

## Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

### Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom and in person

Present: In person: Carolyn Ihde - Agriculture Educator, Marc Couey, Steve Williamson, Lee Van Landuyt, and Craig Saxe - Area Extension Director (AED).

Via Zoom: Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Van Nelson, Karleen Craddock - 4-H Program Coordinator, Chelsea Wunnicke - Human Development & Relationships (HDR) Educator, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang - FoodWise Coordinator, Sandy Campbell and Jennie Silver - Support Staff.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Couey at 1:03 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
- V. Public input - None
- VI. Unfinished Business - None
- VII. New Business
  - a. Administrative transition updates - Clint is asking for support.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - None
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000 - None
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program, and Pesticide accounts  
Couey presented the bills for the past month. Motion by Steve Williamson to accept the bills, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update:
  - a. UW-Madison easing some restrictions for programming and offering a transition period into office. Transition is to be completed by July 1.
  - b. FoodWise agreement presented to committee. They agreed to have the county administrator sign to continue support for FoodWise in the county.
- XII. Educator Report by Carolyn Ihde, Agriculture Educator. She gave an overview of beef programming which included virtual webinars from the Farm Ready Research Wisconsin Beef Special Edition and the collaborative effort from the Driftless Region Beef Conference. Methane gases, marketing, and biosecurity were some of the topics. She implemented a series of small ruminant webinars. She shared her role in the Growing Together Garden for Jefferson Elementary. Food grown will be shared in the summer school lunch program with community families. Questions were asked regarding Beef production, breeds, and current profitability. Discussion about climate change and the importance of educating the public about farming's impact (or lack of) on climate change.
- XIII. Next meeting date - It was discussed to change the time of the meeting and to cancel the May meeting. The next meeting will be June 2, 2021, at 3 p.m. It was decided to continue with that time going forward for future meetings.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Van Landuyt and seconded by Williamson. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, FoodWise Coordinator