

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UWP-Richland & Zoom

Present: Hady, Couey, Van Landuyt, Wunnicke, Craddock, Cook-Fuglsang, and via Zoom: Ihde, Nelson, Williamson, Campbell, Silver.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Couey at 2:05 p.m.
- II. Hady confirmed proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Van Landuyt, seconded by Couey, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Van Landuyt, seconded by Couey, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input - None
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Broadband Update - Hady reviewed the research done previously and there is a company that could provide services to assess broadband needs in the community. Couey stated that they would bring it to the Personnel and Finance committee again and they could act on pursuing a sub-contract with them.
- VII. New Business
 - a. County Contracts - There was discussion on approving the renewal of county contracts. Clint Langreck had confirmed with Hady that they had the authority to do so according to state statute. There was some discussion of the budget in relation to contracts. Couey said that the budget was passed as written and just needed approval, therefore, contracts for Extension Educators could be approved. Van Landuyt made a motion to approve contracts, motion was second by Couey. Motion carried.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - None
- 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 Williamson and second by Van Landuyt to approve the bills. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update

Some discussion was held on the Richland County Board strategic plan, including mission and vision draft documents shared with department heads. Hady wondered how or where Extension fit within that document as priorities were identified. He emphasized how an Extension Community Educator could bolster the training of new government officials and how Extension's focus is on capacity building.
- XII. Educator report by Chelsea Wunnicke, Human Development and Relationships Educator. Presentation focused on the development and success of the Universal Child Savings Account for higher education program that UW-Extension has been involved in statewide. Programs have been piloted in other states and the city of Milwaukee, and have demonstrated significant impacts on rates of college attendance, college graduation rates, as well as high school academic performance. Additionally, the "Midwest Consortium" that Extension, including Wunnicke, has received national recognition for this work. Wunnicke has played a significant role in securing Extension grant funds, creating the Extension team "Youth Forward WI" to bring the program to the region, including Richland County. This is a collaborative effort that reaches to other counties as well.
- XIII. Next meeting date is January 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Van Landuyt and seconded by Couey. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sheena Cook-Fuglsang