

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 12, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Vice Chair Lloyd Zastrow called the meeting to order at 10: 00 a.m.

Members Present: Zastrow, Kannard, Patrick were present. Hartz was absent. Borland joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Agents Present: Georgson and Eisenmann. Jones was absent due to attending a UWEX Training.

Others Present: Alexa Zoellner, Jefferson County Daily Union; Jim Schroeder, Jefferson County Board Chair

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: None

Approval of November 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Kannard, seconded by Patrick, to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes as printed. Motion unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

Item: Update, Discussion and Input on the nEXT Generation Model

Georgson reported that the nine committees that were involved with the foundational work are now complete. All of the operating committees are reviewing that information and developing options. There will be a meeting in December with some Counties executives and the Chancellor. Wehmeier is aware of the meeting. Otherwise, there is not much new information to report.

Item: Update of Jefferson County Farm Technology Days

Georgson reported that the host farm has been selected. The Executive Committee is working with the host farm at this time to get the contract signed. Once there is a signed contract, there will be a public announcement of the host farm site. It is anticipated that this will be announced shortly after the first of the year.

Item: Update of 2016 Monthly Budget

Georgson reported that we are on track. Work is progressing on the room furnishing capital project. The project will not be completed in December but we anticipate a January 2017 completion date.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

Eisenmann, Georgson and Jones's monthly reports were sent electronically to the committee prior to the meeting. Review and highlights from their written monthly reports were provided by Eisenmann and Georgson.

Eisenmann provided a brief overview of her report. The committee postponed the video "Are We Crazy About Our Kids: The Cost/Benefit Analysis of Early Childhood Programs" to after today's meeting due to schedules of the committee members. Today was Eisenmann's last committee meeting. Borland, on behalf of the committee and Jefferson County, thanked Eisenmann for her years of service and great work.

Georgson reported that Farm Technology Days Executive Committee has been formed. There are a couple of changes that are being made. In the Spring of 2017, the Operating Committees will be established. The Host Farm contract is in process. A number of the Executive Committee members attended a meeting in Fond du Lac with Walworth, Wood and Kewaunee Counties presenting final and preliminary reports.

Georgson reported on other agriculture programming within the County. Milk prices have continued to come up a little bit; some farmers are still struggling. Tomorrow night is the Tri-County winter cow-calf meeting in Whitewater, WI. This has been a well-attended meeting. Ag in the Classroom, a statewide program through Farm Bureau, reached out to LaVern. They are looking at touring Jefferson County this coming summer. This is an annual tour that is offered for

non-agricultural educators providing education on how they can incorporate ag in the classroom. Jefferson County will again host a Beef Feeders meeting in February. Other programs that will be starting in January include: Tractor Safety, Pesticide Applicator Training and Master Gardener Programs.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

Meeting date of the January meeting was changed to January 16 per discussion of conflict with a UWEX Dean's Wisline being held on Monday, January 9. Future Agenda items: nEXT Generation, 133 Contract, Farm Technology Days.

Adjournment:

A motion was made Kannard, seconded by Patrick, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Motion passes: 3-0.

Committee members were invited to watch the video "Are We Crazy About Our Kids: The Cost/Benefit Analysis of Early Childhood Programs". Committee members watched the video and discussion occurred after the video.