



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Extension Education Committee Agenda
Jefferson County
864 Collins Road, Room 12
Jefferson WI 53549**

DATE: Monday, March 9, 2020

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 February 10, 2020
7. Communications
8. Review of Final 2019 Departmental Budget Report
9. Review of 2020 Departmental Budget
10. Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports – LaVern Georgson (Ag), Kara Loyd (4-H), Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Lisa Krolow (FoodWise), Maddie Bucholtz (FoodWise), Michelle Scarpance (Natural Resources)
11. Adjourn

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Extension, Jefferson County Office in Room 12 on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Next scheduled meetings are: April 13 and May 11, June 8, and July 13 (Fair week), 2020.

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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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; 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



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Extension Education Committee Meeting

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Kara Loyd – 4-H Program Coordinator

Meetings/Events

- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training
 - All youth who are planning on selling an animal through the Meat Animal Project Sale at the Jefferson County Fair must participate in an YQCA training.
 - Jefferson County 4-H offers in-person trainings as well as the option to train online.
 - Youth have one more opportunity for an in-person training in April.
- Cloverbud Project Meeting
 - The Cloverbud projects are for youth in 4-H who are in 5K-2nd grade.
 - First of many meetings was held in February!
 - We had six participants who learned about what makes them special and unique.
 - Our next meeting is all about Dinosaurs.
- Speech and Poster Training
 - Young people learned about how to brainstorm an idea for a speech or poster, how to develop a speech, and tips to succeed in the annual contest which will be held March 30.
- Area Animal Science Days Committee meeting
 - Jefferson County 4-H will host Area Animal Science Days at the Fair Park on June 11.
 - A committee of 12 individuals met to get the ball rolling on securing animals, talking through logistics, and assigning tasks.
 - We're expecting about 350-400 4-H'ers at this event.
- 4-H Club meetings
 - Jefferson County 4-H is proud of our llama and alpaca project!
 - Our largest 4-H club in Jefferson County (South Side Eagles located in Lake Mills) has 74 members! I visited our second largest, Rock River Clovers (in Fort Atkinson) to talk to new families and speak about opportunities in our program.

Volunteer Management

- Volunteer Trainings

Winter Focus

- Countywide Projects
- Youth Government Day Planning
- Area Animal Science Days

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

March 9, 2020

Agriculture programming

Farm Technology Days (FTD) Programming:

The Jefferson County FTD Scholarship Committee has been formed. 23 grant applications had been received by the deadline. There were a wide range of requests from throughout the County. The Scholarship Committee met to have an initial review of the proposals and discuss the criteria for evaluation and ranking. The aggregate total of the submitted proposals exceeds by 30% the total amount of funds that are available. Some of the criteria for successful awards will be based on impact, need and the leveraging of the dollars with partners. The Committee will be considering the balance to be allocated between grants and scholarships.

It is anticipated that the first round of scholarships to graduating seniors and first-year college students will be selected after the April 1, 2020 deadline. These awards will then be presented at the various high school award programs.

Horticulture Programming:

Planning for the Level I Master Gardener training 2020 is coming together. A schedule of dates, commitments of speakers, scheduling of field trips and other details are nearly finalized. The training will begin on March 16, 2020 and continue every Monday until the end of June. Sessions will be 2 to 3 hours in length. Labs, hands-on activities and discussions will be held to support the information and reading in the training manual. Participants will take a written exam at the conclusion of the training.

Crops Programming:

Our office hosted the annual Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) for Southeast Wisconsin. This is a collaborative program between UWEX and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Nutrient management plans and the best practices of manure application are at the center of these meetings. There are strict guidelines that must be followed by the largest of our livestock farms and the handling of the manure they produce. Rule changes, updates and practical applications are some of the presentations. Farmers, manure handlers, agency staff and crop consultants were among the 68 that attended.

The UWEX Wisconsin Drain Tile Workshop was held here. This two-day workshop helped equip 45 farmers, installers, company reps and agency staff in a wide variety of topics related to land drainage. Speakers from throughout Wisconsin and Illinois presented on laws, techniques, system components and effective drainage design among other elements of water and soil relationships.

Dairy and Livestock Programming:

The 2020 Beef Feeder's meeting was utilized by 28 individuals. Information was shared on farm building design with a focus on pole buildings, their engineering and snow loads. This was a response to the large number of buildings that collapsed the last several winters, particularly in the North and Western parts of Wisconsin. Market trends and outlooks for beef, pork and chicken were shared. An overview of "fake" meats was shared. Cattle selection, feeding suggestions and marketing tips were shared by a third speaker.

Department Activities:

Worked on UWEX presentations.

Michelle Scarpace
Natural Resource Educator
Report Activity from Jan.-March, 2020

Over this past quarter, I have been working on the following projects:

- Strategic Planning with Dodge County Alliance for Healthy Soil & Water
 - Formulated a structure and voted in a board of directors
 - Two Chairs (one farmer, one lake), Secretary, Treasurer, Lake rep, Farmer Rep, At-large
 - Work with board of directors to develop by-laws and form goals and vision statement
- Worked with Erin Conway (Positive Youth Development Educator in Rock County) to deliver groundwater workshops to 7th and 8th grade classes at Clinton Middle School.
 - Educated 4 classes totaling over 100 students
- Farmer-to-Farmer Webinars: Partnering with DATCP and Discovery Farms to host webinars for farmer-led groups to connect and learn from each other. I obtained funding from the Natural Resources Institute to conduct evaluation on webinars and create a 'lessons learned' document from these webinars.
- Dodge County Farmers Soil Health Expo, Feb. 5th. I helped in evaluation of the workshop. Some takeaways from surveys:
 - Over 160 attendees, with 75% identifying as farmers
 - 66,345 farmed acres represented, of which 52,512 acres are not tilled, and 18, 783 acres have cover crops planted
 - 68% of respondents saw benefits from no-till this past year. Benefits included getting into field earlier to plant, less rutting, and improved crop productivity.
- Met with a group of farmers in Jefferson who were interested in starting a farmer-led watershed group
 - About 12 farmers in attendance
 - Q&A about the DATCP program
 - Discussion on potential projects/programs
 - Three representatives attended the Producer-led Workshop
- Helped at the Farmers for the Upper Sugar River Annual Event on Feb. 11th
 - About 25 farmers in attendance
- Coordinated breakout session for farmers at the Producer-led Workshop on Feb. 19th
 - 28 groups represented across the state
 - Broke up into regional groups
 - SE area of the state worked on coordinating a large regional event
- Coordinated the Soil Health Dinner (pre Cover Crop Conference reception) on Feb 19th
 - Over 160 people in attendance
 - Keynote from UWRF discuss soil formation and small breakouts on soil health
- WI Cover Crop Conference Planning Committee Feb. 20th
 - Helped with registration/logistics
 - Moderated a breakout session

- Received funding through the Sustainable Ag Research and Education (SARE) to help fund a field day this summer on soil health
 - 3 separate workshops for different audience—farmer, agency, public
 - 3 soil pits dug in same soil, but different management—Native, conventional, soil health management system
 - Show differences in the soil and utilizing commercial soil testing
 - Partnering with NRCS to identify sites and dig pits.
- Spoke at Cedar Creek Farmer Workshop on Feb. 26th. Discussed cover crop economics.
 - ~50 farmers in attendance
- Coordinating and developing a breakout session at the WI Land+Water Conference in March.
- Coordinate and Facilitating an interagency NR 151 outreach and education committee.
- Develop webinars on DNR Targeted Runoff Management Grants program
 - Over 55 people in attendance