

# Extension Education Committee Minutes

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Kannard called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Committee members Matt Foelker, Dan Herbst and John Kannard were present in person.

Dwayne Morris and Anthony Gulig were absent.

Area Extension Director Chrissy Wen, Steve Chmielewski, Lisa Krolow, Jordan Schuler, Alison Pfau and Kim Buchholz were present in-person.

County Administrator Ben Wehmeier and Katelyn Broedlow were present via Zoom.

Quorum present. Jerry Wilcenski joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda will stand as presented.

**Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from August 8, 2022:** Motion by Foelker, seconded by Kannard, 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. Copies were also available at the meeting. Wen stated that the 2022 budget is on target.

**Review of 2023 Proposed Departmental Budget:** Wen and Wehmeier stated that they had nothing to add regarding the 2023 Proposed Departmental Budget at this time. It is being introduced to the County Board at tomorrow's County Board Meeting.

**Discussion on Jefferson County's Extension Participation in ICC:** Wen met with fellow Area Directors, Pat Wagner and Jeff Hoffmann to gain a better understanding of history of the InterCounty Coordinating Committee. Extension has been involved within arranging and coordinating the logistical needs of the group. They are still in the learning phase of Extensions participation and educational role. Wen asked for it to remain an agenda item until role is determined. Kannard stated that he would reach out to Nass to ask him to join the next committee meeting to discuss. Wehmeier stated that in December, Jefferson County is hosting and will be featuring our treatment court. Will remain an agenda item for December's meeting.

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

- Steve Chmielewski, Community Educator, provided an oral report from his written report that was distributed in the agenda packet. Chmielewski continues to work with the City of Lake Mills on their survey to collect information on providing food service at Sandy Beach. A second survey is ready to be distributed once a few more logistics are determined. Chmielewski stated that he is working with Amanda Kostman, Walworth County Extension, to host a Poverty Simulation for roughly 80 members of Jefferson County Human Services on Wednesday, November 16 from 1-4 p.m. All committee members are invited to attend.
- Lisa Krolow, FoodWise Coordinator, provided an oral report. She has been working on their Annual Report which will be given this Friday. She provided a brief background on FoodWise for the committee. FoodWise educators complete an intense training within their first year of employment. Their program is continuing to work with their partners Watertown Family Connections through a monthly playgroup as well as the Bread Basket, a food pantry in Watertown. They are still working to get into local schools throughout Jefferson County.
- Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator, provided an oral report from her written report that was distributed in the agenda packet. Pfau continues to make farm visits to meet farmers and network with local ag businesses. She will be working on developing short English/Spanish videos for educating dairy workers and managers on various dairy farming practices and topics.

- Jordan Schuler, Regional Crops Educator, provided an oral report from her written report that was distributed to members in their agenda packet. Schuler will be working with Pfau on the videos mentioned above as well as producing podcasts on various topics through her involvement on the Statewide Emerging Crops Team. She also continues with weekly farm visits to develop relationships with local farmers. Along with Pfau, she is planning to hold question and answer sessions in each County served to allow local farmers to network with each other.
- Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H Educator, provided an oral report. Wilcenski stated that enrollment is going pretty well. He will share enrollment data with the committee in December. 4-H is working on their calendar for the upcoming year. An example is the Dairy Project is working to potentially set up milk testing on farms because 70% of the project members do not live on farms. 4-H is planning two Project Learning Days. The first one is scheduled for February 18; eventually hoping to restructure some projects to a class/workshop that meets quarterly. Wilcenski has been working with 4-H Denmark to establish a video exchange program of modern Danish farms. His hope is to have the program in place by Spring.

**Next Scheduled Meetings:** December 12 and January 9, 2023

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

*Minutes recorded by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist*