

## **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT**

Administrative Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor / Room 3220

Thursday, June 21, 2012

4:30 p.m. Special Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Pedretti, Peg Jerome, Dave Holtze, Richard Becker

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Andrew Londre

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tina Wehrs, Ray Ebert

**STAFF/GUESTS:** Karl Green, Sheila Harding, Jenny Holm, Steve Huntzicker, Vicky Kast, Bob Matysik, Mary Meehan-Strub, Thomas Downer, Maureen Freedland, Sharon Hampson, Steve O'Malley

**CALL TO ORDER:** Marilyn Pedretti called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

**UW-EXTENSION ORIENTATION SUMMARY:** A formal presentation was given on UW-Extension by faculty and staff. Mary Meehan-Strub, department head, began the presentation with an overview of how extension is structured, funding partnerships, resources available, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cooperative Extension in Wisconsin. Each program area agent/staff represented information on their respective areas.

Robert Matysik, 4-H & Youth Agent, discussed essential elements of 4-H Youth Development, 4-H STEM, building life skills, and the programs for at-risk youth.

Karl Green, CNRED Agent, discussed his collaborative programs with the City of La Crosse and Onalaska regarding his tax bill explanation sheet, the La Crosse Housing Report, the County and City Harbor Commissions. He also shared information on his programming with stormwater education, Frac Sand and La Crosse Promise.

Sheila Harding, WNEP Coordinator, discussed how the program is funded, what clientele they reach with nutrition and food resource management and programs.

Mary Meehan-Strub, Family Living Agent, explained other family living programs about Healthcare, Financial Management - Money Talks and Money Smart Week, strategic planning, and facilitation and process improvement efforts.

Steve Huntzicker, Agricultural Agent, gave a brief overview on farm business management, soils and crops, including fungicide plot trials, tractor safety for youth, master gardener program, and the horticulture collaboration with WKBT, *Hands on Gardening*.

The presentation ended with additional ways UW Extension brings added value to the community.

Motion by Holtze to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jerome. Meeting ended at 5:50 p.m.

*Approved, 7/2/2012, Vicky Kast, Recorder*