Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – June 13, 2017
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, J. Schroeder, D. Pierce, and M. Halverson, D. Hall
Committee Members absent: D. Olson
Also Present: C. Ziegler (Forestry), B. Micheel (LC), C. Mulder (LC), J. Roll (Hist), M. Modjeski (Warden), M. Nickelson (DNR) B. Halfman (UW-EXT), J. Goede (UW-EXT), E. Eggert (FLA), J. Hurtz (UW-EXT), J. Fields (NRCS), S. Davison (DNR)

The meeting notice was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.

Call to Order: Vice Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes from the May 9th NR & Extension Meeting: The Committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by J. Schroeder, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried, 4-0-2.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: No Report

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto- J. Roll reviewed May expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). J. Roll provided photo documentation of recent water damage at the Wegner Grotto County Park which occurred as a result of precipitation and inadequate drainage. He stated that he had contacted the D.O.T. about the drainage issue, which the Local History Room Board of Trustees believes is related to the 2016 season construction on HWY 71. However, he stated that the D.O.T. is refusing to address this matter. Supervisors Schroeder and Pierce both said they would talk to someone from the D.O.T. who can address this matter.

N. VanWychen arrived at 8:50 a.m. and assumed the Chairman role.

Forestry & Parks moved to be presented after Local History Room/Wegner Grotto due to C. Ziegler expected at another meeting.

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached).
2. **Don Weiland Access Update** -Town of Lincoln: C. Ziegler discussed the response he received from Weiland regarding the Easement for Don Weiland Access in the Town Of Lincoln. Weiland was upset with the Motion that was made to propose a free 5 year easement access permit with option to re-enroll every 5 years. Weiland is requesting a permanent easement. Discussion followed with members on a response back to Weiland.
3. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures** C. Ziegler reviewed the May monthly expenditures.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review May Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **Review/Approve Budget Adjustment:** B. Micheel presented a budget increase adjustment for the cost share program which included 2016 carry over from SWRM & NOD Funding. Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the increase of $289,182.53 in the Cost Share Program and seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1.
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented the departmental report to the committee (attached). B. Micheel discussed the School Programs and the LUNKERS built by Sparta & Brookwood High School. B. Micheel gave an update regarding the CAFO Farms- three permitted operations -Phil

Mlsna, Chapmans, and East Town Dairy Farms being audited by DNR. Micheel asked the Committee members on whether or not to change the meeting place to the new courthouse building. It was decided to not make any change at this time.

4. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder gave an update on CREP re enrolls and mentioned that B. Micheel in Adrian signed up for CREP Perpetual Easement buffering Silver Creek. C. Mulder stated that a grassed waterway has been constructed for Merv Thayer in Wellington Township along with the 4 grassed waterways and 2 diversions constructed for Vince Pisha in Glendale. B. Richardson's submitted report mentioned 1 Well Decommissioning and 745 lin. ft. of rock riprap was completed along with his ongoing projects for 2017. (Reports attached).
5. **Approve Fishing Easements:** None
6. **Approve Cost-Share Agreements:** *Motion was made by M. Halverson to approve cost share agreements for Cheryl Rumppe-315' Riprap & Habitat for $8,630- cost share $4,315. Wayne Evans 215' Riprap for $5,215, Cost Share $2,607.50, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1.*

NRCS Report: Jon Field gave a report as M. Komiskey who is Acting State Agronomist thru August is in Madison. Field stated the Local Workers Group Meeting is on June 20th at the Barney Center in Sparta and is from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. Field gave an update on current projects.

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** M. Nickelson gave an update on the re alignment within the DNR organization. C. Walroth will be with Vernon County as Sean Davison is her replacement for Monroe County.
2. **Warden:** M. Modjeski reported on:
   - A guilty verdict for an unpermitted bridge over Kickapoo River with a forfeiture of $897.50 and 90 days to remove bridge or bring into compliance.
   - An unfounded complaint of frac sand from Unimin Mine on Highway 21.
   - The WI Dept. of Justice's recent acceptance to prosecute unlawful handling and disposal of hazardous waste – Mercury from over 600 tube-style lightbulbs broken on private land adjacent to Mill Bluff State Park.

County Farm Education Funds – Discussion of potential projects - No discussion

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review of May Expenditures**
2. **4H & Youth Development Report** (Goede & Hurtz) – report attached
3. **Family Living Report** (Eggert) –report attached.
4. **Agriculture Report** (Halfman) –report attached. B. Halfman shared a timeline provided from UWEX administration and gave a brief description of potential staff options, there are still a lot of factors that need to be considered, and some discussion followed on future changes.

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 4-0-1.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 11th at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

Motion to adjourn: *was made at 11:00 a.m. by D. Pierce, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried, 4-0-1.*

Recorder: Connie Holzl

County Historian's Report, May 2017

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities by Team

- Promoted and hosted History-Live program about the "Three Boomer Broads: Growing Up in the 1950s and 1960s," including writing a press release, posting event info on a variety of websites, newspapers, and via group emails
- Continued planning for "Monroe County A-Z" exhibit, including contacting two potential vendors to fabricate key exhibit elements
- Provided educational programming to over **one-thousand** students from Tomah, Sparta, N.O.W., Cataract, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, Warrens, and Cashton at LHR and in the classroom.
- Lead clean up/beautification efforts at Wegner Grotto, managing clean up team from Challenge Academy
- Attended WI Federation of Museums board meeting in Appleton
- Processed recent donations to LHR (assign accession numbers, photograph, assist with cataloging, assign to a home location)
- Sent updates and additional indexes to website company along with extensive instructions for how the website processes should work
- Regular tasks: provided research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provided customer service to museum visitors; assigned storage locations, cataloged, and photographed artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balanced LHR financial books and draft monthly report; checked fire extinguishers; processed new donation offerings; conferred with Alli Karrels about museum issues and activities; attend Ag/Extension meeting

In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; artifact cataloging; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: researching Monroe County in WWI; answer research requests; assist with exhibits
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate): runs Facebook; teaches students; assists with research, exhibits, marketing, etc.
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events and in the region
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Walterman: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: church indexing project
- Adam Balz: indexing and transcribing Tomah G.A.R. book; writing County School histories
- Marilyn Beall: indexing the special Federal Census Schedules
- Barb Reisinger: indexing eighth grade graduation records
- Sara Oostick: cataloging LHR artifacts currently on display in Past Perfect

Forestry & Parks Report (June) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Student Gov't Presentation – Brookwood & Cashton
- Recon – Grant & Lincoln
- WCFA Conference Call – short tour of forest with County Forest Specialist
- 2017 timber sale Preliminary work
- Monitor Training
- Wild Blue Lupine & Karner Blue Butterfly surveys

Parks:

- Department Head Meeting
- 2018 Budget Kickoff

June 13, 2017 LCD- Staff Reports

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- School Programs – Sparta and Brookwood High School water quality, tour and LUNKERS update. University of MN interviewed a couple farmers practicing contour strip cropping.
- PL566 Structures – Emergency Action Plan and O&M plan development; Vernon County Mowing this month.
- Field Work – Inventoried Brush Creek sites, dam pipe failure, manure stacking complaint, CREP site prep, etc.
- Monroe County Stewardship Awards – Tree farmer, Conservation Farmer, and Conservationist nominations being accepted. (Handout)
- P-Trading Update – Working with the Village of Norwalk, Fort McCoy, and VPP.
- CAFO Farms – Update on Monroe Counties 3 permitted operations.
- 2018 Budget Schedule
- Meeting Location Options?

Meeting Schedule:

- June 15th – Lake Tomah Committee meeting
- June 20th - Local Work Group Meeting/State Technical Comm.
- June 22nd – Monroe County Invasive Species working group
- June 26th – Monroe County Stewardship Awards Comm.
- July 11th – Natural Resource & Extension Committee meeting

MONROE COUNTY
Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Unanticipated Revenue or Expense Increase or Decrease Not Budgeted

Date: June 1, 2017
Department: Land Conservation
Amount: $ 289,182.53
Budget Year Amended: 2017

Source of Increase / Decrease and affect on Program:
(If needed attached separate brief explanation.)

Cost sharing from DATCP ($33,135.63) and the DNR - NOD/NOI ($256,046.90) program was carried over from 2016 on conservation practices that didn't get installed. **No county levy dollars are involved.**

Revenue Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Original Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
16943000/435800	State Cost Share Program	$ 77,600.00	$ 289,182.53	$ 366,782.53
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
Total Adjustment			$ 289,182.53	

Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Original Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
16943000/579100	Grant Expense - SWRM	$ 77,600.00	$ 289,182.53	$ 366,782.53
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
Total Adjustment			$ 289,182.53	

Department Head Approval: Bob Miller 6/2/17
Date Approved by Committee of Jurisdiction: _____

Following this approval please forward to the County Clerk's Office.

Date Approved by Finance Committee: _____
Date Approved by County Board: ___

Per WI Stats 65.90(5)(a) must be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the governing body.

Date of publication of Class 1 notice of budget amendment: _____

June 13, 2017 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Christina Mulder

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
  - Preparing re-enrolls for the October 1, 2017 start date
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
  - 4 grassed waterways and 2 diversion have been constructed for Vince Pisha in Glendale.
  - A streambank protection (riprap) project has been completed for Jim Gehring in the Adrian Township.
- **Monroe County Dairy Breakfast**
  - Connie and I attended the Monroe County Diary Breakfast at Mlsna East Town Dairy. We had a booth featuring CREP, Farmland Preservation, Tree Sales, Conservation Awards and 2016 Construction Projects. Also, we handed out children's color books and pens to those interested.

Bryce Richardson

- **Design of Conservation Practices**
  - Completed 1 Well Decommissioning and 745 lin ft of rock riprap. Continued construction inspection of ongoing streambank stabilization. Solicited bids for streambank stabilization, manure storage closure, grassed waterways and critical area stabilization
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
  - 2 operators have inquired about developing reclamation plans for mines. A 15 acre sand mine in Byron Twp, and a 5-10 acre limestone quarry in Wilton Twp.

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update May 9, 2017 to June 12, 2017

Some farm visit highlights this past month were working with a farm owner to help them determine pasture layouts for putting permanent pastures in place and starting a beef operation. Another visit was to evaluate ventilation options for a dairy barn.

The hops nitrogen project is progressing along, the early season fertilizer was applied, tissue sampling and testing with a plant sap meter has been completed to date. The plant sap meter results will be compared with the lab tests to determine if the sap meter is a viable option for evaluating nitrogen content of the plants.

The corn nitrogen trial has been laid out and the "at planting" treatment applied. Color measurements and the side dress treatments will be going on in the near future.

The Ag Agent was contacted by the University of Minnesota Department of Education to help them capture stories from farmers on soil conservation for a project they are doing to educate youth on agriculture and potential careers in farming. The Ag Agent worked with land conservation and filmed with the University of Minnesota crew at two farms near St. Mary's Ridge.

The Ag Agent and three of his county counterparts have developed and released a spreadsheet to calculate close outs on finishing cattle. This spreadsheet is used to calculate cattle performance and profits or losses.

The Ag Agent worked with the Ag summer intern to get herbicide demonstrations put out at the summer agronomy field day locations.

The UW Extension Office had educational booths at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast on June 3rd. It was a nice opportunity to interact with the public and answer questions on a variety of topics.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

June 19-21 Tractor Safety
June-27 Crops Field Day- Tomah
June 29 SW Wisconsin Beef Field Day- Vernon Co.
July 26-30 Monroe County Fair
Aug 2 Carcass Judging
Aug 9 Cranberry Field Day- Warrens
Aug 10 Hops Growers Summery Field Day- Tomah

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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update May 9th to June 13th, 2017

- StrongWomen
  - Things are going well. We are nearing the end of our session. I did have complaints about one volunteer and after going to observe her class and talking with her about ways to improve, she decided she didn't want to teach any longer. So having an instructor quit mid-session was a bit frustrating but the Health Department has been a really valuable partnership with helping me to cover that class.
  - In Sparta, the Barney Center purchased the old childcare center on Osborne Ave. All of the fitness classes would be moving over there including ours. On the day of the move they realized they wouldn't be moving any chairs that way, because they had no need for chairs there. So that was a bit of a headache because we had to decide whether we wanted to purchase chairs for the new building or weights and equipment for the old building (since we had been using their weights). We ended up purchasing new equipment for the old space and will be able to add an evening class in the fall in that space in Sparta which has been in high demand.
  - Summer classes are scheduled. There will be one in Tomah and one in Sparta; both at 8am starting the week of July 10th. Reduced classes for the summer since we generally have fewer participants. We will go back to the expanded classes in the Fall.
- StrongWomen- Statewide
  - Still working out some kinks for the online Advanced training. Taking longer than expected but should be released soon.
- Walk with Ease
  - This is the last week of the WWE class. It has gone really well and our 9 participants have seemed to really enjoy the class. The Health Department and UWEX have applied for a grant that we should hear about any day. The

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grant will allow us to offer the class free of charge and get additional instructors trained.
    - We are also evaluating the WWE class to see if it would be good to go acrc the state- and how to adjust it to incorporate repeat participants.
- Women's Health Night (May 18th)
    - Had a display and handouts at Women's Health Night in Tomah. I would guess there to be about 200 people there. I promoted the upcoming physical activity programs and handed out handouts on food safety and storing fruits and vegetables.
- Sparta Middle School Wellness Day (June 2nd)
    - As part of the annual Sparta Middle School Wellness Day, I taught a lesson to 200 8th graders who rotated through in groups on nutrition and selecting healthy snacks. We learned how to read a food label and talked about good snacks and bad snacks. It was a fun lesson.
- Monroe County Dairy Breakfast (June 3rd)
    - This was my first ever dairy breakfast! I was shocked at how many people were there! I heard they said about 3500 people! I had a display on our physical activity offerings, food safety, and nutrition. We handed out a lot of promo pens and handouts. I was able to see a lot of my StrongBodies participants there, and Connie. But didn't see any of you...
- Community Health Improvement Plan: Nutrition Workgroup
    - I am on this workgroup and our goal is to increase fruit and vegetable consumption of Monroe County residents. We meet monthly. Currently we're working on finding grant money for the workgroup to support projects.
- Meeting with County Cluster (June 9th)
    - Last week I met with the other FLAs in our 5-county cluster. We talked about where the nEXT gen plans were now and what we thought would be happening, how we could be working together.

Continuing Events

- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and Pinterest site

Upcoming Events

- Monroe County Fair 7/26-7/30

Monroe County UW Extension
4-H & Youth Development Agent

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Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Joshua L. Goede

onroe County Government Days

A wrap up meeting was held on June 5th discussing the days. Both students and faculty of the districts involved in the project this year were very happy with the results. There were many positive comments made and a push to get all four schools involved next year. This will likely necessitate a lottery or sign up in Tomah and Sparta assuming they are interested in attending. Many clever ideas were brought up, possibly a mock trial or mock ordinance among other improvements.

Arts Camp

The Agent has joined a steering committee for the statewide Arts Camp held in October at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The Agent will serve as the camp director. The group is in the middle of defining the goals for the experience and how to measure the impact of attending on the youth. The committee is also working on the nuts and bolts of holding an event such as applications and scheduling.

Monroe County Fair

It's that time of year again. The fair will be here before we know it. The office and agents have started looking at what needs to come together before July.

Choosing Healthy: Food, Fitness, & FUN

The Agent worked with Nelda Bailey, Tomah High Agriculture Teacher and her FFA members to bring a nutrition and healthy eating curriculum to Tomah's LaGrange Elementary. In all over 60 youth and family members were engaged with the 6-lesson healthy eating program and the family event held on May 19th. The snacks provided for each lesson and the meal at the family event are funded through a grant from United Health Care.

Shooting Sports

.22 Rifle and Shotgun wrapped up on June 7th. There was low attendance, not sure of the reasons when archery and air rifle had 46 youth. The coaches and agent will consider how to grow participation or possibly put .22 and Shotgun on a short hiatus.

Summer Programing

The Agent and Support Staff have started planning for our summer programs. The Clothing Preview will be on June 19 at Rolling Hills. Foods Review will be on July 19 at St. Patrick's Church.
The Summer assistant Jessica has begun planning our other big summer programs. (see Report)

Continuing Programs

- **Community Learning Centers**
  - Summer Break, will meet with directors in early August
- **Jr. Leaders**
  - Jr. Leaders will lead Clover Camp on June 17th. Voted to add fishing as an activity with the new location at the Eagle's Club.
  - Planning to run Ice Cream Stand at Tractor Pull and County Fair.
  - Chicago Experience planned for August 15-17, 2017.
- **Monroe County Safe Community Coalition**
  - Will help develop Marijuana curricula with 9th grade students and teach them how to teach it to 6th grade students in 2017-18.
  - 4-H Is worked into the 17-19 United Way Grant to bring AODA training to Cashton and N.O.W.

Youth Protection Program

- Working on finding a class time for final 2016-17 adults to attend.

COMING SOON

- Clover Camp June 17 @ Sparta Eagle's Club
- 2017 Monroe County Fair, July 26-30
- 2017 4-H Summer Camp & Outpost, Aug 5-8
- 2017 Jr. Leader Road Trip to Chicago, Aug 15-17
- 2017 State 4-H Dog Show, Tomah, Aug 18-20
- 2018 Monroe County 4-H Plat Book arrives in October

Monroe County UW Extension
UW-Extension Summer Assistant

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Jessica Hurtz

mah Truck and Tractor Pull

On Friday, June 23, the assistant will manage the Jr. Leaders during the Tomah Truck and Tractor Pull. Jr. Leaders will be working in the grand stand concession stands serving those who come to view the truck and tractor pull. The assistant will work to help ensure the concession stand runs efficiently.

Boy and Girl Science Day

The assistant will coordinate a science day for girls on Tuesday, July 11th and for boys on Thursday, July 13th. The assistant will conduct a variety of scientific experiments with 4-H youth in grades third though sixth. Experiments will be developmentally appropriate as well as differentiated to appeal to the girls on Tuesday and the boys on Thursday. The camp will run from 8:00-4:00 with a drop off time starting at 7:30.

Day Trip

On Friday, July 7th, the assistant has coordinated a day trip for the 4-H youth in grades third- sixth. Children will be going to the Spring Green, Wisconsin area. During this day trip, the assistant will aid in transporting the children to the designated location as well as will be creating a trip itinerary. The assistant will be sending out an online registration form for the youth.

Monroe County Fair

During the week of the Monroe County Fair, the assistant will be assisting as a manager in the youth exhibit hall. The assistant will be working alongside the agent to set up the exhibit hall as well as be available to answer questions for youth and exhibitors during the fair.

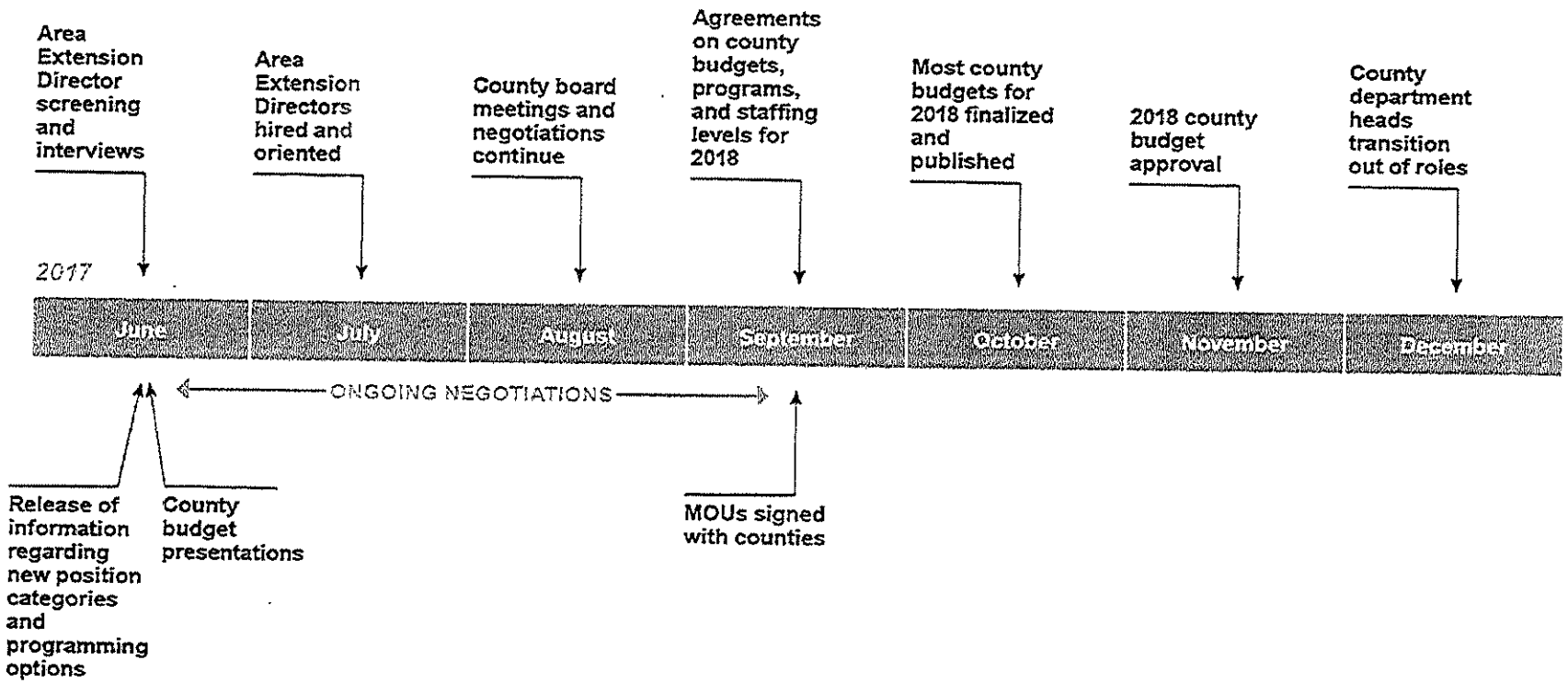
Coming Soon:

Summer Programs:

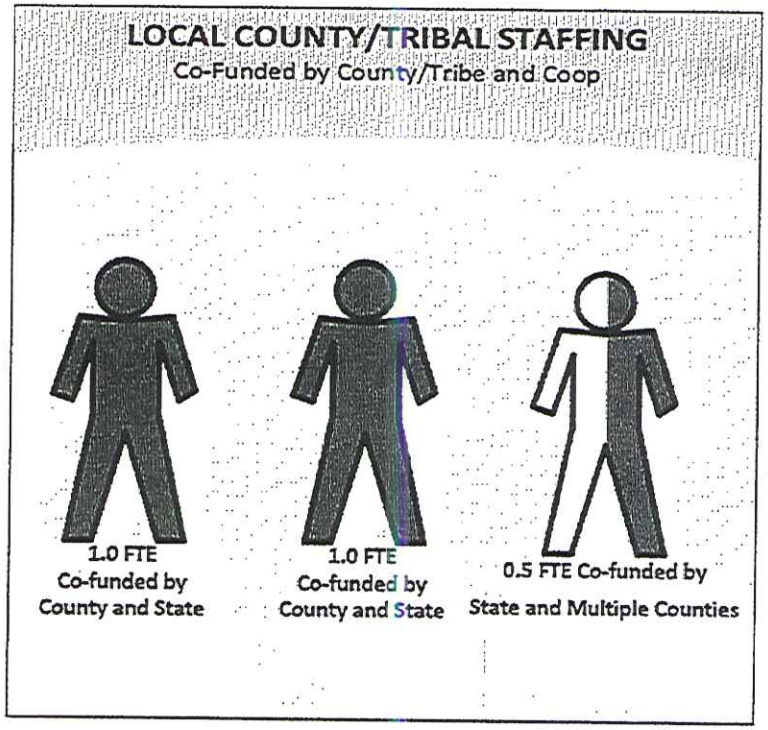
- **Cloverbud Camp**
  - June 17 at Sparta's Eagle Club
- **Clothing Preview:**
  - June 19 at Rolling Hills
- **Tractor Safety Course**
  - June 19- 24 at Barney Community Center
- **Tomah Truck and Tractor Pull**
  - June 22- 25 in Tomah, WI
- **Day Trip**
  - July 7
- **Foods Review:**
  - July 19 at St. Patrick's Church
- **Science Days**
  - Girls Science Day- July 11 at Rolling Hills
  - Boys Science Day- July 13 at Rolling Hills
- **Monroe County Fair**
  - July 26- 30
- **Summer Camp**
  - August 5-8

Timeline

Key Milestones:

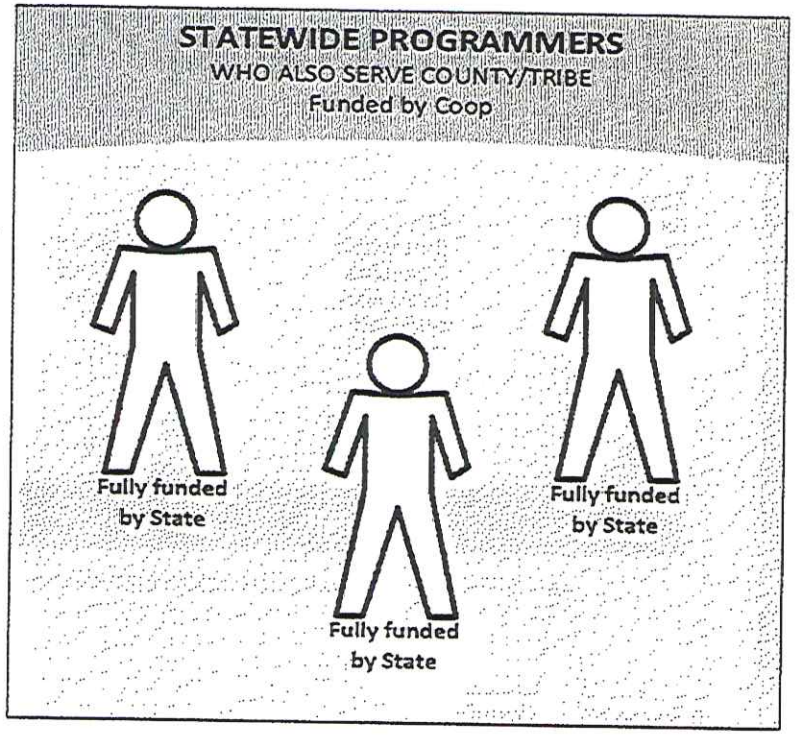


Service Delivery Example



Examples: Youth and Families Educators, Communities Educators, Natural Resources Educators, 4-H Program Coordinators, Agriculture Extension Educators, Farm Management Educators

Program Collaboration



Examples: Cranberry Extension Specialist, Natural Resource Outreach Programmers, Broadband Extension Specialist, Food Safety Outreach Programmers, Dairy Extension Specialists, FoodWIse Staff