

REAP CEP Board Agenda
August 12, 2009 Teleconference

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Ross Harrison
Anita O’Gara
Linda Zaletel

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

No others in attendance

1. Ross Harrison 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. Ross called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.
3. The Board discussed REAP Assemblies as well as funding issues for environmental education. Susan updated the Board on her activities, including the calculations she found for determining the impact of inflation on REAP CEP funding in the last 20 years; the draft handout she developed, along with a few additional talking points; and the CEP grant beneficiaries she’s secured to attend and speak at REAP Assemblies.
4. The Board decided to ask the Congress for \$300,000 in additional funds to cover the cost of inflation over the last 20 years and for the next 10 years. The Board offered Susan suggestions on the Assembly handout, such as to add geographic information and state the goal to increase CEP funds. Ross abstained from the discussion due to conflict of interest.
5. Linda volunteered to contact the Iowa Association of Naturalists to ask them to endorse the increase in funding for REAP CEP. Vern will ask Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards for their endorsement, and Susan will contact Anita to ask if she’ll contact the Iowa Conservation Education Coalition to ask for their endorsement. Susan will get draft handouts/talking points to the Board members by about August 25.
6. The Board turned the discussion to Iowa Outdoors magazine and the possibility of getting articles in the magazine. Ross indicated that he would be in touch with the editors again, in the hopes of getting an article in the January issue. Susan indicated she had been in touch with Hartman Nature Reserve and their mussel expert, Tony Brady. Tony has volunteered to write an article.
7. Susan reviewed for the Board grantees’ recently submitted midterm and final reports.
8. The Board discussed the need to develop a disclaimer policy indicating that the ideas expressed in publications or projects funded by REAP CEP are not necessarily endorsed by the Board. Susan offered to send the Board a sample of the language used by the DNR Solid Waste Alternatives Program.
9. Ross reminded the Board members of the December 9 meeting, with a 10 am work group session, a 12 noon presentation from past grantees, and then the 1 pm Review of Grants meeting.
10. Teleconference ended at about 2:15 pm.