. The document provides a description of the Integrated and Extension-only AFRI programs and the National Program Leader who is assigned to those programs.
- C. The document is to be used to help our state staff better understand AFRI and to identify where we need to focus on relationships with specific NPLs.
- D. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Robin Shepard is working to expand the document. He will also be working with the other Regional EDs on develop a national approaches to NPL relations.

VIII. Commission on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Economic Prosperity (CICEP)

- A. This CICEP meeting focuses on measuring and characterizing how public research universities contribute to regional innovation and economic growth.
- B. The meeting will be held June 8-10, 2009 in Cambridge.
- C. **ACTIONS**
 - 1. Robin Shepard will work with the Program Area chairs to identify one-to-two persons from each program area that would attend the meeting. The collective NRC Team attending the meeting will be responsive for generating follow up discussion about economic development in the NCR. This follow up "may be" a series of multi-state and cross program area conference calls or web-conferences. The intent will be summaries key NRC priorities, Extension approaches, potential partnerships and future direction for our Fall NCR meeting. An additional outcome may also be a multi-state logic model on regional development and supporting innovation.

IX. Federal Update(s).

- A. Elbert Dickey and Daryl Buchholz offer an overview of the most recent ECOP meeting. The topics included:
 - 1. System marking and communications.
 - 2. ECOP Staffing Task Force
 - 3. Transition update with CSREES
- B. Jack Payne offer an update on the BAA proposal for changes in its rules of operation.
- C. **ACTIONS**
 - 1. None at this time.