

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 14, 2019

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

Members Present: Herbst, Kannard and Kelly were present.

Members Absent: Roberts and Zastrow were absent.

County/Extension Staff Present: Chrissy Wen, Area Director; LaVern Georgson, Agriculture Educator; Kara Loyd, 4-H Program Coordinator; Michelle Scarpace, Natural Resources; and Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist. Jim Schroeder, County Board Chair; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator.

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

Approval of September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kelly, seconded by Herbst, to approve the September 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Communications: None

Review of 2019 Departmental Budget: Committee was given a copy of the current budget report that included January through August 2019. Discussion occurred on a couple line items that were over budget. Wehmeier reminded committee that departments have the ability to adjust line items within their approved budget. Wen reported the 2019 budget is on track.

Review of 2020 Departmental Budget: Wen asked if there were any questions regarding the 2020 budget. It is very similar to the 2019 budget. Kannard attended the budget hearing and has not heard anything regarding the budget.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports – LaVern Georgson (Ag), Kara Loyd (4-H), Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Lisa Krolow (FoodWise), Michelle Scarpace (Natural Resources)

- Georgson provided an oral report of his written report which was distributed to committee members. Farm Technology Days continues to wrap up. Attendance was 24,700; which is consistent with other shows for three out of the past four years. The food tents had 5,700 volunteer hours logged for the event. The decision was made by the committee to pay volunteers at \$12 per hour for their service. Checks have started to be distributed. They anticipate approximately \$100,000 will be available for scholarships, grants, etc. for Jefferson County. Jefferson County will present their final reports in Stevens Point on December 4.

End of season questions and discussions have been occurring for horticulture and crops. The corn harvest is 3-4 weeks behind. There is also a concern among dairy farmers that high quality and dry hay will be at a premium for feed. Milk prices are coming up a little bit. But, if poor feed quality continues to be an issue, we will most likely decrease production.

Kannard asked Georgson about the 2021 Farm Technology Show. Georgson stated that the 2021 show to be held at the Fair Park has been cancelled. Discussion occurred.

- Loyd provided a summary of her written report. 4-H Enrollment for the New Year is in full swing. With that an Open House was held at the Jefferson County Highway Department. Was very successful with over 20 new family packets distributed. Loyd will not be at the November meeting because she will be at a conference. There were no questions for Loyd.
- Wen reported for Krolow and the FoodWise program. Final interviews for the FoodWise educator were held last Friday. Anticipate having an educator starting November 4. This position will be working mainly with schools that have a 50% or more of their school population that receives free or reduced lunch.
- Scarpace provided an oral report of her written report. Coming off of field day season. A summary will be coming out in the Rock River Coalition's newsletter shortly. The field days have been very successful with over 500 attendees.
- Wen touched on some of the highlights from Steve Chmielewski's written report which was handed out to committee members for their review.

Adjourn – Motion by Kelly, seconded by Herbst, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m. Motion approved.

Next Scheduled Meetings: Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Extension, Jefferson County Office in Room 12 on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. The next scheduled meetings are: November 11 and December 9, 2019.

Minutes recorded by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist