

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UW-Richland

Present: Brewer, Williamson, Couey, Wegner, Wunnicke, Saxe, Craddock, Lockwood

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brewer at 1:03 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Wegner, seconded by Couey, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Wegner, seconded by Couey, to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input-none
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Agriculture Educator Position: Brewer stated that he and Nelson attended the interviews in Gays Mills and there was a strong pool of 3 candidates. Saxe stated that a final contract has not yet been received but they anticipate the Richland-Crawford Agriculture Educator to start on May 18. Committee discussed the importance of the shared educator having a consistent schedule of which day(s) of the week to be in Richland County for ease of contact by the public. It was suggested that Fridays or Mondays may be appropriate, to be responsive to inquiries from out-of-town landowners.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Delegation of Financial Budget Authority—presented by Saxe. Motion by Couey, seconded by Wegner, to approve the contract and authorize Chairman Brewer to sign on behalf of the committee. Motion carried.
 - b. Craddock reported that she and Wunnicke again jointly applied for a UW-Madison Intern to be placed with Extension Richland County this summer. They are awaiting notification if the application will result in a position here for the summer.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - Motion by Nelson, seconded by Williamson, to approve out of county requests (March 16, April 18-21 for Wunnicke, March 30 for Craddock). Wunnicke will be participating in an 18 month statewide planning process with the Brewer Public Library that will require 4 training weekends. April 18-21 is the first. Wunnicke also noted that she is teaching Raising a Thinking Child at River Valley School in Spring Green on Wednesday evenings in March and April (serving Richland, Iowa, and Sauk County families) in partnership with Extension Educators from those counties. Craddock will be attending the regional 4-H meeting. 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—Nothing additional.
- XII. Educator report by FoodWise Educator, Kristine Lockwood who serves as 80% FTE Richland County FoodWise Educator under Coordinator Sheena Cook-Fuglsang (Crawford-Richland-Vernon Coordinator). Lockwood has worked in the community previously as a substitute teacher and the Farm to School Educator. She is teaching evidence-based nutrition lessons in area schools for grades 2nd-4th and providing education at Family Fitness nights. There are planned upcoming educational opportunities at food pantries, school gardens, and senior meal sites. She gave examples of exposure to new foods that are part of these lessons, such as blood oranges, bok-choy and garbanzo beans, while putting this into the context of the FoodWise statewide program, funded by federal SNAP-Ed funding.
- XIII. Determined that there is no need to hold an April meeting. Next meeting date is May 6th 2020 at 1 p.m.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Williamson and seconded by Wegner. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Wunnicke.