

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: February 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by: Zastrow called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Herbst

County/Extension Staff Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Chrissy Wen, Area Director; LaVern Georgson, Ag; Kara Loyd, 4-H Coordinator; Steve Chmielewski, Community Educator; Lisa Krolow and Maddie Bucholtz, FoodWise; Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist; Patricia Cicero, Land & Water Conservation Interim Director.

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: None.

Approval of February 10 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kannard, seconded by Roberts, to approve the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Communications: None

Discussion of the Combining of Land Conservation and Extension Committees

Wehmeier stated that this discussion started with the Executive Committee reviewing the board rules. The combining of a couple committees is being suggested as a trial basis. The Executive Committee is recommending combining the Human Resources and Finance Committee and then the Extension Education Committee and Land and Water Conservation Committee. State Statute requires two overlapping members to serve on each of these committees. Wehmeier then stated that the process has been proposed; it will be adopted at the March County Board meeting and will be readopted at the April County Board Meeting.

Discussion occurred. Georgson stated that the committees have a shared community, working history and current relationship as well as educational components. Cicero, Land and Water Interim Director, provided an overview of what the Land and Water Conservation Committee had discusses and motioned. Committee provided their input. Kannard stated that there is not an overlap for the work of the committees except statutorily. His fear is that oversight for each committee will be dropped as agenda items get dropped due to time constraints. Kelly stated that he doesn't feel it is an efficiency decision. Zastrow stated that the committees deal with totally separate issues.

Kannard motioned that there is no efficiency cost savings and opposes the merging of the Extension and Land and Water Conservation Committees. Seconded by Kelly. Motion unanimously approved.

Review of 2019 Departmental Budget: A draft 2019 Final Budget Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports: (Written reports attached.)

- Krolow provided a brief oral summary on the happenings within the FoodWise program. She then introduced Maddie Bucholtz, FoodWise Educator, to the Committee.
- Bucholtz introduced herself and provide a brief background. Maddie was hired in November and has been heavily involved in training to this point.
- LaVern Georgson provided an oral report from his written report for the committee.
- Kara Loyd provided an oral report from her written report. She also provided committee members with a monthly calendar for the 4-H program to provide members a glimpse of the type and number of meetings occurring throughout the month with the 4-H program. Kara also informed the

committee that Jefferson County has agreed to host Area Animal Science Days on June 11 at the Jefferson County Fair Park. The State expects over 500 people to attend.

- Steve Chmielewski provided an oral report from his written report.

Next Scheduled Meetings: March 9 or April 13, 2020.

Adjourn – Motion by Kannard, seconded by Herbst, to adjourn at 9:37 a.m. Motion approved.

Minutes recorded by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist