

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UW-Richland

Present: Brewer, Couey, Wegner, Williamson, Wunnicke, Saxe, Lenzendorf (via phone), Coorough, Hady

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brewer at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Couey, seconded by Wegner, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Couey, seconded by Williamson, to approve the May 2018 minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input-none
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. nEXT Generation – Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director (AED) briefly reviewed the nEXT Generation process that has been happening since state budget cut in 2015. Vernon County has hired a 4-H Coordinator and Agriculture Educator.
 - b. Interim 4-H Program Coordinator Position - Currently with Craddock serving as Interim this position has been extended to the end of 2018. Saxe explained that the State of WI intends to reduce their support for this position by half as part of their cost-saving measures with the intent being to share a 4-H Coordinator, perhaps with Iowa County. Options were presented for consideration that would need to be run by the State of Wisconsin if any are of interest to the committee. Motion by Couey, second by Wegner for "option 4" which included sharing an Agriculture Agent with a neighboring county (reducing Richland County support to 0.5 FTE for this position) and supporting a 1.0 FTE in a Youth & Families Educator role for Richland County. Discussion on the job duties of these 2 potential positions took place. Saxe will present this option to the State of Wisconsin UW System to see if it is truly an option for moving forward.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Program accounts - Hady reviewed program accounts, including balances and funds in/out for all accounts. These are non-county-tax-dollars (accumulated through program registration fees, grants, donations, etc.) and carried over from year to year. Program accounts are the funds that Extension Educators use for program expenses (food, materials, etc. for educational events). They are reviewed by this committee annually and then forwarded to the Personnel and Finance Committee for review. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Couey, to approve out all program accounts. Motion carried.
 - b. Educator participation - request for multiple out-of-county days for the following
 - i. Farm Tech Days for Hady, July 9-12.
 - ii. Substance Abuse Prevention Training for Wunnicke, June 18-21.
 - iii. 4-H Camp Counselor training for Craddock, June 19 & 20.
 - iv. New colleague orientation and FoodWise orientation for Coorough June 26-28.Motion by Wegner, seconded by Williamson, to approve staff attendance at these events. Motion carried.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - Motion by Couey, seconded by Wegner, to approve out of county requests. Motion carried.
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000. None.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Williamson, seconded by Couey, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update - Saxe reported that he is working on a Situational Analysis (aka: Needs Assessment) for the 5-county area. Hady and others are part of this team. Committee members are asked to share their thoughts through a questionnaire passed around. At the next committee meeting we will discuss these items and make a record of the responses.

- XII. Agent Report - Hady reported on 2 programs. The Dairy Margin Protection Program went through some changes in March 2018 which were retroactive to January 1. He brought Dairy Economist Specialist to Gays Mills for an education day for producers at that time. Many learned that the program would be advantageous to them this year and were grateful to learn about it. The Iowa/Wisconsin Silage Conference is to take place this June in Dubuque, IA, and Hady has been contributing to the planning through the Cattle Feeders Workgroup. Speakers will cover a diversity of issues including planting, harvesting, micro-toxins, handling, and planting varieties. Hady will be attending the conference and expects a good turnout for the information.
- XIII. Next meeting date is the second Wednesday of the month which is July 11, 2018 at 1 p.m. Location to-be-announced as an alternate room is needed. Committee will follow this pattern for subsequent meetings.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Williamson and seconded by Couey. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Wunnicke.