

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 16, 2017

Meeting called to order by: Glenn Borland, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Members Present: Borland, Zastrow, Patrick were present. Hartz and Kannard were absent.

Agents Present: Jones and Georgson

Others Present: Alexa Zoellner, Jefferson County Daily Union; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: None

Approval of December 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Patrick, seconded by Zastrow, to approve the December 11, 2016 minutes as printed. Motion unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

Item: Update, Discussion and Input on the nEXT Generation Model

Wehmeier stated that that options for Counties will be available in February. At this time there is nothing new to report. Information will be communicated with the committee as it is received.

Item: Update of Jefferson County Farm Technology Days

Georgson reported that a Media Day will be held on Tuesday, January 24 at 3 p.m. The host family for Farm Technology Days will be introduced along with a short program. He encouraged committee members to attend. Questions and discussion occurred.

Item: Discussion and Approval of 133 Contract

Wehmeier reported to the committee that at this time the contract language has not been received; recommended not approving the contract at this meeting. Wehmeier provided the committee with a general overview of the 133 contract process. He explained that the committee basically has two scenarios for the contract on the agent positions; Plan A – where the contract includes all 4 positions (Agriculture, Family Living, Community Development and 4-H Youth Development); Plan B – where the contract includes two positions that are currently staffed (Agriculture and 4-H Youth Development). Discussion and questions occurred. Overall feeling would be that we would go with Plan A – all four agents. There are unknowns. If there are cost sharing agreements on positions would there be amendments to the contracts? How would those situations be handled? What process will be followed? We are trying to balance. We are not sure administratively how the contract will look; options, etc. at this point. Contract will be revisited and approved at the February meeting.

Item: Update of 2016 Monthly Budget

Georgson reported that we came in under budget.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

Jones monthly report was sent electronically to the committee prior to the meeting. Georgson was handed out at the meeting. Georgson and Jones reviewed and highlighted items from their written monthly reports.

Jones highlighted events on his written report. Patrick asked question about Youth Government Day that is scheduled for Friday, April 21. Discussion occurred.

Georgson reported that the Farm Technology Days Executive Committee continues to meet. The committee members attended a multicounty meeting in Fond du Lac recently that was a valuable meeting. A wrap-up meeting from the information gained at the Fond du Lac meeting was scheduled and shared between the committee members. Committee liaisons have been approved of the operating committees. Those committee chairs will be selected over the next couple of

months. The host farm contract has been signed. A Media Day will be held on Tuesday, January 24 where the host family/site location will be announced. Our FTD event will be the 65th annual. The farming history of Aztalan is arising as a topic.

In other programming, Georgson hosted the third annual Tri-County Beef meeting with Walworth and Rock County. Crops programming has slowed down with the crops off and ground frozen. Tractor and Machinery Safety Course, Master Gardener Training Level 1 Training Class, Pesticide Applicator Training program and other meetings are being planned and starting. Georgson also met with his mentor team for his three year review; it went well. Questions and discussion occurred. Georgson explained that milk prices have come up a little. There is a hold-over from last year. Crop farmers had a little bit of a hold-over with yields being best ever in 2016. This year may provide a tipping point for farmers to see if they can get their costs under control and yields back to where they should be; otherwise, there will be pain for crop farmers. Georgson is hopeful that the farm economy is reasonably strong when we host Farm Technology Days in 2019.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

Meeting date of the February 13. Future Agenda items: nEXT Generation, 133 Contract, education of 133 Contract (Ben will send out an email) and Farm Technology Days.

Adjournment:

A motion was made Patrick, seconded by Zastrow, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Motion passes: 3-0.