

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 8, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Chair Paul Babcock called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Babcock, Hartz, Morse and Schultz. Borland absent.

Agents Present: Eisenmann, Georgson, Grabow and Torbert.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Jim Schroeder, County Board Chair

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

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: None

Approval of January 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Borland that the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting be approved. Motion approved: 4-0.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

Item: Update, Discussion and Input on nEXT Generation Model

Grabow provided an update for the committee. Discussion continues with UW System to increase County involvement and clarify proposed changes/and implementation plan.

Item: Discussion and Possible Action of County Board Resolution on the nEXT Generation Proposal

This is an attempt to keep the County Board informed as to the changes and progress of pending changes. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Morse, to support the proposed County Board resolution on the nEXT Generation proposal. Motion approved. 4-0.

The resolution will be presented to the County Board on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Changes to the resolution are permitted as necessary by Administrator Wehmeier to clarify the proposed nEXT model.

Item: Review of 2015 Department Budget

Georgson reported that as a 2015 departmental budget is being finalized. Targets were met. No surprises.

Item: Review and Update on the Administrative Specialist Position

Torbert reported that we received 42 applicants for the position. The office team narrowed the applicants to five. Five were called for interviews; 2 declined because they were unaware it was a LTE position. Interviews are scheduled for February 16. Should be able to hire by the end of February.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

All agent monthly reports were sent electronically to the committee prior to the meeting. Review and highlights from their written monthly reports were provided in the following order: Torbert, Eisenmann, Georgson and Grabow.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: The next committee meeting will be held on March 14, 2016. Future agenda items: nEXT Generation Model updates, State WACEC (WI Association of County Extension Committees) meeting to be held in Wausau on June 20 & 21, 2016; Annual Accomplishment Review at March 14 meeting. April 11, Matt Hanson SW Region Director visit. County Board reaction summary to the nEXT Generation proposed changed from February 9, 2016 meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Morse, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Motion passes: 4-0

Secretary