

## Extension Education Committee Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** March 14, 2022

**Roll Call:** Committee members Dan Herbst, John Kannard and Lloyd Zastrow were present in person. Mary Roberts was present virtually.

Christine Wen, Lisa Krolow, Maddie Buchholtz, Jim Versweyveld, Jerry Wilcenski, Steve Chmielewski and Kim Buchholz were present in-person. Ben Wehmeier, Joan Callan and Katelyn Broedlow were present via Zoom.

Quorum present.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law:** In compliance.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved as printed.

**Approval of University Extension Education Committee minutes from February 14, 2022:** Motion by Kannard, seconded by Herbst to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

**Communications:** None

**Introduction of Jim Versweyveld, Farm Management Outreach Specialist:** Wen introduced Jim Versweyveld, Farm Management Outreach Specialist, to the committee. Wen stated that Jefferson County is Jim's home office and he works out of the office at least one day per week. Jim then provided a summary of his position and described his current projects (Farm labor and safety; helping families navigate the current labor shortage; workshop on recruiting and retention; youth tractor safety program).

Jim Versweyveld left the meeting after his report.

**Review of Department Budget:** A copy of the budget was provided with the agenda packet. Wen stated that the budget was on track. Buchholz stated that the capital flooring project is in process. Wehmeier updated the committee on the countywide capital projects that are happening within the Extension building.

**Update on Regional Crops Educator:** Wen reported that Jordan Schuler has been hired as the Regional Crops Educator who will be servicing Walworth, Rock and Jefferson Counties. Jordan will be starting on April 18 and Jefferson County will be her home office.

**Update on Regional Dairy Educator:** Wen reported that Alison Pfau has been hired as the Regional Dairy Educator. She will be starting on June 5 and will be serving Jefferson, Rock Walworth, Dane and Dodge Counties.

**Introduction of Jefferson County 4-H Educator:** Wen introduced Jerry Wilcenski, Jefferson County 4-H Educator, to the committee. Wen also thanked John Kannard for being part of the hiring process. Today is Jerry's first day. Jerry provided a brief background on himself for the committee.

### **Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:**

- Steve Chmielewski provided an oral report to the committee from his written report that was included in the agenda packet.
- Lisa Krolow provided an oral report to the committee from her written report that was included in the agenda packet. Lisa, with assistance from Maddie Buchholtz, then engaged committee members with a typical FoodWise lesson. The lesson was on sugar and is

designed to bring awareness to how much sugar is in the foods we eat. Those present were provided food cards that contained the ingredients and the amount of sugar within that product. Each person measured out the amount of sugar in each food for a day's meals (breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner) on to a paper plate. Each person ended with a pile of sugar that they would have consumed during the day. It was eye opening as to the amount of sugar we consume within our foods unknowingly. Discussion followed.

9:34 a.m. John Kannard left the meeting.

- **Next Scheduled Meetings:** April 11, May 9, June 13 and July 11

**Adjourn** – Motion by Morris, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. Motion approved.

*Minutes recorded by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist*