

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: In person - Marc Couey; Shaun Murphy-Lopez; Lee Van Landuyt; Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director (AED); Karleen Craddock, 4-H Program Coordinator; Carolyn Ihde, Agriculture Educator; Chelsea Wunnicke, Human Development & Relationships (HDR) Educator; Kristine Lockwood, FoodWise Educator; Sandy Campbell, Administrative Secretary; Jennie Silver, Support Staff; and guest Delaney Talbott.
Excused: Steve Williamson and Van Nelson.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Couey at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Van Landuyt, seconded by Murphy-Lopez, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. The minutes of the previous minutes were approved as presented by Couey.
- V. Public input - None
- VI. Unfinished Business –
 - a. 2021 Budget Review
Couey stated the budget for 2021 was approved by the finance committee. He shared the budget for 2022 will be looked at beginning in January and it will be a difficult task. Murphy-Lopez added funds will not be allowed to be carried from one fiscal year to another. Saxe asked about funds from different sources. It was confirmed funds from other sources would be allowed to carry over. Couey expressed concerns for needing an accurate account of funds needed and why surplus or deficits occurred.
- VII. New Business –
 - a. 2021 Educator Contract
No action taken. Saxe reported due to the county having a County Administrator there was no longer a need for the Ag & Extension Committee to approve. Finance committee has approved budget, therefore, no action needed.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - None
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000
Educator Contracts - \$42,931.68.
Three signatures are needed on contracts, only two members present in-person. Saxe will be the third signature.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts
Couey presented the bills for the past month. Murphy-Lopez moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Couey. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update—Nothing additional.
Saxe asked for questions or concerns. Couey expressed his concern regarding the possible duplication of services between Wunnicke's program and the Health & Human Services programs. Wunnicke responded by stating the reorganization in the Division of Extension split "Family Living" Department into two (2) institutes: "Health & Wellbeing" and "Human Development & Relationships (HDR)." This has taken a few years to fully happen at the state level. Wunnicke's primary program areas are financial stability and parenting education, which are within HDR. She is ending her affiliation with the Health & Wellbeing institute as of January 2021, and has transitioned away from regular participation in mental health & substance abuse prevention coalitions (though continues to be a resource for these community groups and helped them secure outside funding, such as Drug Free Communities grant). Murphy-Lopez asked about available programming and how it meets the needs of the community. Wunnicke shared her role in the collaborative Community Health Needs Assessments with Public Health Department and the Richland Hospital. The needs assessment found Richland County is similar to the rest of the state with top health needs being obesity, mental health, and substance abuse. Her work in financial stability and parenting education help to address the social determinants of health, and work with coalitions to directly

impact health outcomes in the county. The needs assessments were compiled using surveys, focus groups, and are publically available. They are used to show where gaps in programming are and how to align programming to fit the needs.

XII. Educator Report

Carolyn Ihde, Agriculture Educator, presented the new Livestock Topic Hub, the common URL site for registration of all Division of Extension Agriculture Institute winter programming, and discussed the Wisconsin Beef Special Edition. She discussed the upcoming Driftless Region Beef Conference being a virtual collaboration between Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Extension UW-Madison, and Illinois Extension. Ihde discussed her work with the small ruminant (i.e. sheep & goats) workgroup and upcoming participation in the Small Ruminant Winter Webinar Series. Ihde displayed her publication, *How Much Meat Will a Lamb Yield?*

XIII. Next meeting date - December 2, 2020, at 1 p.m. if Saxe and Couey determine it is needed.

XIV. Motion to adjourn by L. Van Landuyt and seconded by S. Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Carolyn Ihde.