

**2011 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days
Executive Committee Minutes
August 12, 2008**

LOCATION: 212 River Drive, Conf Room #3

PRESENT: Sandi Cihlar, Keith Langenhahn, Scott Mickelsen, Craig Mortenson, Jilayne Radtke, Mike Wildeck, Russ Wilson, and Jenn Zimmermann.

ALSO PRESENT: None

Langenhahn called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

Minutes from July 24 meeting: Motion by Radtke and seconded by Cihlar to approve minutes from last meeting. Motion carried.

Review Agenda for Changes/Additions: None.

Introduction of New Committee Member: Russ Wilson, attorney with Ruder Ware law firm in Wausau was introduced to the group.

Review of Host Farm Application Form: Suggestion made to include detailed breakdown of acres needed for specific purposes in the Site Selection Criteria. Discussion occurred on making both the application and sample Host Farm Contract available on the UW-Extension web site. Consensus was to make the application available on the web, but to note that a sample contract is available upon request. Wilson suggested adding an application question about environmental concerns, such as “Is there any environmental regulation concerning your farm that you are not in compliance with? If so, is there a plan to come into compliance?” The note at the end of the original application asks if this is a joint application. That should be moved to page 1. On question #1, space will be provided to report “land owned and land rented”. Wildeck reviewed plans for application publicity, including direct mailings, AgLink newsletter article, news release, and copies at points of business.

Committee Organization: Names of potential committee chairs were discussed. Wildeck will check with Roger Luce for potential names from the business community. Hospitality, Tent City, and Field Demonstration are the three committees that will need formation, or at least leadership, the soonest. Will plan to discuss more at the next meeting with Glenn Thompson.

Demonstration of Website Content: Wildeck reviewed the current 2011 Wisconsin FTDs web page being developed on the Marathon County UWEX web site. The Dodge County site was demonstrated as a good example to follow. Discussion about posting minutes

suggested that this may help with communications. We will bear in mind that this will be readily available to the public.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 1 at 2:30 pm in Conference Rm #5, 212 River Drive. This meeting will include a review of host farm applications. Wildeck will contact Oelke and Bayer to make sure they are getting notice of the meeting through email

Motion by Cihlar and seconded by Wilson to adjourn at 3:35 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Mike Wildeck, Executive Secretary

APPROVED OCTOBER 1, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 17, 8:45 am to ?? – farm tour of host farm finalists and special meeting
- November 5, 2:30 pm – regular meeting
- December 5, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – multi-county meeting in Plover
- January 7, 2:30 pm – regular meeting**

** regular meetings are the first Wednesday of each month and will be cancelled if there is no urgent business