

REAP CEP Board Minutes
Mar. 10, 2010 Board Teleconference

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Ross Harrison
Yvette McCulley
Anita O’Gara
Linda Zaletel

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

Cathleen Bascom, Carl Bollwinkel, Barb Ehlers

- 1) Anita called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and discussed a change in the order of the agenda, placing the St. Paul and UNI CEEE requests early on in the agenda.
- 2) The Board first acknowledged the CEP appointment of Yvette McCulley from the Dept. of Education, effective January 27, 2010. The Board then acknowledged the June 2011 appointment of Charlene Elyea from the Iowa Association of Naturalists, when Linda will be retiring from the REAP-CEP Board. Ross, who will be retiring on May 28, 2010, explained that the Dept. of Natural Resources has not yet appointed a replacement for him to serve on the REAP CEP Board. He is working with DNR administration to identify his replacement. Plans are for Ross to score the proposals for the May grant round, in collaboration with his replacement.
- 3) The Board discussed the St. Paul’s Cathedral Rain Garden (10-18) request for an amendment. The amendment will omit the YWCA’s involvement with the project, but add two more partners. The educational visits and educator training will be aimed toward older elementary youth in place of the pieces aimed at pre-school children. Women will no longer be a target audience for the project. The two new partners will equally divide the funding originally intended for the YWCA. The Downtown School will place more emphasis on professional development and supplies, and less on library-building, as it has some curriculum already in place. Oakridge will build a library for its youth. It will need fewer funds for field trips as that element is already a central part of its after-school and summer programming. Lastly, St. Paul’s will increase its cash expense for signage aimed at the corporate, pedestrian community to make up the difference between the original request from REAP/CEP and the funds awarded. The Board approved the amendment 5-0. Ross requested that St. Paul’s submit to him the amendment details to attach to the contract.
- 4) The Board discussed the Center for Energy and Environmental Education eii Wet Prairies (10-06) grant. Carl Bollwinkel, principal investigator, requested an extension to the 10-06 grant until June 30, 2011, to conduct a Prairies in Progress IV with participants from the Wet Prairies project. The Board approved the continuation of the grant, with potential budget amendments, on a 5-0 vote. Ross requested UNI CEEE submit to him the amendment details to attach to the contract.

- 5) The Board discussed the DNR Instilling a Commitment (08-09) grant. Ross explained that the project was not managed well by the DNR, especially in light of staff changes. He also recommended that the DNR partner with other organizations on future grants to avoid some of the problems encountered with this grant. Linda made a motion to accept the completion of DNR's final report and project, with no additional payments to the DNR for the project. Vern seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Ross abstained due to conflict of interest.
- 6) The Board next discussed the possibility of allowing REAP CEP applicants to participate in the Review of Proposals meetings by teleconference. Board members agreed that it is highly desirable to have grant applicants attend, face-to-face, the Review of Proposals meetings to learn more how to successfully obtain and manage a CEP grant. They also agreed to allow grant applicants to participate by teleconference. They felt the allowance of teleconference participation would be particularly helpful to grant applicants from far corners of the state whose grant proposals ranked low. The Board agreed that they would review grants and get scores completed so that the ranking of grants is published two days prior to the Review of Proposals meeting.

Discussion of options for teleconferences then followed. Susan and Yvette will explore Adobe ProConnect, and Susan and Linda will explore the viability of teleconferences at Story County Conservation, with the Board's contract with the University of Northern Iowa picking up the cost of the teleconferences for the two Review of Proposals meetings per year. Ross also volunteered DNR conference rooms as potential sites for future Review of Proposals meetings.

- 7) The long-time Board members then shared ideas with Yvette, the newest Board member, about REAP CEP review of proposals and other related responsibilities of being a Board member. Below are tips from the Board members:
 - Ross: The biggest responsibility of CEP Board members is to score grants. CEP Board needs to be aware of existing demands on teachers and that many conservation education materials already exist. Board members need to ensure that applicants are able to draw on existing materials, if relevant to their project, and that they work with the needs of teachers.
 - Ross: Grant proposals sometimes lack a good marketing component, and that is important to a successful project.
 - Ross: The CEP grant program is intended to be a starter program, and projects should sustain themselves over time.
 - Ross: Rely on other Board members to provide input on grants you don't know much about.
 - Ross: Recommends not calling a grant applicant to ask questions, as this occurs at Review of Proposals meetings. However, he indicated that sometimes it is appropriate to follow up with partners or people who should be partners to get their views on the project.
 - Ross: Recommends scoring high and low if you like and don't like grant proposals.
 - Vern: Agreed with Ross' comments about transferability and sustainability. Vern also mentioned the importance of partnerships. Cash and in-kind contributions suggest a following for the project.

- Vern: CEP Board places priority on outcomes evaluation, and hold people accountable for that.
 - Linda: Note the Perpetuate a Good Idea grant program, in addition to the general CEP grant program. The goal of this grant program is to transfer grant project concepts that have been successful.
 - Anita: Requested Susan Salterberg send one or two good proposals to Yvette and Charlene, and send a couple of good final reports.
 - Board: The RFP, evaluation forms, copies of final reports, etc. are all on the website for new Board members to review. Susan will send urls to Yvette and Charlene.
- 8) The Board then discussed the REAP Congress and the CEP Board's effort to increase funding for CEP to \$500,000. Vern indicated that after Nov. 10 and before the next Legislative General Assembly, the CEP Board needs to work on a strategy for changing the CEP distribution of REAP funds. Anita recommended that this be on the agenda for the teleconference to be held between June 4 and December, with a goal to determine how to carry the legislation forward, how to galvanize support, and who needs to be involved in this effort.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

**REAP CEP Board Minutes
May 4, 2010 Board Teleconference**

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Ross Harrison
Anita O’Gara
Linda Zaletel

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

Barb Ehlers, Charlene Elyea, Rebecca Kauten, Tammy Krausman

- 1) Linda called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.
- 2) Linda requested Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC) representatives Rebecca Kauten and Barb Ehlers give a summary of the changes they are proposing to the ICEC Governor’s Conference grant project. Rebecca indicated that they have realigned the work plan, hoping to highlight existing REAP CEP programs at the conference, have a keynote from Iowa rather than from out-of-state, and have three follow-up meetings in July with the goals to gather more feedback on the state environmental literacy plan. The revised budget would be \$10,200 less than the initial budget, for an award of \$16,000. The changes were discussed, with Anita O’Gara abstaining due to conflict of interest. Ross made a motion to accept the revised plan, and Vern seconded it. The motion carried with Anita O’Gara abstaining.
- 3) Ross then discussed the Department of Natural Resources’ new REAP CEP representative, Don Sievers. Don will transition into the CEP responsibilities during the month of May, and will take them over officially on May 29 when Ross retires from the DNR. The Board congratulated Ross on his retirement.
- 4) The Board discussed that scores need to be submitted to Susan by June 1, so that Susan is able to collate the scores and review them with the Board before sending out an initial ranking to grant applicants by the end of the business day on June 2. Grant applicants can then decide whether to attend the meeting face-to-face. Susan will propose wording to announce the REAP CEP Review of Proposals meeting and the teleconference option. She’ll propose the wording to the Board by May 11.
- 5) Vern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ross seconded it. The teleconference adjourned at 3:45 pm.

REAP CEP Board Minutes
June 4, 2010 Proposal Review Committee Meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Vern Fish, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards
Yvette McCulley, Department of Education (new board member)
Anita O’Gara, Iowa Conservation Education Coalition
Don Sievers, Department of Natural Resources (new board member)
Linda Zaletel, Iowa Association of Naturalists

Board member in training in attendance:

Charlene Eylea, Iowa Association of Naturalists

CEP Monitor in attendance:

Susan Salterberg

Others attending:

Wayne Bruns	Victoria De Vos	Joyce Hammen
Terry Reinhart	Rebecca	Emily Neal
Kristin Simon	Kelly	Carl Bollwinkel
Jen Ryan-Fencel	John Klein	Barb Ehlers
Mike Krebill	Kay Newmann	
Ed Greunwald	Barb Gigar	<i>Via teleconference</i>
Tammie Krausman	Barbara Schroeder	April Schutes
Marcy Seavey	Doug Schroeder	Carole Yates
Leigh Adcock	Kurt Hoefler	Andrea Geary
Ron DeArmond	Bob Moser	

- 1) Vern Fish called the meeting to order at 1 pm, and announced that the Board rotates the chair responsibility by alphabetical order among Board members, so he would be the designated chair for the June 4 meeting.
- 2) Board members introduced themselves, noting that two former Board members, Kathy McKee (formerly the Dept. of Education representative on the Board) and Ross Harrison (formerly the Dept. of Natural Resources representative) are no longer on the Board. Kathy moved to a position outside of the DOE, and Ross retired from the DNR. Board member Linda Zaletel then introduced Charlene Eylea, who will join the Board as the Iowa Association of Naturalists representative in July 2011 when Linda retires.
- 3) Susan Salterberg, CEP monitor and assistant, then introduced herself and explained her role for the Board and for grant applicants.
- 4) Teleconference participants then introduced themselves, and then others in attendance introduced themselves.
- 5) Anita described the evaluation form and decision to adapt it before the next grant round. The Board advised all to watch for the new information on the website, and to use it if applying for money in the November grant round.

- 6) Vern then summarized the status of REAP CEP funding efforts to increase from \$350,000 to \$500,000. He indicated that the change in funds to REAP CEP would be addressed again after the Iowa Water and Land Legacy vote in November.
- 7) Vern described the meeting process, and then announced that \$344,500 is available for the May and November 2010 grant round. Anita moved that the Board reserve about \$115,000 for the fall round, knowing that this is an estimate. Linda seconded. Motion passed unanimously. With this as a guide, the Board would have approximately \$229,000 to spend.
- 8) Linda motioned to discuss the Plymouth County Park Pack proposal. Yvette seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Linda moved to discuss the Prairie Partners RC&D Social Media Outreach proposal. Anita seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion did not pass, 0-5.
- 10) Linda moved that the DNR project on Inquiry-Based Outdoor Ed for Early Childhood project be discussed and Yvette seconded it. Don indicated he would abstain from the discussion and vote because of conflict of interest. Discussion ensued, and then motion passed 4-0.
- 11) Linda moved that the UNI Rain, Runoff and Rivers project be discussed. Anita seconded it. Discussion ensued, and then motion passed unanimously.
- 12) Anita moved that the Iowa Academy of Science Place-Based project be discussed and Don seconded it. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
- 13) Anita moved that the Women, Food and Agriculture Network Curriculum for Conversation Outreach project be discussed and Linda seconded it. Discussion ensued, and then motion passed unanimously.
- 14) Don moved that the Iowa Conservation Education Coalition's Winter Solstice project be discussed and Linda seconded it. Anita and Vern indicated they would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to conflicts of interest. Discussion ensued, and motion did not pass 1-2.
- 15) The Board then agreed to cluster the next four proposals.
- 16) First, the UNI Green Holidays project was discussed. Next, the Board discussed the Story CCB KinderNature project, then the Iowa Academy of Science pre-service project, then Iowa Public Broadcasting's Iowa Outdoors project was discussed.
- 17) Anita moved that the Iowa Academy of Science pre-service project be funded and Linda seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- 18) Don moved that the IPTV project be funded and Yvette seconded it. Discussion ensued, and the motion passed 4-1.
- 19) Anita moved that the Hartman Reserve Songbirds project be discussed and Yvette seconded it. Discussion ensued, and the motion passed 3-1, with Vern abstaining from discussion and the vote because of conflict of interest.

- 20) Don moved that the Story County Conservation project be funded and Yvette seconded it. The motion failed, 1-3. Linda abstained from discussion and vote because of conflict of interest.
- 21) Don moved that the UNI Green Holidays project be funded and Anita seconded it. Discussion ensued, and the motion passed 4-1.
- 22) Anita moved that the grant funding be closed and Don seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- 23) A total of \$228,382 was awarded in June.
- 24) The Board then discussed unfunded projects, if a representative from the project was present and wished to hear feedback about their proposal.
- 25) At 4, Vern adjourned the meeting.

REAP CEP Board Minutes August 10, 2010 Teleconference

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Yvette McCulley
Anita O’Gara
Don Sievers
Linda Zaletel

Board Member in Training Attending:

Charlene Eylea

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

Jean Eells

1. Yvette McCulley was designated chair of the meeting according to the Board’s policy of chairs serving in alphabetical order. Susan Salterberg volunteered to take minutes.
2. Yvette called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.
3. The first item of business was to discuss the outcomes for the Women, Food and Agriculture Network’s recently funded project. Jean explained that she modified the Women, Food and Ag Network evaluation outcome with a goal for 75% of the women to participating in workshops to understand the concepts taught enough to be able to discuss them using content-related dialogue. Several Board members suggested adaptations to this, and requested she email Susan with a revised outcome. Anita reminded Jean to develop an outcome that continues to improve the program and helps the grantee receive more funding in the future.
4. The outcomes for Iowa Academy of Science were not discussed; Susan is to talk with Marcy and clarify them.
5. The Board then discussed the Iowa Dept of Natural Resources’ newest grant award for inquiry based outdoor education for young children. The Board approved the change shown below in red on one outcome: [*One hundred percent of training participants will use materials and strategies presented in trainings (3-5 activities) to involve their students/charges in outdoor, nature-based inquiry as evidenced by information provided through follow-up surveys coordinated by the Project Leader one month after training and six to 10 months after training (April/May 2011) as well as other communications with the Project Leader and/or State WILD/PLT Office Staff.*] The Board indicated that they were interested in the data from another proposed outcome (that children would demonstrate growth in their understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world), but felt the data would be very difficult to gather so will only require the outcome above.
6. The next item of business was to discuss how to handle strong grant proposals that lack good outcomes evaluation. The Board decided that, if the proposed outcome was

dissatisfactory but the Board still wanted to see the project executed, the Board would require the grantee to resubmit an outcome. Funding would be contingent on acceptance of a revised, strong outcome. The Board discussed the need for continual training on outcomes evaluation, and encouraged Susan to conduct trainings as possible. Susan indicated that she wants to be sure the Board members agree on the qualities of a strong outcome evaluation. She hesitates to do trainings until she learns what the new Board expects. That said, she said she would present a session at the Iowa Association of Naturalists fall workshop; a portion of the session will focus on outcomes evaluation. In addition, Yvette and Anita volunteered to work together to prepare a presentation for the December Review of Proposals meeting. This presentation would address the Iowa Core and how grant proposals need to align with outcomes for the Iowa Core. Anita requested that Susan secure the Governor's Conference attendee list and compare it to the group that may come to the REAP CEP Review of Proposals meeting. She is to share that information with Anita and Yvette.

7. Discussion of REAP CEP Guidelines then occurred, with Don explaining that the changes will be made for the May 2011 grant round instead of for the November grant round.
8. The Board discussed the need for a long work session, and agreed to hold a day-long session on Wed., Nov. 17, in Clear Lake/Mason City, near the site of the fall Iowa Association of Naturalists workshop (which will be held in Kossuth county). Susan volunteered to investigate whether the Landfill of North Iowa's education center would be available for that meeting. Plans are for the meeting to start at 9 am. Several agenda items for this meeting include:
 - a. Guidelines revisions
 - b. Review of reporting requirements for grantees (midterm, final and other options, differences for Perpetuate a Good Idea requirements)
 - c. Outcomes evaluation
 - d. EE Funding¹
 - e. Grant extensions and amendments—how to handle, who gets copied on emails, etc.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

¹The Board discussed the REAP Congress and the CEP Board's effort to increase funding for CEP to \$500,000. The goal for the next discussion should be to determine how to carry the legislation forward, how to galvanize support, and who needs to be involved in this effort.

**REAP CEP Board Minutes
November 17, 2010 Work Session**

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Yvette McCulley
Anita O’Gara
Don Sievers
Linda Zaletel

Board Member in Training Attending:

Charlene Elyea

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

1. Anita O’Gara was designated chair of the meeting according to the Board’s policy of chairs serving in alphabetical order. Susan Salterberg took minutes.
2. Anita called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.
3. Anita asked the Board members to take a couple of minutes to share what their organization is doing in education.
4. Susan then gave an overview of the current grant projects.
5. The Board agreed that the entire Board needs to see amendment requests and major timeline extensions, and that Don can approve minor timeline extensions. Vern also reminded the Board that Susan should never act as executive director and make decisions. He also reminded the Board that policies should be discussed face-to-face or by teleconference. Procedures can be handled by email.
6. The Board discussed the Request for Proposals document. They revised the form, asked Susan to fine-tune the document, and return it to the Board for comments at the December meeting. Major changes to the RFP include making the document one form that applicants complete. A second change is that the Board will use the term “educational impact,” instead of outcomes. They will require applicants to answer the following question: “What do you expect an intended audience to know or be able to do at the conclusion of your project?” The Board also will expect applicants to share evidence that they met their educational impact, and grantees will be asked: “What evidence do you have that supports that you met that educational impact?”
7. The Board’s goals are to ensure grantees are held accountable, that money is used effectively, and that grantees learn.
8. The Board discussed environmental education funding and decided that 2011 will not be a good time to go to the legislature about EE funding. The Board asked Susan to update the REAP CEP Congress handout, however.
9. The Board adjourned at 2:45 pm

**REAP CEP Board Minutes
Review of Proposals Meeting
December 3, 2010**

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Don Sievers
Yvette McCulley
Anita O’Gara
Linda Zaletel

Board Members in Training Attending:

Charlene Eylea
Dawn Synder

CEP Monitor and Secretary for Meeting:

Susan Salterberg

REAP Coordinator:

Tammie Krausman

Others Attending:

Bob Anderson*	Kay Neumann	John Roosa
Meg Wall-Wild*	Darrell Weems	Jason Egly
Darren Siefken*	Linette Bernard	Jared McGovern
Kurt Hoeft*	Kim Poam Logan	John Klein
Jamie Ridgely	Reilly Branderhorst	

*Participated via teleconference.

- 1) Don Sievers called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and announced that he would chair the meeting, as the Board policy is for chairs to rotate according to alphabetical order. He indicated that Susan Salterberg would take minutes.
- 2) Board members introduced themselves, as did Board members in training, Charlene Elyea and Dawn Snyder, for the Iowa Association of Naturalists and for the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards, respectively. Susan introduced herself and explained her role, as did Tammy Krausman, DNR REAP coordinator. Linda indicated that the Board meeting would be her last action on the CEP Board, and that Charlene would be taking her place after December 3. The Board thanked Linda for her service.
- 3) Guests then introduced themselves.
- 4) The Winneshiek County Conservation Board requested a change in scope of work and a budget amendment on their Fit Environment Hits the Trail (REAP CEP #10-12) project. Vern moved to accept the WCCB proposed amendments, Linda seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1.
- 5) Don then explained the CEP Board contract with the University of Northern Iowa for assistance and monitoring. He explained that the Board needed to decide whether to renew the contract for May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. Vern moved to accept and also added a bonus of \$1,500. Linda

seconded it. Vern mentioned the Board completes periodic evaluations of Susan's work, as is directed in the contract verbiage, and that the bonus is for excellent work. He also explained that the bonus goes to UNI, not directly to Susan. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6) Don then explained meeting procedures, including the Perpetuate a Good Idea grant program policies. He announced that \$116,118 was available for grants in the November/December round. He then explained the procedure for review of applications.
- 7) Anita moved that a Perpetuate a Good Idea grant proposal for Park Packs, which was from the City of North Liberty, be funded. Linda seconded it. Discussion occurred. One of the Board's comments was that the applicant was proposing a lot of creative marketing. In addition, several Board members indicated they appreciated that the city was applying, so Park Packs would be used in new ways. Vern encouraged them to share the idea with other Parks and Recreation Depts. if it works, and that the letter of commitment from Parks and Recreation spelled out what they were going to do. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Vern moved that the Winneshiek County Conservation Board project be funded for the Cedar Valley RC&D Wapsi Wild videocast program. Linda seconded it. Vern summarized the project, which is to develop comcasts to go on a website. Linda expressed concern about outcomes, asking applicants what overall result they wish to see? Yvette asked what is creative and different about this project, and suggested students make the videos. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Yvette moved to consider the Metro Arts Alliance GreenArts program for funding, and Anita seconded it. Discussion ensued, with Yvette praising their partnership with Chrysalis, as they are involved in science and math education for minorities and girls. Anita liked their success from the previous grant and the fact that they learned from it. Yvette also liked that they plan to train Iowa artists about the Iowa Core. Anita asked if they were going to get enough EE professionals to help, in addition to Polk County Conservation Board. Kim Poam Logan indicated that they plan to partner with others. The Board also asked whether this was transferable, and Kim indicated that others are interested in exploring their model. Linda asked how the project will be sustained in future years. Anita suggested they try to come up with an outcome about whether schools are embedding this project into their school's educational efforts. Don indicated frustration about budget numbers not adding up on this and other grant proposals. There was a \$1,250 discrepancy in this proposal's budget. Don also suggested applicants provide a draft sample of their project's evaluation form(s). Linda moved approval of the GreenArts program at \$20,300. Yvette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10) Linda moved that the Diversity Farms' SOAR project be funded and Vern seconded it. Linda commented that she was glad to see a letter of support from Pat Boddy, interim director of the DNR. Don explained that inclusion of position statement from the Wildlife Society documented the need. Don would have liked to see a letter of commitment from the Hunter Education area within the DNR. Linette Bernard stated that she contacted the person in charge of Hunter Education Instructors, and she had an email in hand from that DNR contact. Hunter Education is developing a new manual, and Don emphasized the value of putting the SOAR project information in their new manual. Anita questioned the sustainability of printing a brochure annually. Don suggested that, by getting the SOAR lead-free ammunition information into the manual, the brochure won't be needed. Yvette expressed concern that the applicants believe that, just because someone has information, they will change their behaviors. She mentioned that research does not support this. She stated that, just because you tell someone something, it

doesn't necessarily mean they will understand it or act on it. Don emphasized the importance of outcomes. Anita mentioned that it will be important to learn how hunter education instructors use the materials. Motion passed 3-2.

- 11) Anita moved that the Raptor Resource Project Eagle Cam be funded for \$8,771 and Linda seconded it. Again, it was noted that the budget had an error \$1,000 error. Anita summarized the project in which the applicant has created eagle cams, and had lots of success with teachers using the videos so their students could watch the life of the eagles. Anita questioned the evaluation: What are the students going to learn because they are watching the eagles? Are they learning larger habitat concepts? She expressed concern about the project coordinator's projected survey response rates, which she saw as unrealistically high at 80%. Linda suggested a number of organizations could partner on this project. Anita asked about sustainability of this project, and Bob indicated that it may be a one-year project. Yvette suggested he collect qualitative evaluation information rather than quantitative evaluation data. Motion passed 4-1.
- 12) Anita moved that the Conservation Districts of Iowa Landowner Advisor project be funded and Yvette seconded it. Anita requested that trends and longevity of contacts with people be included in the evaluation process. Jamie Ridgely indicated that they would use an evaluation model called AIDA. Don said he'd like credit given to REAP CEP, and this was not communicated in the proposal. Yvette stated her belief that the project is a very expensive and should not be one-on-one. Other board members talked about landowners be a very hard audience to reach, and importance of one-on-one communication. Motion passed 4-1.
- 13) Linda moved that the Dubuque Historical Society Adapting Rivers project be discussed and Anita seconded it. Don expressed concern about their lack of letters of commitment. He also asked about sustainability and future funding for this position. Meg Wall-Wild indicated that the staff position is for development of the curriculum. The Board asked if the applicants were familiar with the Iowa Core, and they indicated they were not. Anita also questioned how the Oceans conference fit in, and she said it wasn't clear in the proposal what the outcomes had been from previous Oceans conferences. Anita mentioned that it would be good to work with others in Dubuque, and Yvette suggested they work with one of the local science consultants. Linda suggested they apply next round, incorporating the Iowa Core. Motion failed 5-0.
- 14) Linda then moved to halt grant review processes for this round, and Vern seconded. Motion passed 3-2. A total of \$78,853 was awarded in December.
- 15) Don announced that the next REAP CEP teleconference would be held at 9 am on Friday, January 28. The next Review of Proposals Meeting date will be set through email communication.
- 16) Anita then updated the guests about the Iowa Water and Land Legacy bill, which passed in the November election. She said the IWiLL team will continue to meet and that IWiLL will not be advocating a tax increase in 2011. IWiLL, however, will support full funding of REAP and the protection of its current formula as well as the IWiLL formula.
- 17) The Board discussed unfunded projects.
- 18) At 4, Don adjourned the meeting.