

**Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 1, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UWP-Richland & Zoom**

Present: Couey, Nelson, Van Landuyt, Wunnicke, Hady, Craddock, Ihde, via zoom: Cook-Fuglsang, Campbell, Silver

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Couey at 3 p.m.
- II. Hady gave proof of notification.
- III. With the addition of adding approval of last meeting minutes, Motion by Van Landuyt, seconded by Nelson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve the July 28, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input-none
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Budget: Hady discussed that “option 2” of the three budget options was the selection of County Administrator, Clint Langreck to present to the Personnel and Finance committee. This was not the option that was recommended by the Ag & Extension committee, but was the option that included reductions to agent travel expenses and other office expenses without any cut to staff hours. Couey reported that Personnel and Finance is meeting twice monthly to complete the county budget by October.
  - b. Broadband: Hady reported that he obtained a quote from the Survey Center at UW River Falls for Richland County to complete the broadband survey, with a price estimate between \$10-\$12,000. Couey reported that there is no update on the county side, but they will likely choose to move forward with this around January 2022 once this year’s budget process is complete. They could possibly fund this from CARES Act or American Recovery Act funds that they have available.
- VII. New Business
  - a. County Fair is scheduled for next week. This is an opportunity for 4H youth and others to share their hard work. Other counties have seen total exhibits slightly down due to COVID, but Karleen expects the animal projects have been going strong. County Board members are encouraged to help at the fair. Motion by Van Landuyt and second by Nelson to close the office during fair time. Motion carried.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - Motion by Couey, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve out of county requests for September: one each for Wunnicke, Craddock, and Ihde.
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000. None.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Nelson, seconded by Couey, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update—Hady is still working in 10 counties, but has officially moved to AED of Area 13. Anticipates that Area 14 will have a new AED soon as they are beginning screening for this position next week.
- XII. Educator report by Agriculture Educator, Carolyn Ihde who serves as 50% FTE in Richland County and 50% FTE in Crawford County. Presentation was organized by species of animals including Beef, Small Ruminants, Swine, and Poultry. She is presenting and organizing webinars and in-person trainings for learners in all of these areas. For example, they had 875 attendees for the Small Ruminants webinars and she will be analyzing their participant surveys soon. She will be presenting at the Sheep and Wool Festival on September 11, 2021 and hosting a Beef Quality Assurance workshop in Richland Center this October. Additionally, she consults with the Master Gardener volunteers, Farmer’s Market regional meetings, and takes calls with questions from farmers and landowners.
- XIII. Next meeting date is October 6, 2021 at **2 p.m.**
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Van Landuyt and seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Wunnicke.