UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2019

Meeting called to order by: Zastrow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

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; Lisa Krolow, FoodWIse Coordinator; Steve Chmielewski, Community Educator; 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: None

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement:

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

Approval of January 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kannard, seconded by Herbst, to approve the January 14, 2019 meeting minutes with change. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

Supervisor Herbst mentioned that there was an article in the State Farmer yesterday regarding the solar farm. Discussion occurred.

Item: Review of 2019 Departmental Budget

Budget is on track.

Item: Update on Jefferson County Farm Technology Days (July 2019)

Georgson reported that there is a lot of coordination between committees. Volunteerism and Fundraising were areas of concerns but they are coming along. There are quite a few opportunities for volunteers. The show is in need of 450-600 volunteers needed in food tents and about 75 volunteers are needed for driving tractors and trams. Grounds Committee will

need many people in the month to 6 weeks prior to the event. Then, parking would be the next largest area of need. Discussion occurred.

Item: Introduction of Steve Chmielewski, Community Educator and Lisa Krolow, FoodWIse Coordinator

Krolow introduced herself and shared information about the FoodWIse program. Krolow will begin meeting partners in Jefferson County soon, starting on March 7 with a meeting with WIC. Then she will start looking for additional partners for 2020. Discussion occurred.

Steve Chmielewski introduced himself and gave a background of his work. Chmielewski has done recent work in Palmyra with 22 small businesses and working on another project with department of tourism with destination marketing. The committee provide Chmielewski with several non-profits within the county including; Food pantries, HeadStart, Meals on Wheels, Sustain Jefferson, Lions Clubs, Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's church in Fort Atkinson, and the ADRC. Chmielewski also noted that he works with Extension's Civil Rights team. Discussion occurred.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports

Georgson reviewed his written report that was distributed at the meeting. Georgson shared that the Master Gardeners will be having a presence at Farm Tech Days. He also explained the Tractor Safety certification program, an upcoming Beef Quality Assurance meeting being held in Whitewater in coordination with Walworth and Rock County, and the coordination of CAFO meeting.

Kara Loyd reviewed her written report. The report included 4-H camp discussions, helping with the WFTD youth committee to have a role for the 4-H program, 4-Honline, and continuing Facebook videos. Future 4-H program efforts include Officer Training, Volunteer Training, project kickoffs, project learning day, relaunching the rocketry project, and a Fiber goat project.

Michelle Scarpace introduced herself and will be reporting quarterly to the committee. She has been working regional work to support farmer led initiatives and farmer led groups. She will be involved in facilitation, event planning, helping with their grant management, and general soil health education. In Jefferson County, Michelle met with a group of about 8 farmers to discuss a farmer led group. She will host a soil health workshop in Fort Atkinson on March 5, 2019.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

Farm Technology Day report and monthly reports

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 11, 2019

Adjourned: Motion by Kannard, seconded by Herbst at 9:33 am

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Signature of Secretary

Minutes completed by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist