

Extension Management Team Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2006

Pic Tel – Present were Paul Bonaparte-Krogh, John Pike, Bob Edmonds, Don Black, Ann Hamilton, David Foote, Wendy Brock, Debbie Cheever, Dan Reidy, Charlene Baxter, Nory Parr, Larry Barker, Gail Kennedy, Lauren Bressett, Matt Tarr and Lynn Garland.

9:30 a.m. convene.

County reports:

- Carroll – Budget moving along well. Forestry position approval and funding could be soon.
- Strafford – Budget moving along well.
- Merrimack – Budget moving along well.
- Hillsborough – Just starting budget process, no big issue on the horizon.
- Grafton – Just starting budget process. Nory is on search committee for Forestry and Wildlife PL.
- Coös – Everything is moving along well. Larry pleaded for no logo change.
- Rockingham - Budget was passed. Still no new money for the Ag position.
- Belknap – Budget was passed and FCR position is being filled now.
- Sullivan County – Budget process just starting. No problem foreseen.
- Cheshire – Flat funding plus the new money for the forestry position was proposed. New funding is being debated.

There were no additional questions from counties.

We reviewed the intent of the 1988 agreement and discussed how it was applied to current county budgets. Problem was caused by the level funding in 2003. Deficit is made up now and the forestry funding is a unique situation. After these budgets are passed there is no need to ask counties for new money now.

The 6 year MOU is coming up for review this fall. We will be working with each county to get the needed signatures. This will be included this year – the delegation chair and the commissioner chair.

John, Jim and Paul will be making visits to each of the counties in the next year, to meet with staff and then with advisory councils. Paul will work with you to schedule the dates. The first is in Carroll County on April 18th.

The state AC will be meeting on April 20th. There will be county reports on Public Awareness efforts and a program presentation on the Community Conservation Assistance Program.

Our federal 2005 accomplish report is done and sent to DC.

John announced changes coming in the COLSA deans office. There will be a national search soon for a new Dean.

Holly reported on conversations she is having with UNH communications office about slight changes to the logo. We will have templates for everyone and a good clear copy on the web. Holly will soon be sending to the counties an opportunity to order new signs and banners. We discussed the appropriate use of the UNH logo and the county logos.

NHAC and NACO are celebrating county government week on April 24 – 29. Look for ways to be involved.

Charlene reported on the state conference planned for May 25th. Don't forget to ask staff to make nominations for the awards on the web system before the end of the month. It is easy.

Lauren asked about policies and issues pertaining to middle management volunteers. She is going to share what she has done in Cheshire on equipment use. Deb Cheever will send out info on room use policies they have developed.

Adjourned by 12:20 p.m., notes by PBK.