

REAP CEP Review Committee Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2007, 1 pm
Minutes by Susan Salterberg

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Ross Harrison
Kathy McKee
Anita O'Gara
Linda Zaletel

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

Carole Yates, UNI
Nathan Brockman, Reiman Gardens
Pam Helfer, Trees Forever
Barb Ehlers, UNI eii
Carl Bollwinkel, UNI eii
Terry Rinehart, Iowa Public Television
Barbara Schroeder, Winneshiek County Conservation
Alan Keninger, Jasper County Extension
Mary Bower, Agren, Inc.
Cedar Johnson, Practical Farmers of Iowa
Dianne Blankenship, NW AEA- Loess Hills Prairie Sminar
Kara Bassett, Jasper County Extension
Anne Shimerdla, Blank Park Zoo
Cindy Anderson, Blank Park Zoo
Marcy Seavey, Iowa Academy of Science
Patti Petersen-Keys, Polk CCB
Lew Major, Polk CCB
Courtney Myers, Geode RC&D
Dan Cohen, Buchanan CCB
Kelsey Bailey, ISU Extension-Guthrie County

- 1) Board members introduced themselves, and then asked Grant Monitor Susan Salterberg to introduce herself.
- 2) Guests/grant applicants introduced themselves.
- 3) Anita motioned for Vern to chair the meeting; Ross seconded. Motion carried. Vern asked Susan to take meeting minutes.
- 4) Vern reviewed the tentative agenda. Kathy moved to approve agenda, Linda seconded. Motion carried.

- 5) Vern asked Susan to lead the discussion on electronic submission of proposals. Discussion ensued by Board and guests. Board explained the difficulty in printing off and reviewing grant applications, but agreed to try electronic submissions again for the May grant round. They decided to require all proposals be submitted as pdfs.
- 6) Discussion ensued on the Perpetuating a Good Idea RFP, its intent, and problems the Board has encountered. They asked for feedback from guests. Susan will be working with two Board members to propose revisions and/or clarifications to the RFP, and guests were alerted to watch for changes in that RFP for the May grant round.
- 7) Ross Harrison provided an update on the REAP Assemblies and announced that the REAP Congress will meet on January 5. Delegates to the Congress will soon be listed on the REAP website.

There was some discussion at the Assemblies about trying to change the legislation to increase the CEP portion of REAP. To do that, Ross noted that it would have to go before the legislature. Dan Cohen then mentioned possibilities for conservation education funding to come from the proposed Sustainable Funding for Natural Resources legislation.

- 8) REAP CEP Board's contract with Susan Salterberg was then discussed. Ross moved to renew her contract for the May 1, 2008-April 30, 2009 grant period for \$30,000 plus a possible \$1500 bonus if certain contract criteria are met. Kathy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) The Board discussed the expectation to attend the CEP Review Meeting. It was decided that CEP information should explain why grant applicants should attend the meeting and that they are strongly encouraged to attend. Susan Salterberg will revise wording and approve with Board.
- 10) The REAP CEP Board's next teleconference meeting, which is open to the public, was announced. It will be held February 26 at 9 am, and those interested in more information should refer to the website or contact Susan Salterberg.
- 11) The Board explored dates for the next Review Committee meeting and is looking at June 3 or 4th.
- 12) Grant applications were then discussed as follows:
 - IPTV.** Ross moved to fund this project; Anita seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0. Linda Zalatel abstained from voting.
 - Agren, Inc.** Anita moved to fund this project. Kathy seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Trees Forever.** Ross moved to fund this project; Anita seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Ross moved to close the Perpetuate a Good Idea Grant Award Process.

Anita moved to fund the **Loess Hills Prairie Seminar**. Kathy seconded. Motion carried, 4 to 1.

Anita moved to close the Perpetuate a Good Idea Grant Award process. Ross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then moved to review/discuss the proposals from the regular grant round.

UNI CEEE Prairies in Progress. Ross moved to fund this project; Linda seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried, 4 to 1.

Polk County Conservation Podcasts. Linda moved to fund this project; Anita seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Academy of Science Project WET. Linda moved to fund this project; Ross seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Blank Park Zoo Wetlands. Kathy moved to fund this project; Linda seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Applicants whose proposals were not discussed at the meeting were invited to stay after the meeting adjourned for feedback.

Kathy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Linda seconded. Motion carried.