

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 10, 2018

Meeting called to order by: Zastrow called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Members Present: Herbst, Kelly and Zastrow were present. Kannard and Roberts were absent.

Members Absent: None

Educators/County/UWEX Staff Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Chrissy Wen, Area Director; LaVern Georgson, Agriculture Educator; Kara Loyd, 4-H Program Coordinator and Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist.

Others Present: None

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

Public Comment: Herbst commented that he read in the paper that 84 farms had filed for bankruptcy. Georgson commented on soybeans; many farmers will have to have tough conversations with their bankers from what he is hearing. Questions followed.

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement:

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Herbst, to approve the agenda as printed.

Approval of November 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Herbst, seconded by Kelly, to approve the November 12, 2018 meeting minutes as printed. Unanimously approved.

Communications: Wen stated that in mid-January, UW-Extension's official name will be changed to UW-Madison, Division of Extension. At this time, the official colors will also change to red and white and a new logo will be released.

Item: Discussion and Possible Action on Shared Community Extension Educator & Discussion and Possible Action on 2019 UW-Extension Contract

Wen stated that number 8 and 9 on the agenda are really blended. At the November County Board meeting, the resolution was approved for a 1 year agreement to share a Community Extension Educator

with Waukesha County. Wehmeier shared that the 2019 contract was reviewed by Blaire Ward, Corporation Council, and it is good to go. The contract includes the Community Extension Educator as well as Agriculture and 4-H positions. Motion by Herbst, seconded by Kelly, to approve the 2019 UW-Extension Contract that includes a 1 year contract for the Community Extension Educator to be shared with Waukesha County. Motion approved.

Wen communicated that she is in the process of hiring the Foodwise educator.

Item: Review of 2018 Departmental Budget

Wen stated that department is in good shape. Wehmeier reminded the committee that the Communities Extension Educator will be funded through carry forward funds.

Item: Update of Jefferson County Farm Technology Days

Georgson provided an update for the Committee on the work being done for Farm Technology Days from his written report and answered questions.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

Georgson reviewed his written report with the Committee. Discussion followed. Loyd provided an oral report on her activities. She has been attending trainings and enjoying meeting people. She invited the committee to attend the Extension Open House on Tuesday, December 18 from 3-6 p.m.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: Farm Technology Days, Monthly Reports, the Committee asked Wen to invite Steve Chmielewski to the January meeting.

Next Scheduled Meetings: Monday, January 14, 2019.

Signature of Secretary

Minutes completed by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist