



**University Extension Education Committee Agenda
Jefferson County
864 Collins Road, Room 12
Jefferson WI 53549
*REVISED 08-10-2018**

DATE: Monday, August 13, 2018

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Dan Herbst, Mike Kelly, John Kannard, Mary Roberts, Lloyd Zastrow

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (to establish a quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Public Comment (Members of the Public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time.)
5. Approval of Agenda (for possible rearrangement)
6. Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from July 9, 2018
7. Communications
8. Update from Area Director – Chrissy Wen
9. *Discussion and possible action on Positive Youth Development Educator/4-H Coordinator Position
10. Review of 2018 Departmental Budget
11. Update on Jefferson County Farm Technology Days (July 2019)
12. Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports – LaVern Georgson & Dustin Winkelman
13. Discussion and possible action on future meeting schedule and agenda items
14. Adjourn

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Regularly scheduled meetings are at the UW-Extension Office in Room 12 on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Next meetings are scheduled for: September 10 and October 8.

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: June 11, 2018

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

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

Members Absent: None

Educators/County Staff Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; LaVern Georgson; Chrissy Wen, Area Director; Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist; John Exo, UWEX; Michelle Scarpace, UWEX

Others Present: Anita Martin, citizen

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 June 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Zastrow, seconded by Kannard, to approve the June 11, 2018 as printed. Motion unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Item: Update from Area Director – Chrissy Wen

Wen provided a brief update for the committee on happenings within UWEX. Not many changes to report.

Item: Update on Positive Youth Development Educator Position

Wen stated that the position has been posted. She will conduct the initial screen of applicants. Georgson and Wen will conduct the initial interviews by phone, etc. Final interviews are tentatively planned for August meeting.

Item: Review of Statewide Situational Needs Analysis

Wen conducted a short situational needs analysis of Jefferson County with the committee. Committee members were asked what they saw as needs within Jefferson County. Discussion occurred. Wen will compile the findings and share with the committee.

Item: Review of 2018 Departmental Budget

Wen and Georgson stated that we are good due to the open educator position.

Item: Update of Jefferson County Farm Technology Days

Georgson provided the committee with an update on Farm Technology Days. Refer to his written report for more details.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

Georgson reviewed his written report that was handed out to the Committee.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: Update on Jefferson County Farm Technology Days, update on Positive Youth Development Educator hiring, Monthly Reports

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Note: Next scheduled meetings is Monday August 13, 2018.

Signature of Secretary

UW Extension Agriculture Report
To the Jefferson County Extension Education Committee
By LaVern Georgson

August 13, 2018

Agriculture Programming

Farm Technology Days (FTD) Programming:

The steady march of time reached a milestone on July 12, 2018 at 4 PM in the afternoon. The 2018 version of FTD hosted by Wood County closed. This means that we are next. There are no more host counties to observe and learn from or buffer our timeline. Katelyn and Dustin looked ahead last Monday and began the countdown. As I share this report today with the details and work from Jefferson County UW Extension for FTD there are 344 days remaining.

Meetings, conversations and coordination have continued on multiple levels. Occasionally there are a few moments to reflect, review and anticipate the tasks, progress and accomplishments that relate to our objectives. The to do lists are still getting longer as more people become involved and as ideas surface that need development.

There are several committees that are requiring more foundational and development efforts. Membership changes, decisions regarding activities and clarifying their focus have been some common themes. It is my plan within the next 30 days to have committees that have been struggling much more focused and structurally organized to conduct their responsibilities for our show.

Melissa Gerner, Executive Committee Liaison to the Hospitality Committee, did a terrific job organizing and working at the Wood County FTD. Her committee, the Walter family and many volunteers represented Jefferson County well. Hosting a vendor reception area, promoting 2019 Jefferson County FTD merchandise, scouting the Wood County FTD show, and busy welcoming exhibitors kept us all busy for 3 ½ days.

We organized a bus that one up to the Wood County FTD site. The Saturday before their show and our County fair. We are able to once again meet with a number of their committee chairs. This allowed us to see firsthand the final days of set up, more fully recognize what is in store for us and ask more meaningful questions.

Horticulture Programming:

Insects and diseases of gardens along with questions about orchards have been the most prevalent form of questions.

Crops Programming:

Wet weather and its influence had dominated conversations until we had about three weeks of dry weather. Some fields of hay along with corn and soybean fields show the effects of the warm and dry conditions. The rain fall has been extremely variable, ranging from a 10th of an inch to over 1 inch or more from the same weather system.

Dairy and Livestock Programming:

Butter and cheese warehouse inventories are increasing. Fluid or beverage milk sales continue to decline. Despite trader's cautions dairy product exports have been doing okay. All this translates into lower prices for dairy farmers. Optimism is getting harder to find.

Department Activities:

Our office has been very proactive with contacting stragglers regarding 4-H deadlines. This has minimized or eliminated the need for appeals or remediation regarding participation in various events. There are matters of 4-H rule interpretation and application that require the involvement of the UWEX educator for conversations that may be unpleasant. I continue to work in support of Area 19 AED, Chrissy Wen.