

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: June 12, 2017

Meeting called to order by: Lloyd Zastrow, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members Present: Hartz, Kannard, Patrick, Zastrow present.

Agents Present: Georgson; Jones and Dustin Winkelman, Summer Intern, absent due to 4-H Camp.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Matt Hanson, Assistant Dean; Mary Roberts, County Board Supervisor; Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist

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 May 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Patrick seconded by Kannard, to approve the May 8, 2017 minutes as printed.
Motion unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

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

Matt Hanson, Assistant Dean for UW-Extension, introduced himself to the committee. He passed out a handout of his PowerPoint presentation, "Cooperative Extension: Forward Together" and reviewed it with the committee. There are several different position types: Agriculture Extension Educator, Youth and Families Extension Educator, Communities Extension Educator, 4-H Program Coordinator. All new hires will be academic staff. Prior to the reorganization there were 280 FTEs across the state. It has been determined that moving forward, UWEX can maintain 230 FTEs. Currently, we have 180

FTEs. He stated that UW-Extension is moving to a flat fee structure for their former 133 contracts. This will eliminate the need to have to come back and renegotiate the contract if there are merit increases, promotions, etc. The flat fee per type of position has been determined by the State. Every County will receive a \$10,000 rebate on their first position. The Counties will be asked to contribute \$500 per position toward professional development within the contract.

Area Extension Director positions are currently being filled. Hanson explained that rather than 90 department heads there will be approximately 22 Area Directors. The initial screenings have been completed and offers are currently being extended. It is the hope to have these positions in place by July 1. Hartz asked what the salary was for these positions. Hanson stated \$70-80,000 range. The Area Extension Director is 100% funded by the State.

Hanson reviewed a pricing scenario for Jefferson County by position. The County has the authority to decide on the types of positions they need/want. Question was asked on how priorities for positions will be determined. Hanson explained that the leadership will be looking at all FTE requests. The hope is to have a well-balanced placement of positions throughout the state. Priority may fall to an area that does not offer that specialty but is requesting an FTE.

Wehmeier asked when the language for the MOU would be available to the County. Hanson explained that the MOU is intended to provide the bigger picture of expectations and anticipates a draft being available within a month or so. The team to develop the MOU language was just assembled. The Area Extension Director positions will be more actively engaged in the 2019 budget process.

Item: Update of Jefferson County Farm Technology Days

Georgson reviewed this portion of his monthly report with the committee. They will be holding an orientation meeting on June 20th for the chairs and co-chairs of all the committees. A committee has looked at the toy scale model and have provided some great ideas. Jefferson County has some unique challenges in that for the next two years Farm Technology Days is the same week as our County Fair. A number of policies were enacted at the last meeting. Kewaunee County had their

media day last week that Georgson attended. He encouraged committee members to start recruiting volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Katelyn Broedlow in our office.

Item: Review of 2017 Departmental Budget

Georgson stated that we are moving along as expected.

Item: Discussion and Possible Decision on June Dairy Month Proclamation

A draft copy of the June Dairy Month Proclamation was reviewed by the committee. Motion was made by Kannard, seconded by Patrick, to forward this to the County Board tomorrow evening. Unanimously passed.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports –LaVern Georgson

Written reports were distributed prior to and at the meeting. Georgson provided a summary of his written report to the committee and took questions on his report. Georgson reported that there has been many questions on crops due to the slow start to cropping season. Some fields will not be planted due to wetness. Planting is late so that likely will reduce yields. Georgson had an article in the Watertown Daily Times a week or so ago that spoke to all of these issues. He stated that they are planning a beef program in August and 22 youth completed their Tractor Safety Course by completing their road test.

Jones was unable to attend today's meeting. He is currently attending 4-H Camp at Uphman Woods near Wisconsin Dells. Georgson distributed a handout for Bruce titled, "The Relationship between UW-Extension Cooperative Extension and 4-H Groups and Organizations in Wisconsin." Jones felt this provided a nice explanation of the partnership that there were questions about at last month's meeting. Wehmeier asked to have the document electronically so that it could be shared with other County Board Supervisors.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

Future Agenda items: nEXT Generation; Farm Technology Days, Staffing Levels. Note: The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 8:30 a.m. where they will discuss the 4-H fee.

Adjournment:

A motion was made Patrick, seconded to Kannard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Motion passes.