

## Extension Education Committee Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** August 8, 2022

**Call to Order:** Chair Kannard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Committee members Matt Foelker, Anthony Gulig, Dan Herbst and John Kannard were present in person. Dwayne Morris was absent.

County Board Chair Steve Nass, Steve Chmielewski, Jerry Wilcenski, Jordan Schuler and Kim Buchholz were present in-person.

Area Extension Director Chrissy Wen and Katelyn Broedlow were present via Zoom.

Quorum present.

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

**Public Comment:** Steve Nass asked the committee to look into why Jefferson County is the only Extension Office that does not support ICC (Intercounty Coordinating Committee). There are representatives from each respective County as well as state legislators, and Wisconsin Counties Association. Counties come together to discuss common issues/problems and talk through options available. The topic for this month's meeting is rural broadband. Steve Nass has been elected Secretary. Kannard asked that ICC be put on as an agenda item for next month's meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Herbst, seconded by Gulig to approve the agenda as written. Motion approved.

**Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from July 11, 2022:** Motion by Foelker, seconded by Gulig, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

**Communications:** None

**Review of Department Budget:** A copy of the to date 2022 budget was emailed to committee members in the agenda packet. Wen stated that the 2022 budget is on target and the 2023 budget has been submitted. She also stated that the invoicing for the regional positions, specifically mileage, will be taking place and committee members will see a credit in that line item. This process was approved by Marc in Finance. No questions on budget.

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

- Steve Chmielewski, Community Educator, provided an oral report from his written report that was distributed to members in the agenda packet. He continues work with the Jefferson County Parks Department in the establishment of a friend group. The process has been put on pause currently to regroup. It is the hope to revisit in the Fall. His work with the Rock River Coalition is finishing up. New initiatives are a Community Economic Analysis Program Application with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, a survey for the City of Lake Mills regarding Sandy Beach; and a Poverty Simulation in Jefferson County.
- Lisa Krolow, FoodWise Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting. FoodWise continues to make connections and work with current partners in Jefferson County. Please reach out to Lisa with any questions regarding the FoodWise program.
- Jordan Schuler, Regional Crops Educator, provided an oral report from her written report which was distributed to committee members in the agenda packet. Schuler continues to attend events, conduct farm visits and make connections throughout her large coverage area of Jefferson, Rock and Walworth counties. She has participated in interviews for

newspaper articles, attended field days, fielded phone calls and emails regarding forage nutrition, pests and more over the past month. She continues to be involved in many professional development activities.

- Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H Educator, provided an oral report. Wilcenski reported that the office survived the Jefferson County Fair. The 4-H Program/Extension Office had a booth. Over 200 4-H youth were surveyed during Fair. Swine is the most popular project. Overall, Wilcenski said that Fair was an enjoyable experience. He also was able to attend the State Livestock Judging competition with the Jefferson County senior and junior teams. The Jefferson County Junior Team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the state! Wilcenski also was able to meet Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. Last week, he was able to attend State Fair. Jefferson County had goats, dairy and rabbits exhibiting. We are currently gearing up for the Sparks Day Competition on September 15. This is at the Extension Office and is on food products and meat judging. The Extension 4-H Open House is set for September 15. The focus of 4-H is planning for the new year. Chartering, the required annual paperwork is due September 1.

Kannard commented that he heard some positive and some negative feedback regarding Fair and how the non-animal exhibits were displayed by Club this year. He asked Jerry if he had heard anything. Jerry stated that his feedback was that most clubs did not like the set up by club.

- Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator, will be on maternity leave for the next couple of months. She had her baby girl early last week. Congratulations!
- Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, was unable to attend the meeting.

**Next Scheduled Meetings:** September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12

Gulig stated that with the beginning of the school year, he has a class that meets at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays so he will not be able to attend in person. Discussion occurred regarding changing the day of the meeting. Mondays work best for other committee members. Gulig stated he could attend virtually but would be unable to attend in person on Mondays. Decision was to leave the meetings as scheduled.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Gulig, seconded by Foelker, to adjourn meeting at 9:08 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist*