

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Marc Couey, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Lee Van Landuyt, Craig Saxe, Sandy Campbell, Karleen Craddock, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, Carolyn Ihde, Kristine Lockwood, Jennie Silver, and Chelsea Wunnicke,

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Couey at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Van Landuyt, seconded by Murphy-Lopez, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Murphy-Lopez, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input - None
- VI. Unfinished Business - None
- VII. New Business
Couey reported that the Richland County Finance and Personnel Committee would like assistance from the Richland County Extension Office and Educators to distribute a Broadband survey to gain information regarding community access to broadband. Saxe stated a Community Development Educator would be the best fit, however, Richland County does not have an Extension Community Development Educator. Saxe suggested Extension Staff discuss the capacity of the educators and staff to see how to assist.
- VIII. Out of County Requests
Craddock requested approval of 4-H member trips.
Couey moved to approve all trips. Van Landuyt seconded. Motion carried.
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000. No purchases over \$1,000 for current month.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide Accounts
Motion by Murphy-Lopez, seconded by Couey, to recommend payment of all expenditures. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update
Saxe announced his retirement. July 2, 2021 will be his last day in an active role and will be finished September 7, 2021. Saxe will be available by email or phone between July 2 and September 7. Lateral transfer of another AED is an option or the position will be filled. Assistance will be given for upcoming budgets and contract negotiations.
- XII. Educator report by Chelsea Wunnicke, Human Development & Relationships Educator. Wunnicke reported on the Childcare Task Force. The monthly virtual meetings have focused on Family Functioning and Family Finances. The coalition support and collaborative groups have focused on preventing child neglect and abuse substance abuse prevention and mental health. The group looked at the connection between working parents, child care spots, and the care that is needed for children. Financial education supports household money management, money smart, and the PSE which lends to positive use of money resources. An online survey was conducted to see the need of more child care resources and spots for children to receive care. The survey found Richland County is lacking in childcare and flexible childcare. The Child Care Task Force can offer support and classes to those interested in beginning or growing existing childcare providers.
- XIII. Next meeting date is July 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Van Landuyt and seconded by Couey. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Carolyn Ihde.