

[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

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



Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2010 (1:30 p.m. Central Time)

Attending:

C. Hibberd (Chair, Purdue)
R. Klemme (Vice-Chair, WI)
M. Holz-Clause (IA)
T. Coon (MI)
B. Durgan (MN)
M. Quart (MO)
B. Watkins (OH)
E. Dickey (NE)
D. Hauck (ND)
L. Lighari (SD)

Next Meeting:

July 12-15, 2010
Mini-Land Grant Meeting
Saint Paul, MN

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North Central Cooperative
Extension Association
(NCCEA)**

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Agenda Items – Discussed

A. Review of May 20th Meeting Minutes.

A. Chuck Hibberd called attention to the minutes and asked for comments and approval.

B. ACTIONS:

1. Moved by Hauck and seconded by Klemme.
2. Approved unanimously.

B. North Central Regional Center for Rural Development.

A. Scott Loveridge – Interim Director for NCRCRD provided an update on center activities [several attachments were provided with the agenda].
B. IN 2010-11, a NC1100 Project will become a significant focus for the Center. This also pertains to how CES funds will be used by the Center.

C. ACTIONS:

1. Robin Shepard was directed to collect feedback from CES Directors about the project approach described by Scott Loveridge.

C. ECOP updates.

A. Issues discussed on the most recent ECOP Conference call included: AFRI Stakeholder comments; a report on the LAC Meeting, ECOP Staffing and Transition, SNAP-ed and national budget priorities.
B. Duane Hauck outlined the process for collecting regional input on budget priorities – each region has been asked to identify three priorities, that once gathered will be submitted to ECOP then to the BAC in July.

C. ACTIONS:

1. Robin Shepard was directed to work with Duane Hauck and Chuck Hibberd to collect NCR priorities and compose a letter to ECOP-BLC.

D. National 4-H Director's Working Group

A. The 4-H Directors Working Group will be asking for a North Central Representative to serve an annual appointment beginning October 1, 2010. Tom Coon is the current NCR representative to this group.

B. ACTIONS:

2. None at this time – however, this appointment needs to be finalized by the end of summer.

E. AFRI - update

- A. General consensus of the group indicated that AFRI has generated much activity in the region and several projects involve Extension. ALL states reported that their Extension faculty were engaging in AFRI. Much discussion ensued pertaining to the extent and quality of outreach that is included in our regional AFRI proposal.
- B. The group also discussed the recent NIFA report on AFRI activity. That report indicted very small portion of grants going to Extension (<1%).
- C. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Robin Shepard was directed to structure the Section meeting during the Mini Land Grant meeting to focus primarily on AFRI, and include a facilitated discussion on how to continue to support Extension involvement in AFRI projects. This may include ideas for evaluating Extension components to AFRI from the NCR.

F. NCCEA Fall Conference 2010

- A. Date is September 28-30, 2010 (noon Tuesday to noon Wednesday)
- B. Location – Milwaukee (Hilton Hotel)
- C. Current working agenda was attached to the conference call announcement.
- D. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Watch for, and then forward the official Conference Invitation letter expected out before July 1, 2010.
 - 2. Agenda should include Mini-Grant Reports at 4pm on Day 1.

G. 2010 Mini Land Grant Meeting

- E. Date is July 12-14 with the Director's Roundtable following on July 14-15.
- F. Location – Saint Paul (near MSP Airport)
- G. Current information is found at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/minilandgrant>
- H. So far 55 people have registered.
- I. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Robin Shepard was asked to develop NCCEA agenda time to allow for discussion on evaluating the changing organizational structures.
 - 2. Also: see additional agenda topic from E.C.1 (above).

H. Next NCCEA Meeting – at the Mini Land Grant (July 12-14, 2010).